

# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

*"where everyone is special"*

**Newsletter 6: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

## Family Carol Service

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at 9:30am in Church**

**Whole school carol service led by Key Stage 2**

**Join with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus:**

**Followed by end of term presentations**



## Class Parties

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 & 4**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation, Years 1 & 2**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Years 5 & 6**

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes (which are suitable for the weather). The PTFA are once again going to pay for the party food.



## Elected Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs Loydall who is the new parent governor for English Martyrs School. A parent election was not required, as Mrs Loydall was the only nomination. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Loydall onto the Governing Body and I am sure with her experience she will make a valuable contribution to the school. Mrs Loydall has written a short paragraph about herself:

*My name is Siobhan Loydall and I'm really pleased to be a governor at English Martyrs as I have 2 children at English Martyrs already; Amelie in Year 4 and James in Year 2 and I'm lucky enough to have 2 other children, Jude & Milo, who will also attend the school. Therefore I'm excited to play my part in helping English Martyrs to continue being fabulous in what it does well and improve and progress development areas.*

*In addition I hope to bring my skills as a secondary school teacher of 10 years to the governing body as I have worked with many young people to make sure they reached their full potential both academically and pastorally. Through my roles as Teacher, Head of Year and Head of Department I experienced & understood first hand how teachers and leaders in schools ensure their pupils progress and achieve whilst being happy as well as making sure the school responds to the constant government changes & challenges.*

*As a mum I want my kids to be happy & to learn at school so I will work hard as a governor to support all English Martyrs' pupils & teachers.*



## Irish Dancing

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Irish Dancing will begin after the holidays on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## English Martyrs Church

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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6:30pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11am & Family Mass at 6:30pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am



## School Closures

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Schools have a duty to provide an education for its pupils. Schools only close when it is essential to the health and safety of its pupils, staff or wider community. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and Heads always try to give parents as much notice as possible in the event of a school closure. Last week on the Monday we were closed along with all of the other local primary schools, on the Tuesday we were open which again was reflective of the majority of primary schools in Warwickshire. Years ago if a school closed then parents understandably would be very disgruntled, as for working parents it can be extremely difficult to organise child care with such short notice or they have to take a day off work themselves, often without pay or as part of their holiday entitlement. Although I never had any complaints directly, I do believe that on facebook many parents were making negative comments about the school being open on the Tuesday. However I did receive a number of phonecalls from parents thanking me for working hard to keep the school open. For a school this is a no win situation. Due to the school having a duty to provide an education, we will always endeavour to be open if possible, however it is ultimately parents who make the decision whether to bring their child to school if they feel it is unsafe.

May the Peace and Joy  
of Christmas  
Live in your heart  
all year long



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mass First Sunday of  
Advent  
11am Mass Fourth

December 6:30 pm Vigil  
Advent  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Sunday of Advent



6.30pm Family Vigil Ma

Monday 25th December 1 Jan - Christmas Day



# Manchester Carols



**Saturday 9th  
December  
2017**



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# Christmas Decoration 2017



All decorations were  
handmade by the  
children.

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## Diary Dates 2017

### December

18 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents' Afternoon 1:45pm (Tickets only. Places are strictly for grandparents only. No entry for parents or others permitted)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Trip to Thomas Land at Drayton Manor
20 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Meal
21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Mass 9:15 led by staff
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Service & Presentation 9:30am (in Church)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Term.

***School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018***