



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you're well. I wanted to write to thank you for the work you continue to do to support us. Attendance across the school is hitting and surpassing our targets of 97%, children are coming in motivated to learn and your contributions to Bags2School have been tremendous. The PTFA and I have a meeting on Tuesday where we'll be looking to arrange some activities for us all to get involved in over the remainder of the summer that I know the children and yourselves will enjoy.

Life in school continues to focus on helping the children in the best possible ways with their learning. Forest School is back up and running for children in Year 2, sports fixtures have been played by our Girls' Year 5 and 6 Football Team and we've also returned to Mass and Prayers with Mary each Friday. It's so good to be back doing these things that the children really enjoy and are cornerstones of our place in our community. Over the coming weeks we'll be putting our final touches to the Year 6 Residential at Blacklands Farm (Year 6 Parents, watch your PINGS for details of an Information Evening) and planning some transition afternoons



where classes will move up to their next teachers and Miss. Anscombe welcomes in her new troop of Reception children for next year. Having looked at the calendar, these transition afternoons will be undertaken whilst Year 6 are away; week beginning July 5th. On the note of transition, many thanks to those who helped to promote our school to prospective parents. We look like we'll be full for numbers in Reception next year, which is no small achievement with surplus spaces across the city being a big headache for school leaders and governing bodies alike.

Other developments are well in hand too; this week we met with architects involved in designing our new intervention areas in Year 1 and 2 - hopefully set to be completed during the summer holidays. This is an important aspect of our KS1 provision and will put this area on a par with our learning spaces in KS2. Children will be able to have extra support in a purpose built area, equipped with an interactive whiteboard, to help them revisit areas of learning that need further work.



Our support for those children who are finding learning difficult has continued again this week with both Danny and Penny (our school dogs) on site from Monday to Wednesday. Both of these are really valued members of the team and have played important roles in helping encourage children to school and opportunities for some quiet and fun during the midst of what can be a hectic day. We also held our Numeracy Day on Wednesday which afforded us to see everyone dressed in their own 'numbered' clothes. There were some really creative ideas in evidence during the day and it was brilliant to celebrate our love of maths together.

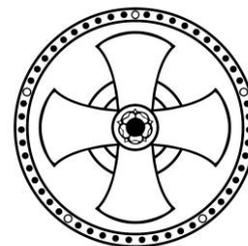


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Another opportunity for us to support our wider community would be through the donation of used uniform. We're working in partnership with a group called 'Smarter Uniforms' who ensure that all parents have access to quality uniform at reduced prices. More details on this will follow next week, but if there are any donations; please bring them in and leave in the bike sheds for us to store.

As I write this, the school seems to be bouncing to the tune of 'Mrs. Washy Woman' being belted out by our Reception class...I'll leave you with this picture of them dancing and singing along; great stuff!

Enjoy your Weekend,
Kind regards,

Headteacher