

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 2: 16th September 2016

School Photographs-Tuesday 20th September

Family group photos for children not yet at school will be taken first from 8.30am. All photographs are offered without any obligation.

New Football Team Training-Mondays

The new lunchtime training are for those Key stage 2 children (Years 3 to 6) who wish to be part of the English Martyrs School Football Team and are willing to compete in football matches when they are arranged. Please make sure if your child wishes to be part of the team that they have football boots, shin pads, kit and a bottle of water in school on a Monday.

Macmillan Coffee morning-28th September



You are very welcome to join the parish and school community for the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Wednesday 28th September 1pm-3:30pm. It will take place in Father's house in the Bungalow next to the Church. Everyone is very welcome and if you have any cakes you could make/contribute towards the event it would be greatly appreciated.

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM took place on Wednesday evening. Mrs Thompson after four years of being a very active Chair of the committee and organiser of many events stepped down from the role. I would like to thank Mrs Thompson on behalf of the staff and pupils at the school for her great service and dedication. It has been a pleasure to work with her and the enthusiastic committee for the benefit of the children. A very warm welcome to Mrs Pheasant who was elected as the new Chair, she is already a keen supporter and organiser within the PTFA and I ask you all to support her in this role. The PTFA are very keen to encourage as many parents to help at the events who may not necessarily want to attend meetings etc. If you are willing to support at events please give your name to the school office and we will pass this information on. The PTFA are also organising the successful Christmas Cards again this year. Each child in the school will design a Christmas card which parents can pre-order before Christmas.



Polite Reminders



We ask parents to support the school in the following ways:

- Children should not be on the school site unaccompanied before 8:45am. Parents are responsible for them before 8:45am.
- All children should be on the school site to line up at 8:55am. After 8:55am they are late. Please pick up your child promptly at 3:30pm. Except for emergency situations which are not anticipated, if you are unable to pick your child up at 3:30pm then please register them with the after school club and arrange for them to collect your child.
- For the safety of the children no driving/parking on the school drive and to park sensibly in the local community. If you are parking in front of the Church, do not park on yellow lines or in such a way that it blocks other drivers.
- Children should not be going up or down the school drive unaccompanied if they are in year 4 or below. Children are not to ride scooters or bikes on the school site which includes the school drive.
- Please Inform the school if your child is not in school by 10:00am.
- If someone other than yourself or the named adults you have given to the school are picking your child up then please inform the school.
- Ensure children are in school unless unwell. All absences must be explained with the appropriate forms completed. Holiday absences will not be granted during term time as they are not 'exceptional circumstances'.
- Children are not to play on the playground equipment before or after school.
- Please make sure that all dinner monies are paid on a Monday in advance of the week.

Confirmation

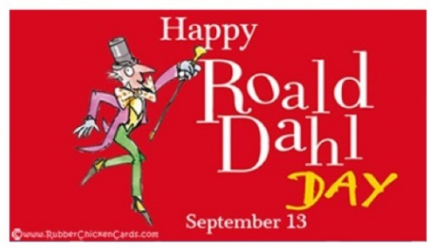
Sunday 25th September 11am - Enrolment of the Confirmation Candidates at English Martyrs church (all those making their Confirmation with a family member are to attend)

Wednesday 21st September 6:30pm – Parent Meeting

Wednesday 23rd November 7pm – Confirmation by Bishop William Kenney

Safeguarding Notice

*'Under the Education Act 2002 schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents/carers should know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay.** The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate that the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children*



PICCOLLAGE

A great day with **£127.10** raised so for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which supports children with rare illnesses. There are still a number of children who forgot their £1 donations but took part in the dressing up days please bring these to the school office.

Diary Dates

September

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| 20 th | Individual school photographs and families (from 8:30am if you wish to bring pre-school children) |
| 21 st | Year 3 'Stone Age Man' visiting |
| 21 st | 6:30pm Parent Confirmation Meeting in school hall (Please no children) |
| 22 nd | Mass Y4 (Y3) |
| 25 th | Sunday 11am - Mass of Enrolment for the Confirmation candidates (all to attend, any difficulties please inform the school) |
| 28 th | Macmillan Coffee Morning in Father's Bungalow 1:00-3:30pm |
| 28 th | PTFA meeting 7:30pm (in the Red Lion) |
| 29 th | KS1 Mass |

October

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| 6 th | 9:15am Whole School Harvest Mass (including the new Reception) led by year 5 |
| 13 th | Mass Y3 (Y4) |
| 20 th | Mass KS1/Foundation |
| 21 st | SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS-TEACHER TRAINING DAY |
| | 24 TH -28 TH Half Term |

November

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| 1 st | Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints Day-Whole School Mass 9:15am-led by Year 6 |
| 2 nd | Flu Immunisations for year 1,2 and 3 |
| 3 rd | No Mass |
| 6 th | 11am Y3 First Holy Communion enrolment mass |
| 10 th | Mass Y4 (Y3) |
| 11 th | 11am two minute silence |
| 15 th | Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm (Appointment needed) |
| 17 th | Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm (Appointment needed) |
| 17 th | Mass F/KS1 |
| 22 nd | Y2 Cinema Trip |
| 23 rd | Confirmation 7pm (Y6) |
| 24 th | Mass Y5 (Y6) |

December

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| 1 st | Mass Y3 (Y4) |
| 6 th | 2pm Foundation/KS1 Christmas Performances |
| 7 th | 2 pm Foundation/KS1 Christmas Performances |
| 8 th | Mass F/KS1 |
| 8 th | 6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3 |
| 12 th | Y5, Y6 Christmas Party |
| 13 th | Grandparents Afternoon 1:45 (Strictly tickets only) |
| 14 th | Key Stage 2 trip to see 'Dick Whittington' at the Belgrade |
| 14 th | Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party |
| 15 th | Years & 4 Christmas Party |
| 16 th | 9:30am Carol Service in church followed by end of term presentations |

[Return to School on Wednesday 4th January 2017](#)