

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 8: 7th April 2017

Lenten Dressing Up days- **Raised £512.13**



Google Expeditions

The school has arranged for Google to work with the children from years 1 to 6, one morning in the summer term on their pioneering expeditions programme. The expedition programmes are 360 degree virtual tours, which teachers can access to support the learning and themes in the classroom.



Polite Reminders

Recently there have been a number of incidents happening on the school site, either before or after school, which have demonstrated that children are not always being supervised closely enough when on the school site. For example we have had flowers picked by younger children from the flower bed on the rainbow playground. A baby was injured in a pram, when going

down the drive because a stone had been thrown. Although I am certain that a child did not intend to cause harm to a baby, their actions led to the injury. Please ensure that children are supervised on the school site at all times. Children, including pre-school children, are not allowed on the Games playground before or after school and should not be on the school equipment no matter how tempting the equipment may be. Children should not be running down the drive and should remain with their parents when they are leaving/arriving at school. Some of the older children who make their way to and from the school independently need to be reminded about good behaviour around the school.

Please do not sit on the wooden fencing on the rainbow playground. This is in place to protect the grass and flowers, it can not take the weight of adults or children.

English Martyrs Church: Easter Services 2017

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CHURCH (RC) HIGH STREET

Easter Services 2017

Saturday	8 th April	6.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday
Sunday	9 th April	11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass
Thursday	13 th April	6.00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	14 th April	3.00 p.m.	Good Friday – Solemnity of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	15 th April	9.00 p.m.	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
Sunday	16 th April	11.00 a.m.	Easter Sunday - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

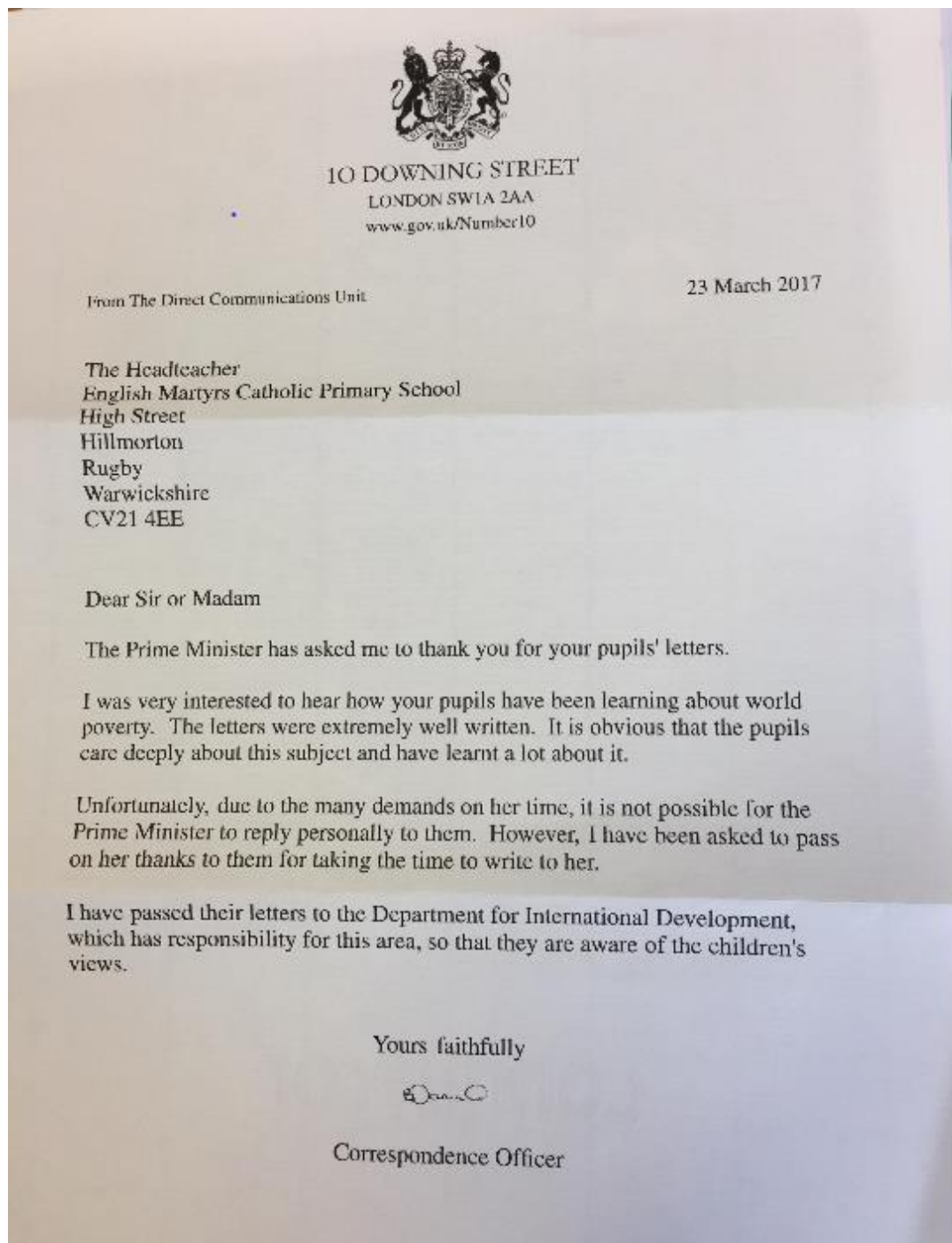
Parish Priest: Father Gerard Murray

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From all the staff at English Martyrs School
we wish you a happy and holy Easter.



