English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7th October 2016

Month of the Rosary

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and the entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The feast of the Rosary is held in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary. The Rosary is being held for children in both school buildings each morning before class.

International Week – 17th -21st October 2016 –The school will be taking part in International week, lots of exciting class based activities to celebrate and learn more about others cultures and traditions have been planned. **The children are welcome to wear their traditional clothing on 20th October at a £1.00 cost to the school office. Parents are invited to attend a cultural evening on 20th from 3.30pm – 5pm** and please bring along some food that represents your culture to share. The event will be held in building 2 playground. Please note parents will be responsible for their own children; children can only attend the event if accompanied by a parent. There will be no supervision for children available from staff. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with lots of delicious food.

We are asking for any talented parents who would like to participate in an activity or workshop with children during International week, for example drumming, singing, traditional dance or traditional tales story telling. If you are free and would like to take part, please speak to the school office.

Parents Termly Learning Evening – Parents will meet with their child's teachers from **3,15pm-6.15pm on 8th and 15th** November to discuss their child's learning and targets for this term. Appointment timetables will be issued shortly, please ensure you make an appointment, teachers will not be available to meet during the school day.

Late Collections Policy – Thank you to parents for picking up children on time. Teachers have to attend meetings and plan after school and are not available to look after children at the end of the school day. Parents persistently late in collecting their child after school will need to meet with either the Deputy Head or Head Teacher to discuss. A copy of our policy can be viewed on the school website or requested from the school office.

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Our school will be presented with the Silver Award for the school travel plan on 12th October. The Head Boy and Head Girl from year 6 and two staff members will attend the ceremony to accept the award on behalf of the whole school, well done to all the pupils for their part in achieving this award, we are now working on achieving the Gold award.

Fire Safety workshop - Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by a fire safety officer to talk to them about the importance of fire safety, and what to do in case of a fire. The children really enjoyed finding out lots of information and have all gone home to ask their parents to check the smoke detectors!

School packed Lunches – If you would like your child to be on packed lunches please inform the school office of this change. We ask that your child remain on packed lunch for the half term, not to decide one-day school dinners and the next day packed lunch.

Year 6 Residential – The staff and pupils had a very busy few days, taking part in many physical activities, there are photos on our school website gallery page to view.

Secondary School Transfer Deadline - The deadline for applying to secondary school in Southwark is fast approaching – 31st October 2016. Please remember that you need to submit your online applications before this date. Should you wish for your child to attend a faith school you will need to get a supplementary form directly from the faith school and submit it by Friday, the 21st October 2016. You will also need to allow time for the priest to sign your supplementary form.

If you need, any assistance please speak to Ms Mintram or Mr Young and they will be more than happy to assist.

Y6 Class Assembly - Y6 parents are invited to their child's class assembly on Friday 14th October at 2:30pm. The children are looking forward to sharing with you what they have been learning in class as well as some of their highlights from school journey. We hope you will make every effort to attend and look forward to seeing you.

2J Class Assembly – *A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported their children. 2J were fantastic in remembering their lines and in their singing. Everyone who came said they really enjoyed it.*

Nursery and Reception Phonics workshop – Parents were invited to attend a morning workshop to help support their child's phonics. Thank you to all that attended. If you were unable to attend, please speak to Mrs Russell or Ms Bentaleb, so you can receive your phonics pack.

Half Term Holiday Dates
School will be closed for Half Term
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October.
Pupils return to school Monday 31st October

Congratulations to the classes below for achieving 100% Attendance and Punctuality

Reception P	Mr Longley	100%
1L	Ms Rossi	100%
5T	Ms Thompson	100%
6M	Mrs Hughes	100%

Keep it up!
Let's make sure all classes reach 100%

Wishing you all a happy, safe and enjoyable weekend.

It is starting to get darker earlier in the evenings, so please remember to take care and be safe

Best wishes and God Bless
Mrs Appah
Head Teacher