



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 7: 20th November 2013

School & Parish

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday December 7th

In the school hall from 12 noon!

We invite you to donate...

- * Bottles!
- * Nearly new toys!
- * Tombola Prizes!
- * Chocolate goods for the chocolate Tombola Prizes!
- * Books!
- * Toiletries!
- * Cakes (On 5th or 6th December-please indicate if they contain nut/dairy products)

The raffle is a major fund-raiser. Tickets have been sent home already. Please return counterfoils to the school office asap. More tickets are also available.

Non-uniform day. Please donate a bottle and in exchange the children can have a 'free' non-uniform day on Monday 2nd December.

Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child

A big thankyou to the families who have taken part in the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The final date for the boxes to be in school are Friday 22nd November.



Confirmation

A polite reminder for parents to arrange their appointment with Father Fitzpatrick as soon as possible to meet him and complete the white Confirmation card.



School Phone Number

This is to remind parents that although the school phone number for parents to ring is **01788 543423**. When the school makes an external call it will display the call number as: **01788 570193**.

Arrangements for Severe Weather

In severe weather conditions English Martyrs will endeavour to remain open. However this is not always possible. Safety of children and staff are paramount and the decision to close a school has to be made. Parents are asked to phone the **Parent hotline** for up to the minute information: **08447 70 75 76 id: 49482** and check the school website.

During icy weather, arrangements for entry into the building will be different from the usual procedures. The playgrounds will remain locked, to prohibit access onto them. All children will be brought into school via the **School Office** entrance. Children will be asked to remove Wellingtons etc before entering into school. After 8:45am teachers will be in their classrooms and children will then make their own way to their classrooms. For the Foundation and Year 1 children they will remain in the school hall and their teachers will escort them as a class over to the block at 8:55am.

Due to the high volume of children entering the site, parents will not be allowed into the building to escort their child.

We ask for your cooperation in this matter as the special measures which are put in place are for the safety of everyone.

At the end of the day, if the icy weather is still difficult, parents will collect their children from the school office aswell. Classes will be brought out to their parents one at a time. We ask for patience and understanding during this time.

Diary Dates

November

- 21st Mass Y3
27th Confirmation: 7pm by Bishop Kenney C.P.
28th Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)

December

- 1st (Sunday) Parish Mass Y5 to lead 11:00 am in Church
5th Mass Y6
7th 12:00pm Christmas Bazaar (in the school hall)
10th 2:00pm Christmas Performance: Foundation, Year 1 & 2
11th 2:00pm Christmas Performance: Foundation, Year 1 & 2
12th Mass Y5
12th Foundation/Year 1 trip to Hatton Country World
12th 1:00pm Grandparents Afternoon (Ticket based event only). More details to follow.
13th Benediction/Blessing of the School Crib 2:45pm
13th PTFA Disco (Details to follow)
17th Christmas Parties: Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 (pm)
18th Christmas Dinner
18th Christmas Parties: Years 5 & 6 (pm)
19th Christmas Parties: Years 3 & 4 (pm)
19th 9:15 Whole School Mass (Led by staff)
20th 10:00 am Carol Service
20th Last day of term

January

- 6th Teacher Training Day
7th Return to School

Parent Questionnaires

A big thank you to the parents who have taken the time to complete the questionnaire. This will contribute to whole school development. The deadline for the questionnaires to be returned is: **Monday 2nd December 2013**