A special message from Downing Street



Easter Service

Everyone is very welcome to the Easter Service in the Church on Friday 7th April at 9:30am. This will be followed by the end of term awards/presentations.

Building Fund

Re: Reintroduction of the school building fund at English Martyrs

Dear Parents

English Martyrs is a Catholic voluntary aided school. This means that while most of our income is derived from local Government funds, as a Catholic school, we must contribute 10% of the cost for major improvements and for the maintenance of our school buildings. Without the school having the money to contribute the 10% we are unable to apply for any funds through LCVAP (capital funding from government) or devolved formulae capital to enhance the school and maintain the site.

As you are aware, the school was successful in bidding for funds to have a new boiler installed, which happened over the summer, radiators were also updated in the Ark Building. The boiler at the time was obsolete and was not in operation in any other schools due to its age. We would have been unable to make any repairs on the boiler as its parts were also obsolete. The school had to pay from its budget 10% of the total cost, which was around £13,000. The school did not have the money within its own budget to do this and on this occasion, due to the severity of the problem (if your boiler is not working a school would have to be closed), the diocese allowed the school to repay the £13,000 over the next three years which we are very grateful for.

Governors and staff are committed to providing a high standard of learning environment and there is still a lot that we would like to achieve but we do need to continue to finance additional projects and essential maintenance works. There is an ever continuing need to refurbish our existing facilities to meet the requirements of today's education standards and improve the learning environment of the school for the benefit of all the children, staff and parents. As such schools are depending more on the generous voluntary contributions of parents.

Over fifteen years ago, The Archdiocese of Birmingham introduced a Building Fund, in which parents contribute money which can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. The school can then use this money towards building projects. English Martyrs has always been part of this scheme and there is currently one family who makes regular contributions.. In some schools they have been able to raise enough money to build new classrooms or libraries. Parents can set up standing orders and contributions can also be Gift Aided, which means that the school can reclaim from HMRC the basic rate tax you have already paid on your contribution. This increases the value of your contribution and at no extra cost to you. For each £100 that we receive we can claim back an additional £25. If parents wish to contribute in cash then we are also happy to receive this. All forms are to be returned to the school office in a sealed envelope, addressed with your child's name and **Building Fund** on the front of the envelope.

The forms have been distributed via email and a paper copy has been given to each child in the school. We would ask you to strongly consider making donations to the building fund and we thank you in advance for your continued support. If parents contributed at least £10 a term the school would be very grateful.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gillian Deery

Headteacher

Diary Dates

April

7 th	9:30am Easter service and end of term awards
7 th	Last day of term
24 th	Return to school for pupils
26 th	6:30pm Parent First Holy Communion meeting
27 th	Whole School Mass (led by teachers)
28 th	Reading sponsor event begins in school

May

1 st	Bank Holiday
4 th	Mass led by Y6 (Y5)
4 th	Reading Café event for Reception, Year 1 and year 2:30pm-3:30pm (Year 6 are supporting) (Parents of Reception, years 1 and 2 are invited to come to the café and there will be opportunities to purchase reading materials afterwards). All families are encouraged to look at the reading materials at 3:30pm.
5 th	PTFA Quiz Night 7:30pm
8 th to 12 th	Year 6 SATS week
11 th	No School mass
18 th	Mass Y4 (Y3)
21 st	11am Sunday Parish Mass led by Foundation and key stage 1
24 th	Group Photographs
25 th	Mass led by Foundation and Key Stage 1
26 th	Teacher training day - school closed to pupils/parents
29 th - 2 nd June	Half Term

June

6 th	Pentecost
6 th	Y5 - Young First Aiders training (all day)
8 th	Mass led by Year 5 (6)
10 th	2pm First Holy Communion
15 th	Mass led by Y3 (Y4)
16 th	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Film Night
19 th	Youth for Christ assembly
22 nd	Mass led by foundation and Key stage 1
28 th	SPORTS DAY (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 9:30 Start, Years 3,4,5 and 6 1:30pm Start)
29 th	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation: St Peter and Paul- led by Y6 (Y5)

July

1 st	12pm Summer Fete
6 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
7 th	Year 6 Author visit
11 th	Eastern area Year 6 Induction day

11 th	Transition afternoon to meet new teachers for September 2017
13 th	Mass led by Foundation/Key stage 1
14 th	PTFA Barn Dance
17 th	Year 6 Performance - 2:00pm and 6:30pm
19 th	Year 6 Leavers' Event (Organised by parents - more information will follow)
20 th	Mass - led by Year 6
21 st	Last day of term