



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 5: 14th October 2013

Governor Update

There have been recent changes made to the structure and practice of the Governing Body since September. The Governing Body have adopted the Warwickshire structure, with one full governors meeting a year and two separate sub committees which meet regularly. Since September Father Matthew has been appointed as Chair of the Governors, with Mrs Dee Murphy remaining as Vice Chair. On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank Mr Vincent Deery for his dedicated work as the Chair last year. There were a number of vacancies on the Governing Body with the majority now being filled.

Chair: Father Matthew (Assistant Parish Priest)

Parent Foundation Governors: Mrs Dee Murphy (Vice Chair), Mr Vincent Deery and Mr Phil Burns (Appointment being processed).

Foundation Governors: Mr John Thomas, Father Matthew, Mrs Tessa Buckley, Mrs Iolanda Juanola-Borrat (Appointment being processed).

There is a vacancy for one foundation governor.

Local Authority Governor: Mr Simon Craddock

Elected Parent Governors: Mrs Vikki Treacy and Mrs Haworth (Appointment being processed)

Staff Governors: Mrs Deery, Miss Petras and Mrs Stuchbury

This is an exciting time for the Governors and I am looking forward to working with them for good outcomes for our children.

Scooters

Scooters which are left during the day must be left in the bike storage area. There are a number of parents leaving scooters in the fence which will damage the fencing over time. In addition they will cause damage to a car in the disabled area if they fall off leaving parents liable for any damage.

PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning. A total of £203 was raised. As usual events like this rely on the good will of all those who baked and made donations. Well done to all concerned as the cakes were delicious and much appreciated!

Parish Concert

The parish have organised a concert on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 to raise money for the Church building fund. The Choir and the Recorder groups will be performing. You are all very welcome to come to the concert and support our parish community.

HALF TERM
October 28th – 1st
November

Early Arrival at School

A polite reminder that children should not be on the school site unaccompanied by an adult before 8:45am. We have a number of children who are on the playground unsupervised as early as 8:25am. These children are not supervised and remain the responsibility of their parents.

What does a Head do?

Although I have only been Head of English Martyrs school for six weeks, I feel very settled in the school and am enjoying working with the staff and governors for good outcomes for the children.

As a Head the role is very broad. On a visit to the Foundation class (who had been in school full time for two weeks), one of the children said to me: "You like to sing," I replied, "yes I do". He told me he liked singing too. He then said to me: "Are you still the headteacher?" I replied, "Yes, I am".

He looked at me puzzled and said, "But, you are a dinner lady too", when I asked him why he thought I was a dinner lady, he replied, "because you are always outside like the dinner ladies". I nodded in agreement.

Rugby School

I have been asked by Rugby school to bring to your attention the closing date for application forms and bursary augmentation is Friday 3rd January 2014. A number of Scholarships and foundation awards are granted. For more information look at the Rugby School Website or leave your name at the school office as a meeting with a representative from Rugby school could be arranged.

Diary Dates

October

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| 3 rd | Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2) |
| 10 th | Mass Y3 |
| 17 th | Mass FS/KS1 (Y3) |
| 21 st | Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm |
| 22 nd | Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30-7:00pm |
| 23 rd | Parish Fund raising Concert |
| 24 th | Poppy Launch appeal at Caldecott Park 10:30-12:00 (School Council) |
| 24 th | M & M theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz |
| 24 th | Mass Y6 (Y3, Y2) |

November

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

December

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| 1 st | (Sunday) Parish Mass Y5 to lead 11:00 am in Church |
| 5 th | Mass Y6 |
| 12 th | Mass Y5 |
| 13 th | Benediction/Blessing of the School Crib 2:45pm |
| 19 th | Whole School Mass (Led by staff) |
| 20 th | Carol Service and end of term presentations (Last day of term) |

Teacher Training Day
Monday 6th January 2014,
school reopens on
Tuesday 7th January 2014.