**English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

 **8th January 2016**

**Welcome Back**

**Welcome back to the New School Year. We wish you all a very happy, healthy and Holy 2016.**

**Thank you to all the Parents/Carers and Pupils for all the wonderful thoughtful cards and gifts that were received. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are all ready to enjoy the New Year.**

**Maths Parents Workshops**

All parents are invited to attend a maths workshop on Tuesday 12th January.

**KS1 workshop at 3.00pm**

**KS2 workshop at 3.15pm**

We hope to see you there. This will be very helpful in supporting your child’s learning at home.

**Year 6 Residential Trip - 20th – 22nd January 2016**

Children are excited about their forthcoming school journey. The children will be visiting Grosvenor Hall in Ashford, this week they learnt that they will be undertaking the following activities.

**Outdoor Climb Indoor Laser Aeroball Archery Aerial Runway 3G Swing Abseiling Team Challenges Campfire School disco**

**Updates and information will be posted regularly on our school website, please make sure you visit to see how the children are getting on.**

**The NSPCC** will be in school on 2nd February to do a school assembly with Years 5 & 6 as well as some classroom workshops on how to keep children safe on 9th February.



**Our thoughts and prayers are with a very special member of our school team this week. Ms Mary, our mid day lunch supervisor whom was badly injured over the holidays in a road incident. Ms Mary is recovering well. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery and we hope to see her very soon.**

**God Bless Ms Mary.**



**Our English Martyrs’Community say a very sad farewell to an ex member of staff and his wife this week, Harry Arpino was our school lollipop man for many many years and was very well known by all the community. Our Choir members were invited to sing at their requiem mass to show their respect.**

**God bless his family at this sad time.**

**We Need You.** We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

\* An interest in the performance of the school. \* A desire to contribute to and represent the community.

\* An open and enquiring mind \* The ability to look at issues objectively

\*The confidence to ask questions and join in debate. \* A willingness to listen and make informed judgements

\*The ability to work well with others \* Time to spare

**We are responsible for:**

\* Protecting the School's distinctive Catholic character \* Holding the School to account for standards and achievement.

\* Setting the aims and ethos of the school. \* The admission of pupils

\* Monitoring and evaluating the school’s performance

If you are interested, it may be helpful for you to know what is involved. The commitment to the role would involve you in attending meetings and undertaking training. The Governing Body meets once a term. Governors are asked to be on one of the sub- committees. All the meetings take place on a weekday evening; training is freely available through the Local Authority and the Diocese of Southwark. Please contact the Head Teacher if you would like more information.

**Please continue to support your child’s learning at home by logging on to MyMaths regularly as well as listening to your child read each evening and sign their reading book. Thank you for your support.**

**Hope you have a good weekend**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Appah**

**Booster Clubs – Booster classes begin next week. Please make sure that your child attends all the sessions they have been invited to and please collect promptly. After School Clubs also begin next week. Please make sure you collect your child on time.**