



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"



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The school disco was a huge success with all the tickets sold. The PTFA raised £1456. It was lovely to see so many families outside enjoying the sunshine and spending time with one another. A big thankyou to all the helpers and those who organised the event and stayed behind to tidy and clean up.

YEAR 6



It is time once again to say goodbye to the year 6. Although we will miss them, we are also excited to see how their lives continue to flourish as they grow into independent young people.

From the year 6 class this year 51% of them secured a place at one of the local grammar schools, which is a significantly high figure.

The class as a whole have worked very hard which is not just evident by good SATS results this year but also by their high level of achievement in previous year groups. For a year 6 pupil Level 4 is the national expectation for a child in year 6, this year in reading 84% in our school achieved level 5 (average year 9). In writing 55% achieved a level 5 with 13% (four children) achieving a level 6. The LA has asked the school for permission to use some of the level 6 work so that it could be used for training and moderation purposes with other schools to demonstrate effective level 6 work. In Spelling, grammar and punctuation 74% achieved a level 5 with 10% level 6. It is clear that the SATs results are exceptional this year and this is due to strong and effective teaching throughout their time at English Martyrs (as it would be impossible to achieve these results without effective teaching previously),

their current class teacher and parents continuing to work in partnership with the school. A big well done to everyone concerned especially the children!

Year 6 and Year 2 this year are the last year groups to still have the SATS, next year there will be some form of testing in Y2 and Y6 to gain a national picture of attainment but we still do not know what form it will take and how the progress is to be measured. We will keep parents informed next year once schools know.

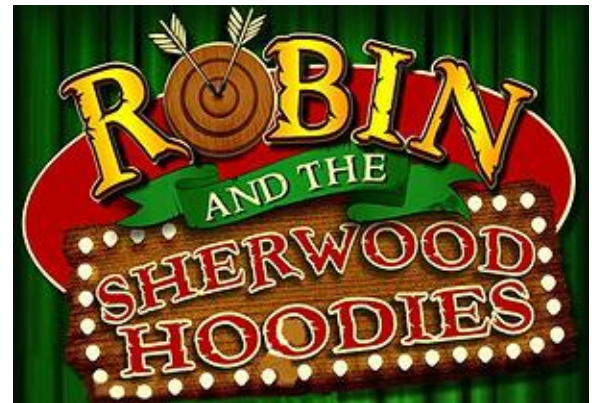
On Tuesday year 6 enjoyed a lovely day at Princethorpe Retreat Centre. The PTFA subsidised the event by paying for the food items which was used in preparing break and lunch. The children had an art activity, an outdoor event and a cooking element- I was amazed at how well the children prepared the food for one another. They made chocolate chip muffins and drinks for breaktime, pizzas (with homemade tomato base) and garlic bread and new potatoes for lunch with various salad ingredients. The children originally told me that they would not eat much however all food was cleared! The children also did the washing up afterwards, which I am sure is a skill they could put to good use in the summer. The children were a delight on the day and the bidding prayers during mass which they prepared themselves demonstrated what thoughtful children they are.

The year 6 children and families enjoyed an evening at The Hillmorton Manor on Thursday. I would like to thank Mrs Fahey for organising the event on behalf of the parents and all those who supported her in making it an enjoyable evening.

We wish all the children and their families the very best and we will keep you all in our prayers.

Year 6 Production supported by Year 5

The production was of a high standard and the children were amazing! Lovely singing, beautiful voices, great costumes and full of drama. The school has received a great deal of positive feedback. In addition we are very grateful to all those who prepared the children and parents who organised great costumes. A particular thankyou to Mrs Sands and Mrs Craddock who spent hours working hard to prepare the backdrops for the production and Mr Burns who kindly filmed the play for the year 6 parents-much appreciated!

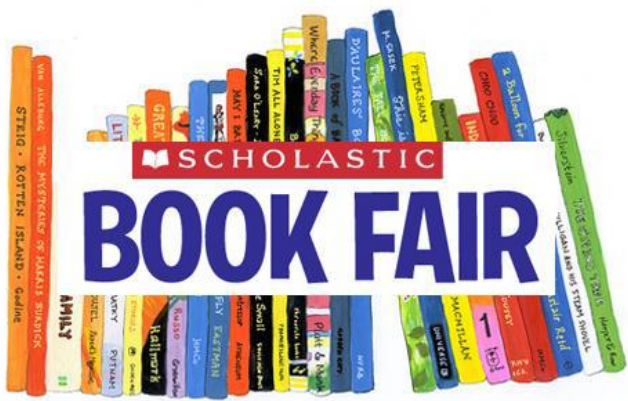


Final Assembly

Friday 17th July 1:30pm (In Church)

OUTDOOR READING AREA/CLASSROOM

In September the school will have its new outdoor reading area/outdoor classroom. The funds raised from the summer fete by the PTFA have paid for the benches. The reading throne was bought by the school from the school fund. It will be lovely to see the children using this during classtime and their own free time.



OVER £900 WAS RAISED AT THE BOOK FAIR. THE MONEY WILL PAY FOR REPLACEMENT HOME READER BOOKS WHICH ARE GETTING OLD AND IN NEED OF GREAT REPAIR. A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WHO PURCHASED BOOKS DURING THE WEEK.

School Books

As a school we have been advised to keep the majority of the children's work as we are due an Ofsted inspection next academic year. If inspectors arrive early in the Autumn Term there would not be enough current work for them to make accurate judgements as it would be too early in the term. Every child's maths, literacy and RE books are kept and a selection of the other subjects for identified pupils. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we will gladly return the books to you towards the end of the Autumn Term.

Happy
Holidays

Wishing all of you and your families a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

DIARY DATES

July

17th Last day of Term
17th End of Year assembly and presentations- 1:30pm in church

September

8th Pupils return to school
10th Whole School mass (In church) 9:15am
15th PTFA AGM 7:30pm (school hall)
22nd School photographer - Individual photographs

November

22nd (Sunday) Confirmation 1pm

December

15th Key Stage 2 trip to see the pantomime, 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Belgrade in Coventry.

