

# St. Martin's Catholic Primary School

## February 2019 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 started their Sacramental programme last Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February with their Mass of Enrolment. Thank you to all of you who came and made this such a special celebration. Please keep all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this special time in their Faith Journey.



### Karen's Path opening

Thank you to everyone who came to join us all on Friday afternoon as we opened Karen's Path. It was great to see so many of you here with Karen's family and friends and all the school community. I know that Kevin and the girls really appreciated all your support and effort. The path will now be open for the children to wander around at playtimes and dinner times and I am sure they will get a great deal from this and they will often remember Karen and all the others who have since died but who have given so much to our very special school.

### Halton Primary Arts Network – Imagine a World of Wonder

Once again we are taking part in the Halton Primary Arts Network this year. The theme this year is 'Imagine a World of Wonder'. The children's artwork will be displayed from today, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February in Town Square, Runcorn Shopping City. The displays from across the Primary Schools in the Runcorn and Widnes area have always been of the highest quality and are well worth you spending some time having a good look at.



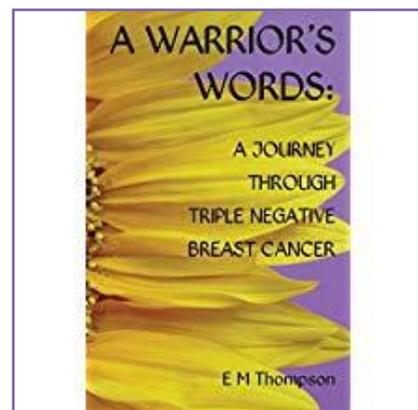
### Runcorn Schools' Gotta Dance

Our Dance Club, run by Miss Rowe and Mrs Grindrod will be taking part in Runcorn Schools' Gotta Dance on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. I am certain they will be fantastic. Make sure you get your tickets before they run out.

## A Warrior's Words – A Journey through Triple Negative Cancer

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Edwina Thompson the author 'A Warrior's Words' is coming in on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm** to read extracts from her book whilst we have a Coffee afternoon. The book has been described as 'Raw, authentic and uplifting'- one of the many heartfelt reviews of Edwina's poetry and words. 'A Warrior's Words' is a celebration of life in honour of a friend.

Inspired by her fellow cancer warriors, Edwina charts their journeys through diary, blogging and poetry: capturing their feelings and experiences with humour, honesty and sensitivity. These are REAL women, real triumphs and devastatingly real tragedies.



Please join us if you can for this special event.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our **Breakfast Club** continues its great work. It is open from **7.30am – 8.45am** and only costs **£2.50 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.



Our **After School Club** continues to go from strength to strength. If you wish to use the facility you need to contact **Laura on 07757840673**. Infant children will be collected from Class and Juniors can make their own way there. The cost per session is **£2** and children must be collected before **4.30pm**. They have a great time there.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> February** at normal time and return to school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.



## School photographer

This **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our Reception to Y5 Parents' Evenings.



We will also have additional appointments for Years 1, 4 and 5 on Thursday evening from 3.30pm onwards. 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 £1,093.87 and have over 50 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/stmartinsruncom/>

### Years 5 and 6 trip to Edinburgh

Our Years 5 and 6 pupils' trip to Edinburgh is almost upon us. The children will be going straight after February half term, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019. The children MUST be in school for 8.00am as the bus will be leaving promptly at 8.30am. All medical forms MUST have been completed and handed in for the children to be able to go on the trip.



### Diary Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Arts display at Runcorn Shopping City	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photographer - Class photos only	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Closing	2.30pm
	YR to Y5 Parents' Evening	3.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday	3.15pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return	9.00am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Years 5 and 6 trip to Edinburgh	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Parents' Sacramental meeting	6.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Book launch Coffee afternoon	2.30pm
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Children's Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass	9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Runcorn Schools' Gotta Dance	7.00pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	First Forgiveness Service	10.00am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 Llandudno Parents' meeting	6.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 trip to Llandudno	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring holiday - Early closing	2.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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

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If your child's contact details have changed please complete and return the slip below  
Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### New details:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

