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Dear Parents

A relatively brief newsletter this week as I know the most interesting news will be the class teacher information which is coming out with this mailing! Next week you will also receive a video from your child's new teacher and an "All About Me" sheet for the children to share any information they would like to with their new teacher. Please be aware that these are the planned teaching staff for September – if Government guidance changes, there may be changes afoot, but we are thinking positive and hope very much to work on a "bubbles of 30" model with class teachers as sent out today. Let's see what happens!

Staffing Changes

There are very few staffing changes to announce for September, but we will say goodbye to:

Mrs Sally Hayden – Mrs Hayden is retiring after 22 years of dedicated service to Cardinal Newman School. She has worked with many SEND children as well as supporting classes in an LSA role. Many children have been inspired to cook through her excellent support in the Cookery Club and in cooking sessions in school. To this year's Orange Class, she was their first Learning Support Assistant. She will be sadly missed, but we wish her and her family all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Sophie Sedour – Mrs Sedour returned from maternity leave this year following the birth of her daughter Siena. She has been teaching part-time two days a week since April, but she is hoping to work closer to home in September. We wish her every success in the future and every happiness with her family.

Mrs Sara Jones – Mrs Jones has been working with us this year on a fixed term supply contract to help to cover maternity leave. She did a great job in Year 3 Ruby Class before Christmas and has been working in Year 1 Green Class since January. She has very much become part of the team and we hope she may return to visit us if we ever need supply cover in future.

Joining us in September we will have:

Mrs Sarah Shaw – Mrs Shaw has been working with Year 3 Topaz Class for much of this year and we are delighted that she has agreed to join us on a permanent basis from September teaching Y5 Sapphire Class. She is already so much part of the team that it feels wrong to say "Welcome!" but certainly we are delighted that she will be staying with us.

Mr Matthew King – Mr King will be joining us as a School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) trainee on the Teach South East Programme. We know you will make him very welcome.

Also in September, we will have a new Key Stage Two Lead (following Mrs Rivans' resignation of the KS2 Lead post when she returned to school part-time following her maternity leave):

Mr Adam Joice will take up a new role as Key Stage Two Lead and member of the Senior Leadership Team in September. Congratulations to him!

Nameless Heroes!

The Nameless Heroes section may become a regular feature as we have so many very kind and supportive parents! Thank you to all of you and especially to:

- The parent who delivered ice lollies to staff on the field one of the hottest days this week – very greatly appreciated by all of us!
- The parent who generously gave cold drinks and fruit for all staff to share – also much needed in this hot weather and very welcome!
- The parent who decided to buy a brick for each of her children to support the hall project and enable them to come back in later years and find their name on the wall of bricks! What a great idea!
- All parents who completed the survey about September return to school – it was really helpful information. 92% of you said you would definitely send your children in (and 7.5% that you maybe would) - thank you for your confidence in our school staff and systems to keep your children safe.
- All of you who have sent emails, phoned or spoken to staff this week to say thank you for the fantastic support you and your children are receiving from our school staff. It really makes a difference.

I spoke this week to Professor John Lydon, one of the Xavier Directors, and he congratulated the school on the fantastic collaboration of our school community which is enabling us to meet so many individual needs. We are blessed with a wonderful, very positive and very supportive staff who are willing to go the extra mile to ensure our children and our school community get the best deal we can in very challenging times. Thank you to everyone for supporting our community of Learners, Believers and Friends.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham

Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards for Home Learning:

Well done for all your hard work! Your awards are on their way!

Alex N (Y1); Siena D (Y1); George M (y2); Annabel R; (Y2); Charlie (Y3); Mia D (Y3); Iris R (Y3); Rhys J (Y3); George (Y4); Julietta (Y4); Tilly H (Y5); Maya O (Y5); Gabriela M (Y5); Oscar W (Y6); John Joe (Y6); Leo P (Y6)

Headteacher's Awards for children in school:

Luke B (Y6) for an outstanding Europe project completed at home during lockdown

Congratulations to Carlos (Y3) who achieved a Commendation in the Surrey Libraries Reading Aloud Competition. Part of his prize includes a "Virtual Visit" by an author to school in the new academic year, so we are all very excited about that! Well done Carlos!