** English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

 **12th May 2017**

**Year 6 SATs –** Well done to Year 6 for working so hard this week in their SATs! The whole school is exceptionally proud of their determination and effort. It was heart warming to see the friendship and support that the children provided to each other.

Thank you to teachers, support staff, parents and children who helped us during this week too and for those who helped at breakfast club, gave inspiration on pre-exam debrief and made the children feel relaxed and un-stressed.



**Year 2 SATs**- All pupils in Year 2 have been working really hard to prepare for their SATs which take place during May. All the Year 2 team want to say a big well done for everyone's hard work and we are looking forward to celebrating at the end of the half term.

**Nursery Open Day** – We are delighted to host an open day event on 18th May 2017 from 10.15am – 12.00pm for perspective new parents to come our wonderful nursery and meet our Early Years teachers. If you know of any parents that are looking for a placement for their child to begin Nursery in September then please extend the invitation to them. All are welcome.

**Pupil Collection –** Safeguarding is something we take very seriously. All parents **must** complete a form indicating who has permission to collect your child. Pupils will not be allowed to be collected not noted on this form and known to the school.

**Summer Fete 2017** – We will be hosting our annual summer fete on 14th July. This event enables the pupils, staff and parents to get together and enjoy the afternoon activities. It promises to be a fun packed afternoon. Thank you to parents that attended the planning committee meeting on Thursday 11th May, we really appreciate your help and support.

**School Promotional Video** – Please visit our home page on the website to view our amazing new video. The children are thrilled to be on the video, in addition to the main video, there is also footage from the visit by Mr Neil Coyle, so have a look; your child may be on there too.

**School Staff Vacancy – Premises Officer** – After nearly 30 years of dedicated service from Mr Casey he has announced he will be retiring in August 2017, we are very saddened by this announcement and wish him well. Therefore, a vacancy for a Premises Manager has arisen; please see our website, Our School page and Vacancies for more information.

**Year 6 Bikeability** – Year 6 will be participating in Bikeability training in June, provided by Southwark. This is a great opportunity for pupils to learn the basic skills of bike maintenance and safety training whilst using their bikes around our busy community. It is very popular with pupils and we welcome back two specialised trainees to help deliver the training.

Southwark Splash - Year 6 are participating in Southwark Splash! A creative arts project, which is done every year. They start rehearsals next week, and it ends in a spectacular performance at the Royal Festival Hall on Monday, 3rd July. We are participating with nearly 600 children across the borough. We are very enthusiastic, and eager to learn the songs. Details about the performance and tickets will be sent out shortly



Fidget Spinners – This seems to be the latest craze amongst children. Please note that children are **NOT ALLOWED** to bring them into school and if caught they will be confiscated.

Thank you to parents from Years 3, 4 & 5 that attended the safeguarding meeting with Ms Akpojotor, your contributions and support are very much appreciated.

School Uniform – A reminder that plain navy or black coats are part of the school uniform standards, not bright coloured coats, also trainers are not allowed as school shoes and small studs are acceptable, many children are wearing hooped earrings.

**Parent Workshop** – Do you need help to find a job? Completing application forms and interview skills workshop for parents – Thursday 29th June 9.00am – 11.30 ICT Suite, if you are interested in looking for work and need some help to get started this session is for you. 15 places available- please register your interest at the school office.

**R.E. May is the month of Mary**

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world

***Pope Frances Quote***

***“Jesus tells us not to hold back these little miracles. Instead, he wants us to encourage them, to spread them. He asks us to go through life, our everyday life, encouraging all these little signs of love as signs of his own living and active presence in our world.”***

***“So we might ask ourselves, how are we trying to live this way in our homes, in our societies? What kind of world do we want to leave to our children? “***

**Wishing you all a safe weekend, remember to read with your child and support them with their learning.**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Appah**