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# Newsletter

Dear Parents

Thank you for all your messages of support and encouragement to myself and to all the staff during this very busy week. Lots of parents have asked me about the outcome of the Section 8 Ofsted Inspection we had on Tuesday but we will not know that until we receive an official letter. I thought it worth clarifying that the short inspection we had has two purposes – to check that the school is still working at the standard it was previously (in our case, Ofsted “Good” in 2012) and to check that safeguarding of children is effective in our school. As soon as the letter is published, we will, of course, share it with families – if we are lucky we may have the news before October half-term. We were very happy with how the inspection went – thank you to all the parents who took time to share their very positive views on the “Parentview” link and at the school gate on Tuesday afternoon.

As well as everything else happening this week, Year 6 Amethyst Class have been focussing on their Mission Week and the theme “Love is...” They have reflected on the scripture from 1 Corinthians which is often used at weddings: “Love is patient and kind...” In their class assembly they gave examples of their parents’ unconditional love for them and linked this to God’s unconditional love for them with the parable of the Prodigal Son. It was good to see the children’s developing understanding of God’s love through the example of their parents and the school and to see them developing that into action – giving an example to the wider world, through their charitable work of service for Macmillan Cancer this week. Well done Amethyst Class – I hope you and your parents really enjoyed those cakes! (The sale made £130.93!) At the other end of the school, we had a great turn-out for the PA Welcome Party for new parents in Reception. It was lovely to see so many parents getting to know each other and becoming part of our very friendly community. This year’s Reception has fewer siblings than usual, so it was good to see many new faces getting eagerly involved with the work of the school – these are the faces of the future! We look forward to working with all of you together to make Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary the very best experience for your children.

As part of that improving experience, work is due to start on Monday for the PA-funded playframe for the Key Stage 1 playground. They are removing the old playframe – the castle - which has done about 30 years of service and replacing it with a “galleon” chosen by staff and the PA for its excellent play value. We are also putting down a soft play surface under the new playframe to meet current playground standards. The work should take around a week to ten days, depending on the weather and hopefully it will not impact too much on parents. Please just be sure to keep the children away from the rainbow fence by the KS1 adventure playground, so that they are not too close to the action at the beginning and end of the day.

Finally, a couple of quick reminders from staff:

- **Equipment in the Reception / Y1 area** (inside the far rainbow fence) is set up for the children to play with in school time and it is out of bounds before and after school. It would be great if you could help the children (and their little brothers and sisters) to remember this.
- **Y2 children can be very distracted by parents directly outside their classroom** window at the end of the day, so please stand back behind the old fence line.
- KS2 children should go through the rainbow fence on their own in the morning from 8:30am. Reception and Y1 children will come through at 8:40am (Reception may come with their parents if they wish).

Thank you for your continued support for the work of our wonderful school. I wish you all a very happy weekend. All best wishes Catherine Burnham

**INSET DAY—FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER**

Next Friday is a training day for staff only, so the school will be closed to children.

**PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS—17 AND 18 OCTOBER**

Booking for Parent Consultations will open online at 6pm on Monday evening. Following a great range of feedback last term, we have retained the very popular early appointments and made a few more later appointments available for parents who prefer those. The "creche" was very popular last time and we will provide that option again for children whose parents are talking with their teacher. The consultations will take place in the hall, as in the Spring Term and books will be available to look at after the appointment. As always, if you have any specific concerns about your child or you are unable to make a suitable appointment, teachers are always willing to meet before or after school to discuss your child's learning.

**FAMILY FAST DAY, HARVEST FESTIVAL, CARDINAL NEWMAN FEAST DAY**

Please see separate letter we are sending home today about these events over the next two weeks. Please note:

Family Fast Day envelopes to be returned on Monday 8 October

Yellow Class Assembly—Friday 12 October at 9am

KS2 Harvest Liturgy—Thursday 11 October 9am (parents welcome)

Cardinal Newman Feast Day—mufti day (house colours), please bring £1 for new school banner

(House colours: St Lucy—Yellow, St John—Green, St Clare—Blue, St Stephen—Red)

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**

An advance notice that we will be collecting shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas project again this year. More information will follow later next month.

**PEDESTRIAN GATE**

The pedestrian gate release button has now been moved to the black post on the left hand side of the path as you walk out of the school. Please press to unlock the gate and then pull the gate to open.

The vehicle exit gate has now been repaired and is working normally again.

**SURREY COUNTY CRICKET CLUB WINTER COACHING COURSES**

A flyer with more information about these courses running from 18 October to 19 March is on the website.

**MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION AT ALL SAINTS—SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

A reminder about this event tomorrow at All Saints. Information leaflets, including a 10% entry discount, are outside the school office.

**PA CHRISTMAS CARDS—EXTENDED DEADLINE**

As 5 October is an INSET day the Christmas Card deadline has been extended until Monday 8 October. We won't be able to extend this any further. That gives you two more weekends to complete your designs.

Please return your order form along with the payment in an envelope marked Tina O'Kelly/PA Christmas Cards. Don't forget your child's design must be done on the reverse of the design form (NOT a separate sheet). Happy drawing!

**PA NEWS**

**The 100 Club has now finished.** If you still have a monthly standing order to pay the PA, please cancel it with your bank. Thank you.