

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

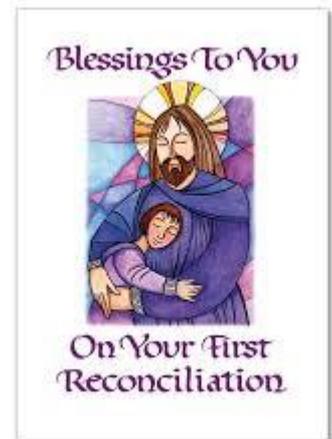
March 2018 Newsletter

We are now into March and it will soon be Easter, I hope the term is going well for all of you. Once again thanks for all your help and support in making St Martin's the special place it is.

First Forgiveness

Our Year 3 children will be making their First Forgiveness on Saturday 24th March at 10.00am. This is a very special occasion and everyone is invited to come and join in and there will be time for individual confession at the end of the service.

Please keep all the children and their families at this special time in their Faith Journey.



Halton Primary Arts Network - One Family



Congratulations to all the children who performed so well at the Brindley at the end of last month. The children of St Martin's once again displayed the tremendous talent they have. The drama and dance performances were first class. Well done too to all the children who had art work on display at Runcorn Shopping City. The display was vibrant and a great showcase for all the many talents here at St Martin's. Thanks too to all the staff who enable

the children to achieve these very high standards.

Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1

Thanks so much to the parents who took part in the Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1 last month. This month we are offering a Help your Child with Maths for Y1 and Y2 parents. There will be two sessions both on a Thursday morning 9am to midday on 15th and 22nd March. If you want further information please see Mrs Carney or come to the Office.



Reception to Year 5 Parents' Evening



On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March we will be holding our Reception to Y5 Parents' Evenings. 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.

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.

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. The next one is Sunday 4th March 9.00am - this coming Sunday. Hopefully I will see many of you there.





Fancy Dress and Book Fair

To celebrate our Book Fair we will be holding a Fancy Dress on Friday 23rd March. We would like the children to dress as any character from any book. The charge will be £1 for dressing up and all the proceeds will go to the Good Shepherd Fund, Caritas which works for children in Shrewsbury Diocese.

Helping your child to be fit and ready to learn in school

Many parents ask us how they can help their child to be best ready to learn. We would advise making sure they get a good night's sleep. Infants in bed by 7.00/7.30pm and older Juniors by 8.00/8.30pm. Make sure they calm down, talking to them or reading a story once they are in bed for five to ten minutes. Limit the amount of time they access the internet on phones, tablet computers or PCs and know what they are accessing as it could well be very inappropriate. Have everything ready for school the night before to avoid forgetting book bags/lunch boxes/equipment/kits in the morning.



Easter holiday

We break up for Easter holiday on Thursday 29th March at 2.30pm and return to school on Monday 16th April.

Easy fundraising

Easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for St Martin's Catholic

Primary School. We have now raised £970.66 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, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today -

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



Diary Dates

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| Sunday 4 th March | Children's Mass | 9.00am |
| Monday 19 th March | Y5 trip to Robinwood | 9.00am |
| ~ Wednesday 21 st March | | |
| Friday 23 rd March | Fancy Dress - Book characters | |
| Friday 23 rd March | Family Beetle Drive | 6.30pm |
| Saturday 24 th March | First Forgiveness Service | 10.00am |
| Tuesday 27 th March | Parents' Evening | 3.30pm |
| 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: _____

