

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd June

There will be a book fair on Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd June at the end of the school day 3:30pm (in the hall). Children will get the opportunity to look at the books during the school day and books can also be ordered. Please try to make the time to come into the hall to see the quality books being sold. The school will also receive money to buy books for the school based on the total value of books sold.

First Holy Communion

The children in year 3 made their first holy communion yesterday at English Martyrs Church. It was a beautiful and reverent service. The children have been enjoying eating their cake helped by the altar servers (who served yesterday) and the school choir (who sang so beautifully). The Church was beautifully decorated with a whole array of flowers which we are now enjoying in the school. I would like to thank Miss Petras for her continued hard work in preparing the children for the Sacraments, Father Matthew and Father Gerry for all that they continue to do in our school and the many other adults who gave their time to ensure it was a special day - those that arranged the flower decorations, cleaned the Church, served the teas and coffees, made the cake, provided the food and much more.



Ice Pops

Ice Pops on Sale every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50p all monies raised for School Funds.

Catholic School Profile

This half term the values and virtues for the school are **faith-filled** and **hopeful**.



Pupils in a school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are growing to be ...	Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham help their pupils grow...
Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.	By passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in themselves and others.

Classes for September 2017-2018

Reception

Mr Bromage

Year 1

Mrs Miles (Also Mrs Stawt when she returns from maternity leave)

Year 2

Mrs O'Connor (Monday to Wednesday) & Mrs Rouledge (Thursday & Fridays)

Year 3

Miss Petras

Year 4

Mrs Jones (Monday to Wednesday) & Mrs Long (Thursday & Fridays)

Year 5

Mrs Skuse

Year 6

Miss Pichon

Mrs Butterfield is retiring as SENCO at the end of this Academic year and Miss Pichon has been appointed as the new SENCO in September. Miss Pichon will be attending some review meetings at the end of this term and will be working with Mrs Butterfield and Mrs Donnelly for a smooth transition. Miss Pichon will also be studying the Masters SENCO Mandatory accreditation award for SENCOs new to post.

Year 6 led the Way

Year 6 presented their parties views to the rest of the school and a vote took place during the day. Labour won the most votes with the children.



Building Fund

I have attached a copy of the letter which was sent out to parents in January asking them to contribute to the building fund. Many thanks to the **18** families who have committed funds already, some have made a one off contribution, others monthly, termly or annually. All funds are greatly appreciated. If you wish to contribute please see the office for the appropriate forms to complete and they are also on the school website to be downloaded.

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

June

12 th	Phonics Assessment Week (Year 1 and identified Year 2 pupils)
13 th	Reception class - Fire Station visit
14 th	Y5 trip to Princethorpe Sports Day
14 th	New Foundation Stage Parent Meeting 7pm
14 th	Football match at English Martyrs for years 5 and 6 with St. Andrew's Benn School. St. Andrew's Years 3 and 4 pupils have pulled out from the match, but we have arranged for our children to have a match between themselves.
15 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
16 th	Film Night (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2)
19 th to 22 nd June	Scholastic Book Fair - Books sold at 3:30pm in the school hall
19 th	Youth for Christ assembly
22 nd	Mass led by foundation and Key stage 1
22 nd	St. John Ambulance - First Aid Training (Y5)
25 th	Year 1 Seaside day
26 th	Proposed KS1 Football competition at Avon Valley
26 th	Week beginning the Sex Education Programme in Years 5 and 6 (Please speak to the teachers if you have questions or concerns)
28 th	Sports Day - Foundation/Key Stage 1 9:30am, KS2 1:30pm (Foundation and Key Stage 1 will be on the playground)
29 th	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation: St Peter and Paul- led by Y6 (Y5)
30 th	Athletics competition

July

1 st	12pm Summer Fete
6 th	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
7 th	Author visit to Years 5 and 6
10 th	Key Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition
11 th	Eastern area Year 6 Induction day
11 th	Transition afternoon to meet new teachers for September 2017
11 th	2pm - 3pm Visit for new reception intake
12 th	Key Stage 1 Performing Arts Competition
13 th	Mass led by Foundation/Key stage 1
13 th	Key Stage 2 Music competition
14 th	PTFA Barn Dance (Tickets needed)
17 th	2pm & 6:30pm Year 6 production
18 th	Year 6 Retreat/Fun Day at Mater Ecclesiae Convent
19 th	Year 6 Leavers evening - Organised by parents
20 th	Mass - led by Year 6
21 st	1:30pm End of Term Presentations and Assembly
21 st	Last day of term