



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 6: 4th November 2013

Fund Raising Concert for the Church Organ

Many thanks to all those who supported the parish fund raising appeal for the church organ to be repaired. It was lovely to see so many of our children involved either as a choir member; recorder group; or as soloists (on keyboard, piano, accordion and clarinet).

A big thank you to the PTFA whose wonderful bakers provided a delicious array of cakes on the night, which were a great hit. Also they set up the Church hall and organised the teas/coffees, which helped the event to run smoothly.

The organiser of the event was a former pupil, Mrs Amie Boyd, who worked hard at organising the concert which had a wide variety of artists and was enjoyed by all.

The PTFA raised £85.20 (teas/coffees) with donations on the night £460.32. This gave a grand total of £545.52. The church organ is already being used.

The Wizard of Oz

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance in school which was of a high calibre. Could I please remind parents who have not sent in the £3.50 per pupil contribution to do so as soon as possible. The school is unable to carry the costs for such events.

Foundation Parent Morning

Miss O'Reilly has asked me to pass on her thanks to the high number of parents who attended the first parent meeting of the academic year.

Cake Sale

Thursday 7th November

This Thursday the PTFA have organised a cake sale with half of the funds raised supporting the Poppy Appeal and the other half towards the Church Building Fund. This will take place during morning break with remaining cakes sold after the school day (on the playground).

Please donate cakes generously for Thursday. Children will be bringing home a paper plate for donations. Many thanks for your continued support.

Parent Confirmation Meeting:

Wednesday 13th November 6:30pm

Fr Fitzpatrick has requested that all the year 6 Confirmation parents attend a meeting in the school hall. This will enable Father to talk to the parents about preparation for the Sacrament and will give parents an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. It will also include changes to how the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be organised this year. Please note this is a parent meeting and children are requested not to be present.

Attendance-A polite reminder

All absences from school need to be requested in advance. Absences (unless medical) will only be authorised in "exceptional circumstances". Holidays are not considered, "exceptional circumstances." At the moment the school has not issued penalty notices for parents who still take children out of school when it is an unauthorised absence. In the future the school will have no option but to issue parents with a penalty notice for unauthorised absences. The school has a visit from the Attendance Enforcement officer this week to ensure the school is complying with the statutory guidelines and to review the level of unauthorised absences in school and what actions the school has taken to reduce the level of unauthorised absences.

PTFA

Tea Towels

The PTFA have arranged to sell the Tea Towels this year to raise money for the school. More details will follow

Christmas Bazaar

The planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar will take place this Wednesday 6th November at 8:30pm in the Red Lion pub. Anyone wishing to help to organise the event are very welcome to attend.

Film Night

Friday 15th November 3:30-5:00pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Diary Dates

November

6 th	Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting 8:30pm The Red Lion Pub
7 th	Cake Sale
7 th	Mass Y5 (Y3, Y1)
13 th	YR & Y6 Height and Weight Check
13 th	Parent Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm (school hall)
14 th	Mass Y4 (Y3, Y2)
15 th	PTFA Film Night (Y3,Y4.Y5 and Y6) 3:30-5:00pm
21 st	Mass Y3
27 th	Confirmation: 7pm by Bishop Kenney C.P.
28 th	Mass FS/KS1 (Y3)

December

1 st	(Sunday) Parish Mass Y5 to lead 11:00 am in Church
5 th	Mass Y6
7 th	Christmas Bazaar
10 th	2:00pm Christmas Performance: Foundation, Year 1 & 2
11 th	2:00pm Christmas Performance: Foundation, Year 1 & 2
12 th	Mass Y5
12 th	Foundation/Year 1 trip to Hatton Country World
12 th	1:00pm Grandparents Afternoon (Ticket based event only). More details to follow.
13 th	Benediction/Blessing of the School Crib 2:45pm
13 th	PTFA Disco
17 th	Christmas Parties: Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2
18 th	Christmas Dinner
18 th	Christmas Parties: Years 5 & 6
19 th	Christmas Parties: Years 3 & 4
19 th	Whole School Mass (Led by staff)
20 th	10:00 am Carol Service
20 th	Last day of term

January

6 th	Teacher Training Day
7 th	Return to School