

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 3: 19th October 2017

English Martyrs Christmas CD



The school will be coming together to record a 'professional' CD for Christmas. This will include children of all year groups and will be a mixture of traditional Christmas Carols and modern Christmas songs. It is anticipated that each class will sing one Christmas song with the whole school or key stages singing others. We are looking forward to this venture and it is the first time that English Martyrs has been involved in such a project. The CDs will be on sale in time for Christmas presents. We will be asking parents to commit and pay for orders before orders are made. The money raised from this venture will be going towards the 10% contribution needed for the school to access DFC money to buy 17 new laptops for the children to use in their learning.

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 2nd December 12pm-3pm.

The Christmas Bazaar is a lovely occasion when the school and parish work together as a community to raise much needed funds and to bring the local community together. A great deal of work and preparation goes into organising this event and last year there were not enough volunteers for the stalls that were provided. The PTFA are in desperate need for more volunteers this year to set up the stalls, work on the stalls and tidy up at the end of the event. If you can support this event please speak to Mrs Thompson or Mrs Spilletts at school or leave your name with the school office. Without more support the future of events such as these are under threat.

PTFA Christmas Fundraising



Last year the PTFA were taking orders for real Christmas trees. The quality of the trees was of a high standard and lasted for a long period even after Christmas was over. Mrs Pheasant will be taking orders again this year and due to the quality of last years and the competitive price, I would recommend that you make your booking early. More information will follow soon.



The Children have already designed their Christmas Cards and they have been sent to the company to be processed. Parents are asked to place orders promptly once they arrive so that they can be returned to the school in time for the Christmas Post.

Polite Reminders



We ask parents to support the school in the following ways:

- Children and adults should not be on the school site before 8:45am.
- All children should be on the school site to line up at 8:55am. After 8:55am they are late. Please pick up your child promptly at 3:30pm. Except for emergency situations which are not anticipated, if you are unable to pick your child up at 3:30pm then please register them with the after school club and arrange for them to collect your child.
- For the safety of the children no driving/parking on the school drive and to park sensibly in the local community. If you are parking in front of the Church, do not park on yellow lines or in such a way that it blocks other drivers.
- Children should not be going up or down the school drive unaccompanied if they are in year 4 or below. Children are not to ride scooters or bikes on the school site which includes the school drive.
- Please Inform the school if your child is not in school by 10:00am.
- If someone other than yourself or the named adults you have given to the school are picking your child up then please inform the school.
- Ensure children are in school unless unwell. All absences must be explained with the appropriate forms completed. Holiday absences will not be granted during term time as they are not 'exceptional circumstances'.
- Children are not to play on the playground equipment before or after school.
- Please make sure that all dinner monies are paid on a Monday in advance of the week. Failure to do so will lead to parents not being able to purchase hot meals but children will need to go onto packed lunches.
- If you are in foundation stage, year 1 or year 2 and you are on benefits and you would be eligible for free school meals, please still claim for free meals, as the school receives additional pupil premium funding for each child which enables the school to provide additional support for the children.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school except via the entrance at the office when opened by a member of staff.



EMI Music Grant

The School applied for a grant from EMI who provide funds for schools and organisations who wish to increase their music resources. The school was awarded £500 for new tuned percussion instruments.

Safeguarding Notice

'Under the Education Act 2002 schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents/carers should know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. **This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay.** The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate that the school's Designated

Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.

Uniform Provider – Schoolwear Centre

The Schoolwear Centre in Rugby Town Centre will be closing. There are other Schoolwear stores and Nuneaton will be stocking the English Martyrs uniform. Although the store is closing, they will be offering an online ordering service. All the uniform items are cheaper online, some by quite a discount. If parents do not wish to pay the postage and package fee, then the company have arranged for a drop off facility in school, where they will personally deliver the items on a set day for our school. I have included a comparison indicating the difference in costs. We are committed to keeping with the Schoolwear company as we are happy with the quality of service and the products. The school will be provided with the uniform in different sizes, so that parents can still try on the uniform before they purchase online. This will also take place on a set day. If you have any concerns please contact the office.




**Schoolwear
Centre**

CLOSING DOWN SALE!!
From 16th October 2017
Everything must go!!
Further reductions!!

