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 **English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

**30th June 2017**

**Own Clothes Day for pupils 7th July – Cost per pupil £1.00**

**Suitable own clothes – No light strappy tops, short skirts-must be knee length, flat suitable shoes**

**Change of Inset Date from 10th to 14th July**

**School is now open on 10th July**

**Summer Fete -** The school **WILL BE CLOSED** to all pupils on 14th July. The fete will begin between 1.00pm -3.00pm. We really hope that you can all attend this lovely afternoon event; we have always had a wonderful time seeing parents and children enjoying themselves socially.

**What’s in store?**

* Face and Nail Painting
* Hot Food, Hot dogs
* Melon, ice pops, delicious cakes and biscuits made by our expert kitchen staff
* Name the station/football player/name the bear/guess how many sweets / guess the weight of the cake and more (some with a £5.00 cash prize for the winner)
* Lucky Dip, Plants, Tombola & Bric a Brac , Bouncy Castle
* School Disco (Parent volunteer to be school D.J)
* Orchestra and Choir performance
* Raffle prizes
* Fire Engine from our local Fire Brigade, Local Community police officer

Come and enjoy the fun, it will be a great community event.

**Donations** – If parent/carers would be so kind as to donate to our fete it will be very much appreciated, unopened bottles, items for bric a brac, tombola, food items (tinned goods, pasta non perishable items). We are not able to accept clothes.

**Last day of summer term -** School will close for the end of year on 21st July 2017, please note that Nursery PM Children will finish on 20th July

* If your child attends full time Nursery, they need to be collected at 1 P.M.
* KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) they need to be collected at 1 P.M.
* KS2 children (Years 3-5) they need to be collected at 1.15 P.M.
* Year 6’s last day of term is 20th July 2017, following mass.

Please note that we will NOT have staff available to look after your children if they are not collected on time, accordingly, please make appropriate arrangements.

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**Year 6 Graduation Assembly** - Parents of pupils in year 6 are invited to attend their child’s last assembly, this is always a very special and emotional assembly and the pupils work hard on their Good Byes to pupils and staff, sharing some of their fondest memories.  Class 6M 18th July and Class 6T 19th July from 2.15pm. They will have a leavers mass on 20th July.

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**Art Exhibition-** Pupils invited parent/carers to their first art exhibition on 27th June, all the art work produced had been specially framed and on display, parent/carers were given the opportunity to purchase a one off special art work, all pieces were very impressive and pupils worked very hard. It was lovely to see so many parent/carers attending this event.

Parents can still buy their children's artwork. The payment is £8:00 - deadline for payment is the 5th July 12.00pm. Payments in cash ONLY. We do accept cheques.

**Sports Day** – All pupils this week took part in their sports day with Year 1 and 2 kicking off this event. The sun went into hiding for them but they all had a great time, pupils had been practicing their long jumps, running skills etc in their P.E. lessons. Thank you to parents that attended, it is always a fun packed morning. Photos will be available to view on our website shortly so do visit to have a look.

**MindUp parent workshop** – Thank you to those that attended the parent workshop, the workshop provided parents with new techniques to help better cope with and manage the challenges of work/life stress, and help parents build healthy relationships between siblings and the community.

Lost Property – Please check the lost property box in both buildings. There are still many items left uncollected.

**2017 – 2018 Term/Holiday dates** – The new dates for September 2017 – July 2018 are available to view on our website, copies are available from the school office.

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World Communication Day – The Catholic Church celebrated World Communication day recently. Communication is very important in all aspects of everyday life and we in English Martyrs’ hold this as one of our core values. We would like to share a special prayer with you all.

World Communication Day Prayer

***O God,***

***Whose word is truth***

***and in whose light we see light,***

***guide those who tell the story***

***Of our times through word and image.***

***Make them seekers after truth***

***And advocates of human dignity.***

***Grant discernment to all***

***who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain***

***and promise of this world,***

***awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence***

***and of longing for your peace.***

***Through Christ Our Lord***

***Amen***

God bless wishing you all a safe and joyful weekend

Mrs Appah