

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

April 2018 Newsletter

We are now into the Summer term and hopefully the weather is going 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.

Happy (early) retirement to Mrs Stanley



At the end of last term we said happy retirement to Mrs Stanley who has worked here at St Martin's for over 30 years. She has taught to such a high standard for so many years and I know many of you will want to say thank you and goodbye. We had to change the date due to her illness at the end of last term but she is now well enough to be able to come and join us to celebrate all her work. We will be celebrating all she has done for St Martin's with a School Mass on Wednesday 9th May at 9.15am. Please come along if you can to wish her well in her (early) retirement.

Goodbye to Mrs Slonecki

At the end of last term we have also had to say goodbye to Mrs Slonecki. She has worked so hard here at St Martin's and has also been studying to become a teacher. She qualified at Christmas and has now taken on her first teaching post at Beechwood Primary School. We wish her every success for her future career and thank her for her tremendous work whilst she was here at St Martin's.

Goodbye & good luck



First Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th June at 10.00am and 12 noon. There is another Parents' and Catechists' meeting on Wednesday 9th May at 6.00pm when parents can make arrangements for which Mas they wish to attend.

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



School budgets and Diocesan Building Fund

As you are aware school budgets are very stretched up to now we have been able to ensure that this has not affected St Martin's. Unfortunately we are now feeling the squeeze. This year, for the first time as a Headteacher (27 years) I have had to carry forward a deficit from one financial year to the next. Next year we will not be able to offer the same subsidies for residential trips and for the many additional activities we offer in school such as music tuition and theatre productions. We will also need to ask you all to support the Diocesan Building Fund which school has covered for a number of years. This means we will have to raise over £3000 next academic year just to cover this. We all appreciate the tremendous support you continue to give us and we will ensure that there will be virtually no impact on the children.



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.



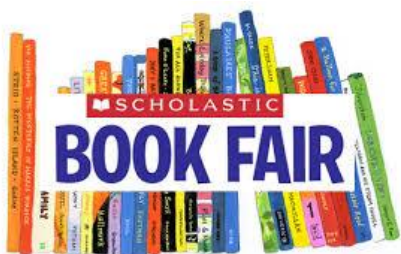
After School Club

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 13th May 9.00am. Hopefully I will see many of you there.



Book Fair

Many thanks to all of you who supported the Book Fair we held before Easter. We sold £750 of book and were able to select a whole series of books to supplement our school libraries as a result, thanks once again.

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.

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinsru.com/>



Year 3 and Year 4 residential trips to Llandudno and Ironbridge

The Y3 children are going on their trip to Llandudno next week. Next month Year 4 will be visiting Ironbridge, which is the Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. These trips give the children wonderful opportunities and we really appreciate



Year 4 Jumble Sale

To help to reduce the cost of Year 4's trip to Ironbridge they are holding a Jumble Sale on 1st May. They would be grateful for any donations. Many thanks for your support.

SATs and tests within school

During the month of May the children will be taking a series of tests. Year 6 pupils have been very busy preparing for their SATs, week beginning 14th May. It is vitally important that all children are given every opportunity to do their very best and so full attendance is vital.

Year 2 children will be doing assessments and tests and in other year groups will also be completing internal tests from May onwards. Please help us to enable the children to achieve their own potential. Thank you for your help and support in this matter as well as in every other matter. We are very blessed with you as our parents!



Sports Day and Summer Fair

This year we are going to hold Sports Day and Summer Fair on Tuesday 17th July at 1pm. The whole school will be held that afternoon. Races will alternate between the Infants and Juniors. The Fair will be held throughout and until 4pm in the afternoon. We will hold a non-uniform day on Monday 16th July for cakes for the Fair.



School production and Dance Club

This term the children throughout the school will be preparing for our production of Wizard of Oz which will be held in July. To prepare for this and for their enjoyment and skill development, Miss Rowe will be holding a Dance Club on Friday afternoons 3.15-4.00pm. At parents suggestion we are going to charge £2 per week for the Dance Club and all of this will be used to provide lights and equipment for the performance itself. It will be offered initially to Years 5 and 6 but if all the 30 places are not taken it will be available to years below.



Year 6 Parents' meetings

Mr McNulty will be holding his Parents' meetings on Monday 2nd July and Tuesday 3rd July. Booking details will be available towards the end of June.

PARENTS EVENING
COMING SOON!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 th May	9.30am	Year 3 trip to Llandudno
Monday 7 th May	All day	Bank holiday
Wednesday 9 th May	9.15am	School Mass - Goodbye Mrs Stanley
	6.00pm	Parents' and Catechists' meeting
Sunday 13 th May	9.00am	Children's Mass
Monday 14 th May	All week	Year 6 SATs tests
Wednesday 23 rd May	9.30am	Year 4 trip to Ironbridge
Friday 25 th May	3.15pm	Half term holiday
Tuesday 5 th June	9.00am	Children return
Saturday 9 th June	10 & 12	First Holy Communion
Monday 11 th June	All week	Year 1 Phonics screening week
Wednesday 20 th June	9.30am	First Holy Communion celebration
Sunday 24 th June	2.00pm	FHC Procession and Mass
Monday 2 nd July	All day	Year 6 parents' meetings
Tuesday 3 rd July	All day	Year 6 parents' meetings
Wednesday 11 th July	2.00pm and 6.30pm	School production - Wizard of Oz
Thursday 12 th July	6.30pm	School production - Wizard of Oz
Monday 16 th July	All day	Non-uniform Day for Cakes
Tuesday 17 th July	1.00pm	Sports Day and Summer Fair
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

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: _____