Unfortunately The Schoolwear Centre in Rugby Town Centre will be closing down, therefore we will be holding a sale for all customers to buy uniform at reduced prices while the stocks last.

OUR NEW VENTURE...

We're happy to say that English Martyr's School will be joining us in our new venture as an online supplier. We hope that you will continue to support us online. The school will be holding a sizing set in case you are unsure of your child's size. We will also be holding selling shows for the uniform, details of this will be confirmed at a later date.

www.schoolwearsolutions.com

Opening Hours	
Monday	9am-5pm
Tuesday	9am-5pm
Wednesday	9am-5pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Tel: 01788542202
The Schoolwear Centre
5 High Street,
Rugby,
CV21 3BG

Price Comparison Items	In Store Prices	Online Prices
White Polo with Logo	£6.75	£6.50
Crew Sweatshirt with Logo	3-4yrs & 5-6yrs is £10.25 or £11.25 for all other ages	£8.50
Vee Sweatshirt with Logo	3-4yrs & 5-6yrs is £10.25 Or £11.25 for all other ages	£9.50
Cardigan with Logo	£12.25	£9.99
P.E Polo with Logo	£7.99	£6.50
P.E Hoody with Logo	£12.99	£9.99
Navy Tracksuit Trouser	18"-28" is £13.99 Or for 30-32" is £16.99	18-28" is £11.00 or £15.50 for any VAT sizes (VAT included)
Rain Jacket with Logo	£20.25	£16.99
Book bag	£6.99	£6.99
Swim bag	£5.75	£5.50
Clip on Tie	£5.75	£4.50
Tie	£5.75	£3.99



Considerate Parking

No unauthorised parking is allowed on the school drive. Please do not park on the yellow lines on the corners of the road as this is illegal and is dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians. I have had a number of neighbours who live on Fellows Way, who have informed the school that some of the parents of English Martyrs are blocking their drives which means they can not get on or off their drives. When the neighbours have approached the parents about it, the parents have responded in an inappropriate manner in front of their children. This reflects very badly on the whole school community and does not set a good example to the children.

Other Curriculum Activities

- Cheerleading in Years 1 and 2
- Hockey in Years 3 and 4
- Multi-skills in Years 5 and 6
- Orienteering in Year 4 (During lunchtime)

Year 6 – Confirmation

Confirmation - Wednesday 8th November 7pm –Bishop William Kenney (in Church)

Year 3 - First Holy Communion

Enrolment mass – Sunday 19th November 11:00am (all those making their FHC with a family member are to attend)

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday 5th December 6:30pm (in Church)

2nd Parent Meeting – Tuesday 24th April 6:30pm (School hall – no children please)

First Holy Communion – Saturday 9th June 2pm (in Church)

Diary Dates 2017

October

19th Parent Consultation Meetings 3:45-7:00pm

19th Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am

20th Bonfire Safety talk for pupils

21st – 27th HALF TERM

November

1 st	Whole School Mass: Holy Day of Obligation 9:15am (Wednesday)
2 nd	No Mass
7 th	Film Night Y5/Y6
8 th	Confirmation 7pm
9 th	Mass - Y4 (Y3) 9:15am
10 th	Y2 Cinema Visit
16 th	Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am
17 th	PTFA Indulgence Evening 7pm
Sunday 19 th	11:00am School leading the mass led by Year 3
22 nd	Foundation/Y1 & Y2 Reading Cafe
23 rd	Mass - Y5 (Y6) 9:15am
28 th	Production company to make a Christmas CD in school
29 th	Non-Uniform Day - bottles for the tombola stall
30 th	Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am
30 th	Key Stage 2 to The Belgrade Theatre to see Cinderella

December

2 nd	Christmas Bazaar 12pm-3pm
5 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm
7 th	Mass - Y3 (Y4) 9:15am
7 th	Confessions for Year 4 to Year 6 after mass
9 th	Manchester Carols
11 th	Youth for Christ Assembly
12 th	2pm Foundation/Key Stage 1 Production

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14 th	Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am
15 th	Y6 trip to London
18 th	Grandparents' Afternoon 1:45pm (Tickets only. Places are strictly for grandparents only. No entry for parents or others permitted)
21 st	Whole School Mass 9:15 led by staff
Friday 22 nd	Carol Service & Presentation 9:30am (in Church)
22 nd	Last day of Term.

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2018