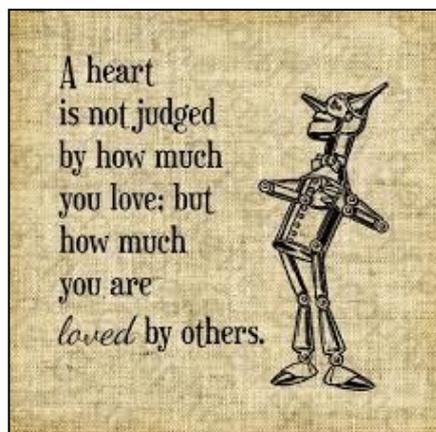


St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

July 2018 Newsletter

We are now into the final few weeks and it seems the weather is going to continue to be good for us all. Once again thanks for all your help and support in making St Martin's the special place it is.

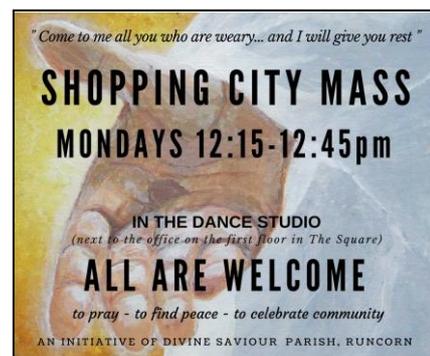


School Production - 'The Rocky Road ~ There's no place Like St Martin's'

The final touches are being put into our next school production - The Rocky Road ~ There's no place like St Martin's. The performances will be on Wednesday 11th July at 2.00pm and 6.30pm and Thursday 12th July at 6.30pm. Each child will be allocated one ticket for each performance and it will be up to parents to exchange them for the performances that they wish to come to. Hopefully you have now all ordered your tickets and you should be receiving them in the next couple of days.

Shopping City Mass

Fr Ravi has introduced a very special new initiative, Mass at Runcorn Shopping City. It is being held Every Monday Lunchtime at 12.15pm. This is an opportunity for anyone visiting Shopping City on this day to take part in a daily Mass. If you work in the City or are just visiting please go along and join the congregation. There are still over 70 people going every week and they would welcome you all there.



Sports Day



This year we are going to hold Sports Day on Tuesday 17th July at 1pm. The whole school sports will be held that afternoon. Races will alternate between the Infants and Juniors. Cakes, teas, coffees, soft drinks, Ice pops, hot dogs will be available during the afternoon. We will hold a non-uniform day on Monday 16th July for cakes. Please note there will be no After School Club after Sports Day - we will all be clearing up!

Stop Loan Sharks ~ ring 0300 555 2222

You should all be aware that the children have been working with Cheshire Police to Stop Loan Sharks. We are aware that they are operating within our local area, if you hear of anything please contact 0300 555 2222. Congratulations to Jessica Francis for designing the poster on display outside school. If you visit Halton Library over the summer you will be able to see the many other fantastic entries into the design a Stop Loan Sharks poster. Well done everyone.





Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues its great work. Unfortunately due to rising costs we are going to have to increase the price from £2 per child to £2.50 from the start of the Summer term. This is still 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.

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 also going to have to rise to £2.00 per child and children must be collected before 4.30pm. This is still tremendous value and the children have a great time there.



Mission Together boxes



Thank you to everyone for your tremendous generosity towards this very important charity. Together all the children have raised £420 which is a wonderful total. This compares incredibly well when considering that a total of just over £9000 has been raised from the other schools across Shrewsbury Diocese. Once again you have all demonstrated how much you care for all those who are not as fortunate as yourselves. Thank you.

Easy fundraising - nearly £1000!

Easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for St Martin's Catholic Primary School. We have now raised £994.24 and have 52 supporters and would like to thank each of you. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a

percentage of what you spend is passed to St Martin's at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinsruncorn/>



Tiny Steps Leavers' Assembly

Tiny Steps will be holding their Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 19th July at 9.30am. You are all welcome to attend and to see your child 'graduate' from Tiny Steps and be ready to start at school in September.



Games consoles – parental guides

Halton Safeguarding Children's Board have issued school with a range of parental guides for a series of Games consoles. These are available for Apple, Nintendo Switch, WiiU, Xbox family, Xbox 360, Xbox one, Nintendo 3DS and PlayStation. I am sure you



will understand that we cannot print and send all of these out to all parents. If you wish to receive a copy of any one of these please come into the Office to request it.



School Meals – School Gateway Account

Many thanks to you all for keeping up to date with your child's School Gateway Accounts. Please note that we are not allowed to give a child anything more than a sandwich and a drink if your child's account is overdrawn. We are not happy to do this but we do not have a choice in this matter. It is vitally important that you ensure that your child's account is always in credit so as not to put them, or the staff here, in an embarrassing situation – this is your responsibility!

Summer holidays – Early closing

The countdown is now on to the Summer holidays. I hope you have all got special events planned whether they are at home or elsewhere. We break up on Friday 20th July at 2.30pm. I wish everyone a wonderful time.



End of Year events

We have a number of very special events during the last few weeks for our Year 6 children as they prepare to leave. The whole class are going for a visit to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 9th July. On the same day our Year 5 children are going for a trip on The Danny, a tug boat that used to be stationed here in Runcorn.



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

On Wednesday 18th July 9.15am our Year 6 children will be leading a school Mass to celebrate all they have achieved throughout their time here at St Martin's. It would be wonderful if as many of you as possible could join us for this wonderful celebration.

Year 6 Leavers' and Awards Assembly

On Friday 20th July 10.00am Year 6 will be holding their Leavers' Assembly. After the assembly we will be distributing a wide range of awards including Stars of the Year, Kerry Farnan Arts Awards and the Chris Rhodes Award. Please come and join us if you can for this special occasion.



Going Swimming - parental helpers

As you know all the Juniors take part in weekly swimming lessons. There are very few schools that send all their Juniors every week, in fact most children only get the opportunity once



during their time in the Juniors. There is a significant cost to the school to maintain this and so we do need your continued support. The £1 donation each week only covers part of the cost and it is very difficult to manage when a number of children

from any class do not attend. We are also always in need of additional parent helpers to walk the children to the Baths. If you can help even on an irregular basis please let me or your child's teacher know.

Diary Dates

Monday 9 th July	All day	Year 6 trip to Parliament
		Year 5 trip to The Danny
Wednesday 11 th July	2.00pm	} School production
	6.30pm	} The Rocky Road ~
Thursday 12 th July	6.30pm	} There's no place like St Martin's
Monday 16 th July	All day	Non-uniform Day for Cakes
Tuesday 17 th July	1.00pm	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	9.15am	End of Year Mass
Thursday 19 th July	9.30am	Tiny Steps Leavers' Assembly
Friday 20 th July	10.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
	2.30pm	Early closing - Summer holidays
Tuesday 4 th September	9.00am	Autumn term begins

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: _____