



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

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PTFA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

In the parent questionnaire and through the school council parents and children have put forward suggestions on how to improve the outside area and what they would like to see. Therefore the school has purchased some new resources for outside in the playgrounds. The PTFA have kindly funded the bins and the benches. The school has funded the two picnic benches. Four new benches have also been paid through the grant to develop the conservation area.

The money raised through the PTFA is invaluable and allows the school to make a difference in a way that the school budget does not allow. Please speak to Bernadette Thompson or leave your name and contact details in the school office as the PTFA really needs your help! The more people who can help, the less work for everyone.

LENT FRUGAL LUNCH AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

To raise money for CAFOD the parish are having a LENT FRUGAL LUNCH on **Wednesday 9th April** in the Church hall from 12:15PM TO 1:15PM. This will consist of soup, rolls, cheese and drinks. Cost £1.00.

Everyone is very welcome.

Year 6 will be attending.

PTFA Events

14th FEBRUARY CAKE SALE - Valentine theme

Cakes will be sold during breaktime with any cakes left over to be sold after the school day.

Friday 28th February - Film Night (Years 1 & 2 - "Epic")

More details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH-PTFA meeting (7:30pm)

FRIDAY 4th APRIL - Quiz Night

FRIDAY 16TH MAY – Family Bingo Night

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE – Summer Fete

FRIDAY 4TH JULY - Summer Disco

TEATOWELS – still available to buy at £3.50. Only 45 left.



Gardening Club

We are hoping to restart the gardening club after half term. Please give your name to the office we are in urgent need of volunteers.

School Uniform

May I remind parents that school uniform is an important part of the expectations and ethos of the school. Children are expected to wear sturdy black shoes to school, not trainers or boots. There are a number of children wearing trainers and boots throughout the school day which are not healthy for the feet. Vans and Converse etc are not suitable school shoes either. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Veruccas

In consultation with medical experts and other local schools, we have decided to amend the school policy regarding PE and veruccas. It remains an area of much debate with the medical professionals. If a child has a verucca they will not be allowed to do PE barefoot in the hall. Parents are asked to buy a pair of black pumps for indoor PE lessons. Teachers will use their professional judgement when using apparatus if it is suitable for the children to do the exercise when wearing pumps. If you know your child has a verucca please inform the school by letter as soon as possible.

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

January (2014)

- 22nd First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm in the school hall.
23rd Mass :Y4 (Y1)
26th Sunday Parish/School Mass 11:00-Led by Year 3: Presentation of First Holy Communion Candidates
30th Mass: Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2
30th Year 5 Peer Mediation Training (in school).
31st Benediction 2:45pm in school hall (Parents are invited - numbers permitting. Please let the school office know if you are going to attend).

February

- 6th Mass Y5 (Y3)
10th & 11th Parent consultations
13th Mass: Y6 (Foundation Stage)
13th Possible strike day for teaching staff-more information to follow.
14th PTFA Cake Sale
17th - 21st **HALF TERM**
24th Children return to school.
26th First Holy Communion Parent meeting 6:30pm in the school hall.
27th Mass: Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2.
28th Film Night (Years 1 and 2). More details to follow.

March

- 5th Whole School Mass: Ash Wednesday.
6th No school Mass
12th First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm in Church.
13th Mass: Y4
19th PTFA meeting 7:30pm in school hall.
20th Mass Y5
27th Mass: Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2.
30th Sunday Parish/School Mass- Year 4.

April

- 3rd Mass Y3
4th PTFA Quiz Night
9th Lent Frugal Lunch 12:15-1:15 in church hall.
10th PTFA Easter cake sale
10th Whole School Mass
11th 9:30am Easter presentation (key stage 2) followed by end of year term trophies.
11th Last day of term
28th Children return to school.

May

- 16th PTFA Bingo
21st First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm in school.
23rd Teacher training day-school closed
26th - 30th **HALF TERM**

June

- 2nd School reopens
7th Saturday 2pm First Holy Communion
8th Sunday 11am Presentation of First Holy Communion candidates to parish.
20th 2:45pm Benediction
21st Summer fete
29th Sunday Parish Mass for key stage 1 and foundation stage.

July

- 4th PTFA Summer disco
8th Year 6 Transition day to Secondary schools.
9th-11th Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip.
19th Last day of term

Parish & School Mass

Sunday 26th January 2014
11:00am

Enrolment of the First Holy
Communion Candidates

All are very welcome