

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmastide and that 2018 is very special for you too.

Thank you to everyone and happy 2018

Thank you once again for all your kindness at Christmas. All the staff want to join with me in saying how grateful we are for all your gifts, cards and best wishes. I never tire of telling people what a special school St Martin's is and that is because of all our parents, children and staff. Thank you for everything and I wish everyone a very successful 2018.



Preparations for Sacraments



Our Year 3 children will start their Sacramental programme this January. It is vital that we have proof of Baptism. If you have not yet had your child baptised please speak to Fr Ravi or to Helen Bailey after any 9.00am Sunday Mass and they will help you to make the necessary arrangements.

The first meeting for parents is on Wednesday 24th January at 6pm. At the meeting we will outline the full programme and how you can support your child at this very important moment in their faith journey. Please keep all the children in your thoughts and prayers.

Friends of St Martin's Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much to our Christmas Fair. The Friends of St Martin's did a tremendous job in co-ordinating everything. With all your help and support the Friends, together with the Parish raised over **£1750**. Thank you to everyone.



Donation for Halton Haven

Thank you too for the contribution from the Infants Nativity for Halton Haven you raised **£181.25**. Well done everyone.

Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1



Starting Thursday 11th January we will be hosting a Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1 parents. This will be a fun activity, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and you will learn how to support your child with their English. If you are interested please see Mrs Carney, Ms Carter or

myself and sign up.

School Mass for the Epiphany

Our celebration for the Epiphany has had to be put back a week to next Wednesday 17th January 9.15am. It would be wonderful if you could join us to celebrate this special occasion at the start of the New Year.



After School Club

Our After School Club continues to go from strength to strength. If you wish to use the facility you need to contact Karen Hughes on 07757840673. Infant children will be collected from Class and Juniors can make their own way there. The cost per session is £1.50 and children must be collected before 4.30pm. They have a great time there.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues its great work. It is open from 7.30am - 8.45am and only costs £2 per child which is great value including their breakfast. Please note the children are not allowed into the school or onto the playground before 8.45am as there is no supervision.

If your child arrives at school earlier than this, then they need to go to the Breakfast Club.



Half term holiday

We are only just back after Christmas and I am already telling you about the next holiday! We break up for half term on Friday 9th February at normal time and return to school on Monday 19th February.



Halton Primary Arts Network - Our Family

Once again we are taking part in the Halton Primary Arts Network this year. The theme this year is 'Our Family'. This will include having the children's artwork displayed during February in Town Square, Runcorn Shopping City and a performance at The Brindley on Monday 26th February at 7.00pm. You will receive more information in the next few weeks, especially if your child is to be involved in the performance.



Reception to Year 5 Parents Evening



On Wednesday 28th March we will be holding our Reception to Y5 Parents Evening. Please note that we will be doing Y6 in July as we have over the past few years. On the Wednesday school will close early at 2.30pm and the Parents Evening will start at 3.00pm. I will send out booking forms and more details after half term. Y6

Parents' Evening details will come sometime after the Easter holidays.

Friends of St Martin's Children's Films and Cash Bingo Night

On Friday 19th January the Friends of St Martin's are holding a Children's Films and Cash Bingo Night from 6.30-8.00pm. I will send further information in the next few days. Please come along and join in the fun.



Children's Masses

Over the rest of the year we will be holding a series of Children's Masses on Sunday mornings at 9.00am. Please do try to come and join in with us and the rest of the parish community. They would love to welcome you all. Stay and have a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards too.

Diary Dates

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| Thursday 11 th January | Help your child with English | 9.00am |
| Wednesday 17 th January | Epiphany School Mass | 9.15am |
| Friday 19 th January | Children's Film and Cash Bingo | 6.30~8.00pm |
| Wednesday 24 th January | Parents' Sacramental meeting | 6.00pm |
| Sunday 4 th February | Mass of Enrolment | 9.00am |
| Friday 9 th February | Half term holiday | 3.15pm |
| Monday 19 th February | Children return | 9.00am |
| Monday 26 th February | Performance at The Brindley | 7.00~8.00pm |
| Sunday 4 th March | Children's Mass | 9.00am |
| Monday 19 th March ~ Wednesday 21 st March | Y5 trip to Robinwood | 9.00am |
| Saturday 24 th March | First Forgiveness Service | 10.00am |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Holy Week Mass | 9.15am |
| | Early Closing | 2.30pm |
| | YR - Y5 Parents' Evening | 3.00~6.30pm |
| Thursday 29 th March | Easter holiday - Early closing | 2.30pm |
| Monday 16 th April | Children return | 9.00am |

I have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the rest of the term, some could be subject to change but I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

Many thanks for your continued help and support. Please do not forget that if you have any problems, worries or ideas to contact me.

May God bless us all,
Yours sincerely,

Mr P D Hallman
Headteacher

If your child's contact details have changed please complete and return the slip below

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

New details:

Phone: _____

Address: _____