

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"where everyone is special"

Newsletter 4: 23rd November 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 school fund.

Saturday 2nd December 12pm -3pm.



It is that time of the year when we are asking parents for donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 27th November. We are looking for:

- Toys and books
 - Chocolate
- Home Baked Cakes
 - Toiletries
- Tombola prizes

There will be a Non-uniform day on Wednesday 29th 2017 children are asked to bring a bottle for the bottle stall. All glass bottles of alcohol are to be handed directly to Mrs Bale in the office.

Travelling Cribs-Bethlehem Advent Project



The Travelling Cribs were a great success last year. Children were very excited to take them home and share them with their families. Families wrote lovely prayers and reflections in the books that were also sent home. The cribs highlight the real meaning of Christmas and provide families with an opportunity to be quiet and still with each other and share in prayer together.

NUT BAN

Schools have no option but to ban any type of nuts being brought onto the school premises. There are children with such severe nuts allergies that being exposed to nuts, or even by being in the same vicinity as those who have eaten nuts, can lead to devastating consequences. There are children whose parents have never given them nuts and therefore there would be children within the school who could be severely allergic, that we are not even aware of. The primary aim of everyone is to keep children safe, therefore no nuts are allowed



on the school site including in lunchboxes. If the school has cake sales, no food can be brought into school which have nuts as an ingredient. Some parents when their children have a birthday, bring in bags of sweets or chocolates to be handed out at the end of the day. Many bumper packs of chocolates and sweets contain ones with nuts eg Snickers and Bounty to name a few.

Hillmorton Charities Trust

As a school we applied to the Charities Trust for £1,000 (maximum amount that a community project is entitled) to enable the school to pay the 10% contribution for proposed new laptops from the DFC fund. I am very pleased to announce that the request was granted. We would like to express our gratitude to the Trust for supporting the school and the families at English Martyrs School.

Grants for you

Hillmorton Charities Trust offers grants to help local people and families

Who we are:

Hillmorton Charities Trust dates back to the eighteenth century when a small number of charities existed to benefit the local church, the education of children and the poor of Hillmorton parish. In 2003 the charities were amalgamated into one charitable trust whose aims were more appropriate for people living in the twenty-first century.

Who we can help:

Families and people living in the parish of Hillmorton who find themselves in financial hardship or distress.

What we can help with:

The Trust has helped local people with the purchase of school uniform and equipment, money towards white goods, purchases of furniture and bedding and educational trips for school children.

How to apply:

To request an application form for a grant please contact:
Linn Ashmore
Clerk to the Trustees
Tel: 01788 573335
Email: linn123@btinternet.com

Persistent Lateness



There are a number of families who are persistently late bringing their children to school. This means that their child's day starts in an unsettled manner which can be upsetting; it also has an impact on the rest of the children in the class who arrived on time - which is unfair. Children who are regularly late are being taught that it is ok to be late which does not instill good working behaviours for the future. When younger children are brought into the office late, the adults have to escort them over to the Ark Building, taking the away from their own work and duties, often leaving the office unmanned. This happens daily with a regular group of children. This message is for persistent lateness only and not for families who find themselves running late one day but this is not a common occurrence, we appreciate that we can all be late at times. Families who continue to bring their children late to school will be required to work with the school to improve punctuality and may be referred to external services for support and intervention.

Every Minute Counts

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Please - Keep the School Informed

Although the school acknowledges and respects the privacy of home life and families individual circumstances, we would ask you to speak to the school (usually the class teacher) of any changes in home life arrangements or relationships which may have an impact on their child's health and wellbeing. By the teachers being aware of any difficult changes, they are able to help the child if they become upset or anxious. Often changes in home and personal circumstances can have a negative impact on children and can change their usual behaviour when in school. If we are aware of any changes we can provide the appropriate support for the pupil if needed.

