



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

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SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2015

12-4PM

12:30- IRISH DANCERS FROM THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

12:50-TINY TOES PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

1:10-MARTIAL ARTS- TANG SOO DO FEDERATION

1:50-GYMNASTICS DISPLAY

HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thursday 18th June 2015

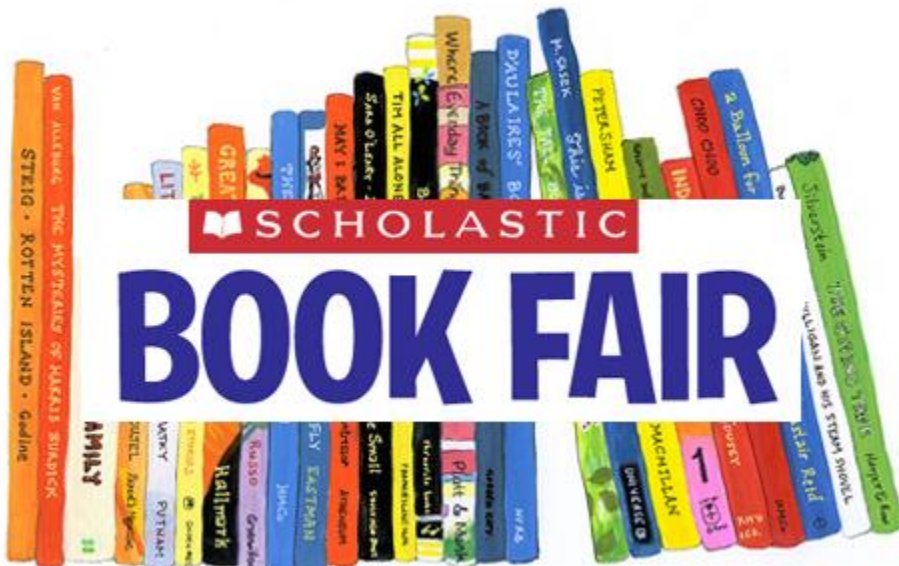
Non-Uniform Day

Please bring into school a bottle for the School fete. Please hand all glass bottles to the school office.



MONDAY 22ND JUNE – THURSDAY 25TH 2015

100% COMMISSION FOR THE SCHOOL ON ALL BOOKS PURCHASED. BOOKS CAN ALSO BE ORDERED ONLINE, PURCHASED AFTER SCHOOL AND ORDERED.





Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Foundation, Year 1, Year 2

9:30am

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

1:30pm

Please make sure all children have a sun hat with them on the day, sun cream applied before school. The PTFA will be purchasing water for each child to have during the events. Helpers are needed to erect gazebos in the morning, if you are able to volunteer please let Mrs Bale know in the office.



At English Martyrs we are blessed to have a group of volunteers who are always helping the school throughout the year. I happened to mention to some of the dinner supervisors that the back of the school was looking untidy because of the weeds etc that were growing. On that Friday evening, a team got together and tidied it up, making it a lot nicer for the children. A special thankyou to Mr and Mrs Sands, Mrs Batchelor, the parish Rangers group, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bale. The Parish Rangers with Mrs Batchelor worked extremely hard over a few weeks and tidied up the vegetable/ plants planters. We appreciate all their hard work, many of the Rangers had been former pupils of English Martyrs School.

A significant number of people worked together to enable the First Holy Communion to run smoothly. From preparing and making beautiful flower arrangements; setting up the Church and the School hall; making endless cups of teas and coffees and helping to tidy up after the events. In particular a special thankyou to Mrs Spilletts and Mrs Thompson who throughout the whole year have supported the school in many different ways and have worked tirelessly for the children.

A big thankyou to Mrs Sands for her continuous care of the planters leading up to Reception throughout the year. She is even now helping year 6 and painting backdrops for the school play.

If you have any talents and skills you are willing to share with us for the benefit of the school please let Mrs Bale know in the school office.



Saturday 13th June

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion was a lovely service, despite the rain! The children were well prepared and everyone was extremely proud of them. On the Monday they enjoyed the beautiful and delicious cake with their friends and those who helped to organise the day for them.

Attendance-A polite reminder

All absences from school need to be requested in advance. Absences (unless medical) will only be authorised in, "exceptional circumstances". Holidays are not considered, "exceptional circumstances." The school will issue parents with a penalty notice (penalty notice is for each parent and each individual child) for unauthorised absences. On average a child has 5 lessons a day, if they are absent for 5 days this is 25 lessons missed. Missed learning has a direct impact on a child's education. If a child is absent due to sickness etc the school office is to be phoned before 10:00am and informed of the nature of the absence. The school has a duty to refer families for external support when a child's absence is a cause of concern. This is done on an individual basis as we appreciate there are genuine reasons why children may be absent from school on medical grounds.

Communications

Please ensure that the school office is kept up to date with any changes of address, phone numbers and emails. After the recent data protection forms were sent home recently, we were extremely surprised how many families had different details and had not informed the school previously.



Playground Equipment

Can I please remind parents that children should not be on any of the equipment on the school playground before or after school, eg the climbing apparatus, the boat. This includes pre-school children. Scooters and bikes are not allowed on the school site/playgrounds for any age and are to be walked down to the bottom of the drive.

DIARY DATES

June

- 15th PHONICS SCREENING WEEK FOR YEAR 1 PUPILS AND SELECTED YEAR 2 PUPILS
15th Special assembly for the children to present cheques to Mr Hallahan for Myanmar charity and a representative from the Hope4Charity (local homeless charity). Monday was raised through cake sales and Lenten dressing up days.
- 16th Years 5 and 6 Internet and online safety talk by community police.
- 18th Mass Y6 (Y5)
- 18th Non-uniform day - please bring in a bottle for the summer fete
- 20th (Saturday) Summer fete 12-4pm
- 22nd Scholastic Book Fair. Monday 22nd-Thursday 25th June (After school)
- 22nd Youth for Christ assembly
- 23rd Sports Day - Foundation, Year 1 and 2 - 9:30 am. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 1:30pm
- 24th 7pm Parent meeting for the new Reception intake for September 2015
- 25th St. John's Ambulance - First Aid training for Year 5
- 25th Mass Y4 (Y3)
- 26th Athletics tournament for selected pupils from years 3, 4 5 and 6 (children already know if they have been selected).
- 29th Special Assembly about recycling and litter from external agencies.

July

- 1st KS1 Performing Arts competition
- 2nd Mass Y5 (Y6)
- 3rd Year 5 athletics competition at Harris School.
- 5th 11am Sunday Parish/school mass, led by Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 (The children will sit together at the front of the Church on the right hand side).
- 7th Year 6 Induction day for Secondary school. Afternoon for children to visit new classes for September.
- 7th Foundation new pupils visit school 2:00pm
- 9th Mass Y4 (Y3)
- 10th Key Stage 2 music competition
- 10th PTFA Summer Disco (tickets will be on sale. Priority tickets to year 6)
- 13th Yr 6 Productions 2:00pm & 6:30pm
- 14th Year 6 Retreat day (more details to follow)
- 15th Public Speaking competition for Key stage 2
- 16th Final whole school mass of the year (hopefully outside in the prayer garden)
- 16th 7pm-10pm Y6 disco at the Hillmorton Manor arranged by parents of year 6 (PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY PARENTS. THE SCHOOL AND STAFF HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OCCASION AND CHILDREN WHO ATTEND ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT ORGANISERS).
- 17th Last day of Term
- 17th End of Year assembly and presentations- 1:30pm in church

