



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

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Improving the outdoor playground

The children have loved the new furniture and pencil bins in the playground. We are planning to buy more seating for the key stage 1 playground. By supporting the PTFA through their activities we are hoping to raise more money to improve the environment for the children. The next big project for the outside area - a boat - needs a significant amount of money to make it happen. Any fundraising ideas greatly appreciated, speak to Bernadette Thompson, Chair of the PTFA or the school office.



Inter School Infant Agility Games

Well done to Year 2 who won the infant agility games competition hosted at Ashlawn before the half term. The winners are automatically placed in the final.



Interesting facts

Each new picnic table is made from 2,860, Plastic 2 pint milk containers.

The smaller benches are made from 572, Plastic 2 pint milk containers.

The larger benches are made from 1,130, Plastic 2 pint milk containers.

PTFA CAKE SALE

Raised £173.20



We are hoping to restart the gardening club after half term. Please give your name to the office we are in urgent need of volunteers.



Gardening Club

PTFA Events

Friday 28th February - Film Night (Years 1 & 2 - "Epic")

More details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH - PTFA meeting (7:30pm)

FRIDAY 4th APRIL - Quiz Night

FRIDAY 16th MAY – Family Bingo Night

SATURDAY 21st JUNE – Summer Fete

FRIDAY 4th JULY - Summer Disco

TEATOWELS – still available to buy at £3.50.

NO SCHOOL MASS ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

The church is closed all week due to redecoration.

Lent

To raise money for our Lenten charities the children will be able to come to school in non uniform on the following Wednesdays in given themes. They are asked to bring 50p on each day to support Myanmar which the school has been supporting for many years.

12th March: My Favourite biblical character (eg Joseph)

19th: March: My hero (eg Nelson Mandela)

26th: Book Character (eg BFG)

2nd April: Vocations (eg doctor)

Many thanks for your continued support to Myanmar.

Pancake Race

March 4th

£1.00 per child

Money raised will go to school fund.



CHESS CLUB

STARTING SOON



Sport Opportunities through the Sports Development Grant

As a school we have joined the school sports partnership from the summer term. This will widen the opportunities that we are able to offer the children. Through this fund we have purchased eight table tennis tables which will be placed on the field. These can be used by the children during lunch breaks. We have also arranged for a table tennis coach who plays for the England Team to teach the children as a club.



DIARY DATES

February

- 26th 6:30pm FHC Parent meeting about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
27th No School Mass: Church being redecorated.
28th Film Night (Years 1 and 2). More details to follow.

March

- 4th Pancake Race (£1)
4th YR Hearing Screening
5th Whole School Mass: Ash Wednesday (led by year 3)
6th No school Mass
6th Year 3 : 'Primary schools visit day' at Rugby school.
12th First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm in Church.
12th Non-Uniform day - My favourite Biblical Character (50p)
13th Mass: Y4
13th Netball competition Level 2 (afternoon at Rugby High School)
19th PTFA meeting 7:30pm in school hall.
19th Non-Uniform day - My hero (50p)
20th Mass Y5
26th Non-Uniform day - Book Character (50p)
27th Mass: Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2.
30th Sunday Parish/School Mass- Year 4.

April

- 2nd Non-Uniform day - Vocations (50p)
3rd Mass Y3
4th PTFA Quiz Night
9th Lent Frugal Lunch 12:15-1:15 in church hall.
10th PTFA Easter cake sale
10th Whole School Mass
11th 9:30am Easter presentation (key stage 2) followed by end of year term trophies.
11th Last day of term
28th Children return to school.

May

- 16th PTFA Bingo
21st First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm in school.
23rd Teacher training day-school closed
26th - 30th **HALF TERM**

June

- 2nd School reopens
7th Saturday 2pm First Holy Communion
8th Sunday 11am Presentation of First Holy Communion candidates to parish.
20th 2:45pm Benediction
21st Summer fete
29th Sunday Parish Mass for key stage 1 and foundation stage.

July

- 4th PTFA Summer disco
8th Year 6 Transition day to Secondary schools.
9th-11th Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip.
19th Last day of term