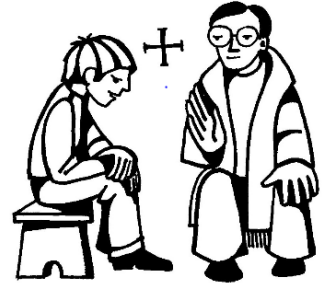
Parking



A polite reminder that there is strictly no parking on the school drive except for staff and cars who display the parking permission cards from the school. This is for the safety of the children. When parents are dropping off for basketball on a Monday morning there have been a number of parents driving recklessly and reversing into the line of the children. If this continues then parents will not be allowed up the drive for Basketball on a Monday morning.

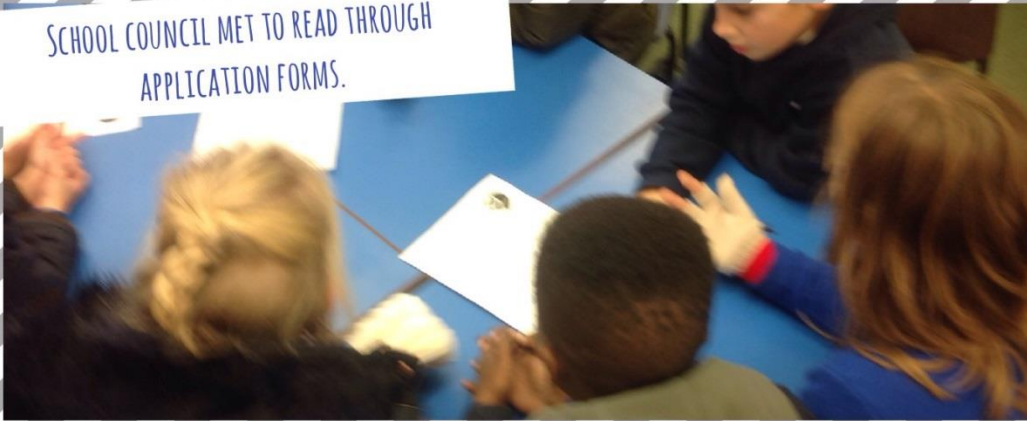
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5th December 6:30pm at English Martyrs School.



New E-Safety Cadets

SCHOOL COUNCIL MET TO READ THROUGH APPLICATION FORMS.



WE DISCUSSED WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD E-SAFETY CADET.



WE CHOSE WHO WE THOUGHT WOULD MAKE A GOOD E-SAFETY CADET.



PIC•COLLAGE

Diary Dates 2017

November

- 28th Production company to make a Christmas CD in school
- 29th Non-Uniform Day - bottles for the tombola stall
- 30th Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am
- 30th Key Stage 2 to The Belgrade Theatre to see Cinderella (all KS2 children must have a disposable packed lunch)

December

- 2nd Christmas Bazaar 12pm-3pm
- 5th Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm
- 7th Mass - Y3 (Y4) 9:15am
- 7th Confessions for Year 4 to Year 6 after mass
- 7th Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations (By 3:45pm)
- 8th School singing at The Willows Nursing Home
- 9th Manchester Carols (tickets now on sale at the office. A child performing must be accompanied by a parent and purchase a ticket).
- 11th Youth for Christ Assembly
- 12th 2pm Foundation/Key Stage 1 Production
- 13th 2pm Foundation/Key Stage 1 Production
- 14th Mass - Foundation Stage/Y1/Y2 9:15am
- 14th Reception/Year 1 trip to see Santa at Hatton Country World
- 15th Y6 trip to London
- 18th Grandparents' Afternoon 1:45pm (Tickets only. Places are strictly for grandparents only. No entry for parents or others permitted)
- 19th Year 2 Trip to Thomas Land at Drayton Manor
- 20th School Christmas Meal
- 21st Whole School Mass 9:15 led by staff
- Friday 22nd Carol Service & Presentation 9:30am (in Church)
- 22nd Last day of Term.

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2018