

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

February 2018 Newsletter

It is February already and half term holiday is almost upon us. Once again thanks for all your help and support in making St Martin's the special place it is.

Preparations for Sacraments

Our Year 3 children will start their Sacramental programme this Sunday, 4th February with their Mass of Enrolment. It would be wonderful if as many children from throughout the school could come and support the children at 9.00am Sunday 4th February.

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



Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1



Thanks so much to the parents who have taken part in the Family Learning opportunity for Reception and Year 1 over the past few weeks. It has been a fun activity and parents that I have spoken to have also asked for further opportunities for children if different year groups. We are actively looking into other activities so

keep watching this space for further information.

Halton Primary Arts Network - One Family

Once again we are taking part in the Halton Primary Arts Network this year. The theme this year is 'One Family'. This will include having the children's artwork displayed from Monday 5th February in Town Square, Runcorn Shopping City and a performance at The Brindley on Monday 26th February at 7.00pm. Children from

Year 3 will be performing a short drama whilst children from Years 5 and 6 will be doing a short dance routine. The children have been very busy rehearsing. Tickets are now on sale from The Brindley.



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.



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.



School photographer

Next Wednesday 7th February, the Tempest photographer will be visiting school to take class photographs. Please ensure the children look as wonderful as they always do!



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.

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.



Easy fundraising

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

Primary School. We have now raised £961.16 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.

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Diary Dates

Sunday 4 th February	Mass of Enrolment	9.00am
Monday 5 th February	Arts display at Runcorn Shopping City	
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	Y5 trip to Robinwood	9.00am
~ Wednesday 21 st March		
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: _____