



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 3: 20th September 2013

The Great North Run

Sunday 15th September 2013

Well done to Mr Azim who raised £1,157 for the school. We would like to thank him for his great gift to the school.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

The parent curriculum meetings have been a great success with most classes having half of the number of families represented.

The dates for the remaining meetings are:

Year 1, Miss Ryan: 25th September 9am

Year 4, Mrs Jones/Miss Skinner: Monday 23rd September 2:45pm

The meetings will take place in the classrooms.

School Photographs

The School Photographer will make the annual visit on 24th September. Family group photos for children not yet at school will be taken first from 8.30am. All photos are offered without any obligation.

PTA

Friday September 27th. School Hall.

A Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Nurses

9-11am

(In memory of Phyllis Webb)

School/Parish Mass

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Yr 6 Mass of Commitment: Sunday 29th September 2013

11:00pm in Church.

(All candidates to attend)

Change to morning arrangements beginning on Monday 23rd September

The school day begins at 8:55am. As a school we have decided to change the routines before the school day to enable a more settled calm start to the morning. These new arrangements will begin on Monday.

At 8:45am a teacher will be outside on duty (parents are reminded that they are still responsible for supervising their children).

The bell will ring at 8:55am and they will line up in their year group lines on the playground in a quiet and orderly fashion. The teacher will then escort the children into the building.

The school gates will be looked no later than 9:00am.

PARKING

A big thank you all the parents who have stopped parking on the school drive. However a local resident has reported that parents have been blocking her drive at the bottom of the school drive. Please be considerate of others.

LATE BOOK

Beginning Monday 23rd September

As previously notified the school will be introducing a late book from Monday 23rd September. This enables the school to monitor lateness and the possible impact on a child's attainment. As soon as the children have entered the building the school doors are locked. After 8:55am a child is late. The late book will need to be completed with a reason for the lateness.

We can all have times when we are late now and again. For those families it is not a regular occasion and the school is aware of that. The late book enables the school to monitor which families are consistently late, which is disruptive for the class which are already settled and is often embarrassing for the child themselves.

After School Football

As you are aware the regular football coach is unable to commit this term to football training. The school have been in discussions with the Strachem Foundation, who are happy to lead a football club during the Autumn term. To enable the club to start as soon as possible, I will need to know how many children wish to participate so that the appropriate number of coaches can be booked. If you wish your child to take part the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter needs to be completed and handed in no later than Friday 27th September 2013.

You may have seen in the national press that school will be given some money, over the next two years, towards PE provision. The school is willing to cover the cost of the football coaches. The club will take place on a Tuesday after school. 3:30-4:45pm. Parents will be unable to watch the training sessions but will be invited to watch organised games with other groups.

Diary Dates

September

23rd Year 4 Parent Curriculum meeting 2:45pm
24th School photographs 8:30am
25th Year 1 Parent Curriculum meeting 9am
26th Whole School Harvest Mass 9:15am
27th PTA Macmillian Coffee morning (9:00-11:00)
29th (Sunday) Mass of Commitment for the Confirmation Candidates, 11:00am in Church
30th Teacher Training Day: School Closed

October

3rd Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
10th Mass Y3
17th Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)
21st Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm
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24th Poppy Launch appeal at Caldecott Park 10:30-12:00 (School Council)
24th M & M theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
24th Mass Y6 (Y3, Y2)

November

7th Mass Y5 (Y3, Y1)
14th Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
21st Mass Y3
27th Confirmation: 7pm by Bishop Kenney C.P.
28th Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)

December

1st (Sunday) Parish Mass Y5 to lead 11:00 am in Church
5th Mass Y6
12th Mass Y5

13th Benediction/Blessing of the School Crib 2:45pm
19th Whole School Mass (Led by staff)
20th Carol Service and end of term presentations (Last day of term)

Teacher training day on Monday 6th January 2014, school reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2014.

HALF TERM
October 28th - 1st November

I would like my child _____ in Year _____ to take part in the after school Football Club.

I understand that the club is organised by the Strachem foundation and they will be taking responsibility for the children during the activity.

Signed: _____

Date: _____