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Newsletter

Dear Parents

The newsletter is back to usual this week, after last week's break while I was in France with Year Six. The children had a wonderful experience – for many of them the trip from Portsmouth to Caen was their first ever ferry trip and for most it was their first time abroad without their families. The trip was highly educational, taking in the D-Day Landings Beaches, the Bayeux Tapestry and Mont St Michel, as well as lots of opportunities to buy ice creams in French and barter at the markets! Trips like this cannot go ahead without a great deal of planning and preparation, so a huge thank you to Mrs Denmead who co-ordinated the trip and thank you also to all the staff, parents and governors who went along to help. You helped to build life-long memories for our Year 6 children.

Thank you also to all the parents who helped facilitate the KS2 Mass at All Saints today. The children sang beautifully and were made very welcome by the parish.

As the planning and preparation for the new school year is beginning, there will be some changes in staffing from September. Two much-loved members of staff are retiring: Mrs Hanlon and Mr Stoesser. Mrs Hanlon has served the school and our children for 34 years (since 1984) and has known Cardinal Newman School since she was a child. Her dedicated and inspirational teaching will be greatly missed. Mr Stoesser first became involved as a parent and has shared his musical inspiration with all of our children for the past 17 years. We are extremely grateful for all they have both done for Cardinal Newman School and for our very many pupils over the years. We wish them a very long and fun-packed retirement! Miss Louise Spicer, who joined the school last September, will also be leaving us to pursue her own travel plans – we wish her an exciting time teaching overseas and hope she will come back to visit!

New members of staff for September will include class teachers Miss Leah Nolan, Mrs Alice Fleming and Mr David O'Brien as well as Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Margot Kareem. Miss Nolan has been in visiting her new class today and all other classes will meet their new teachers on Tuesday at the transition day as usual. We are looking forward to meeting our new Reception children again and Year Six are very excited about visiting their new secondary schools.

In the year group newsletters for Transition Day, KS2 staff have mentioned the need for simple clear pencil cases from September. This has come about as pencil cases seem to have become bigger, more numerous and more complicated through the years, requiring a great deal of desk space and often distracting children from their learning in school. Teachers would like the children to enjoy these kinds of pencil cases at home but to bring into school just a simple clear plastic pencil case containing the items they need for their learning. These are listed on the newsletters.

Finally – as we look forward to September, please put the date of Thursday 13th September into your diaries. We will hold our "Partners in Learning" evening from 7 – 9pm, when parents can meet their child's new teachers and hear a presentation in their child's classroom about the curriculum and routines for the new year group. Last year, many parents told us how useful they had found it and the evening was very well supported. As last year, a list of times for class presentations will be published separately, but please save the date!

All best wishes, Catherine Burnham

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER HERE—MONDAY 2 JULY

On Monday our photographer will be here to take photographs of school life. We are asking children in Reception to Year 4 to come to school in their winter uniform so they are at their smartest. They may bring their summer uniform to change into for the afternoon.

We are using the photo permissions parents have already given us. If you are unsure what these are or would like to change them, please let the school office know by 8.30am on Monday. Thank you.

DROPPING OFF IN PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL

Please note that children should not be dropped off until 8.30am when a member of staff is on the KS2 playground. Reception and KS1 children should be supervised by a parent until 8.40am. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY—FRIDAY 6 JULY

A reminder of the arrangements for Sports Day next Friday.

Reception and KS1 Sports Day starts at 9.15am. Children should come to school in their PE kit with a jumper/cardigan, black plimsolls (not trainers) and water bottle plus sun hat and sun cream or rain jacket as appropriate. The children will stay in their PE kit for the rest of the day. The event should last about one hour.

KS2 Sports Day starts at 1.15pm and finishes by the end of the school day. Please make sure that your child has their complete PE kit, including white socks, with them on Friday. Parents are very welcome to join us on the field for both events.

There will be parking for both sessions in the school field. It will be open from 8.30am—please use the gate at the end of Arch Road. Please don't park in Arch Road. The reserve day in case of bad weather is Monday 9 July.

RECEPTION CLASSES REQUEST

Children in Reception will be working with different materials next week and would welcome donations of small cardboard boxes (no bigger than cereal boxes), plastic trays etc. Thank you.

ST ERCONWALD SINGERS are leading Mass at 9.15am this Sunday, 1 July. Children are very welcome to join them.

SPORT THIS WEEK

Well done to our Year 5 cricketers who reached the quarter-finals of the tournament at Claygate Cricket Club on Monday.

SUMMER FAIR!

Don't forget to join us on Sunday 12 noon to 3pm.

Bottle Tombola - Jar Tombola - Cardinal Café -

Cardinal Newman's Got Talent - Bouncy Castle -

Lego Competition and lots more!

