

# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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**Newsletter 13: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 – On the School Games Playground at 9:30am**

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - On the School Field at 1:30pm**

Please make sure all children have a sun hat with them on the day and sun cream applied before school. The PTFA will be purchasing water for each child to have during the events. We would politely ask parents to not come over to their child during sports day as this can be upsetting for the children. If there is an urgent matter during sports day then parents can speak to either one of the teaching assistants or teachers present. If sports day is cancelled due to the weather then parents will be informed via text or email. Also a message will be placed on the homepage of the school website on Wednesday morning.



**School Fete - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 12:00pm**

**12:30 Irish dancers from the after school club led by the Doherty school.**

If you are able to help by either setting up the fete or on the day itself, please speak to either Mrs Thompson or Mrs Pheasant as more volunteers would be gratefully received.

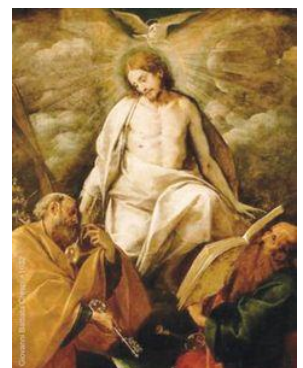
**Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**



The children are invited to come into school on Thursday in non-uniform. There is no cost for the day however families are asked to donate a bottle towards the bottle stall for Saturday's fete. If bottles are made of glass or contain alcohol adults will need to hand them to Mrs Bale in the school office.

**Holy Day of Obligation-Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

A whole school mass is taking place this Thursday as it a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass itself will be led by Year 6. Everyone is very welcome to join the school during this special mass.



Saints Peter & Paul,  
Apostles of Christ and  
Pillars of His Church,  
Pray for us!

# Building Fund

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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

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## June

26 <sup>th</sup>	Week beginning the Sex Education Programme in Years 5 and 6 (Please speak to the teachers if you have questions or concerns)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day - Foundation/Key Stage 1 9:30am, KS2 1:30pm (Foundation and Key Stage 1 will be on the playground)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation: St Peter and Paul- led by Y6 (Y5)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics competition

## July

1 <sup>st</sup>	12pm Summer Fete
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fencing for year 4 and 5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mass led by Y4 (Y3)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Author visit to Years 5 and 6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern area Year 6 Induction day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Transition afternoon to meet new teachers for September 2017
11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm - 3pm Visit for new reception intake
12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Performing Arts Competition
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass led by Foundation/Key stage 1
13 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Music competition
14 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Barn Dance (Tickets needed)
17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm & 6:30pm Year 6 production
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Retreat/Fun Day at Mater Ecclesiae Convent
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers evening - Organised by parents
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass - led by Year 6
21 <sup>st</sup>	1:30pm End of Term Presentations and Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term