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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term! Where has the year gone to? Our children have settled back to their working routines quickly and are proud to see how much progress they have made through the year. When they look back in their books to September, they can really see tangibly how their learning has improved through the year, which is very rewarding for them. We are looking forward to lots more learning during this half-term in readiness for their new year groups!

Yesterday evening we enjoyed meeting our 60 new parents for Reception in September and our current Reception parents kindly hosted refreshments for them. It was lovely to welcome around 40 new families to our community – along with the 20 who have siblings here already. Community spirit at Cardinal Newman is a real strength of the school and many new parents commented on how welcoming the school already feels for them. Thank you to the Governors and the Parent Association Reps who attended and to the current Reception parents who served drinks.

One fact which the new Reception parents found particularly interesting was the findings of a Surrey research project about the factor which has the greatest effect on pupils' future attainment in school. We often think about Maths or Reading or good behaviour as having an impact, but the SCALES project <http://www.lilac-lab.org/scales/>, which is the largest research project in the world in this field, recognised "oral fluency" skills on starting school as the strongest indicator of future attainment. In other words, talking to your child and listening to your child talking – just engaging in conversation – can really help to develop their language and communication skills, which increases their potential for academic success in all subjects in future years! What's not to like? There's a good excuse for a chat this weekend!

If you're looking for something to chat about, why not start with asking the children their "mission" for the weekend. During Collective Worship today, we talked about the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and about the promises for those who pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially the promises of "peace in our families" and "comfort for those in need". The children reflected on how they could fulfil their mission to show Jesus' love in the world by bringing peace in their family or comfort to someone in need. They will "report back" during Collective Worship on Monday, so it would be great if you can encourage them in this mission!

Fr Richard popped in for a chat this week with our Year 3 children who will be making their First Holy Communion at St Erconwald's this weekend and next weekend. Congratulations to those children and their families. We are looking forward to celebrating with them, and with the children who have already made their First Holy Communion at All Saints, at the Going Forth Mass which Fr Bill will celebrate at St Erconwald's on Wednesday 11th July. Let us keep all of these children and their families in our prayers as they celebrate the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.

When I saw Fr Brendan before half-term, he was keeping our children very much in his prayers and he has written a special "Pathway Prayer" for the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year. The children will receive the prayer on a prayer card at the Going Forth Mass, but I thought it would be lovely to reproduce it here so that our families with children who have already made their FHC could say this at home together:

Lord Jesus, you are my Redeemer and friend. In love and trust, I give you my heart. Show me the path in life you wish me to follow.

May I live each day for your greater honour and glory. Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. Amen.

Best wishes, Catherine Burnham

ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY 14 JUNE

Parents are invited to their child’s assemblies next Thursday as follows:

Violet Class at 9.00am and Amethyst Class at 2.30pm.

CLUB NEWS—PLEASE NOTE CLUBS NOT RUNNING

Cooking Club, Italian Club and All Saints and St Erconwald Singers have finished for this term.

**Please note that due to teacher training as part of our Computing Day next Tuesday, 12 June, the following school run clubs will not be running—
Fun with Fabric, Irish Club and Kwik Cricket.**

INTERNET SAFETY MEETING—TUESDAY 12 JUNE 7PM

You can still book a place for our Internet Safety Meeting for parents on Tuesday. This is highly recommended for all parents so please come along. You can either return your slip or email the office letting us know that you are coming. Thank you.

KS2 LUNCHESES

Please pay for any lunches booked for this half term as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our children take great pride in wearing their very smart school uniform. Please help your child to maintain this smart appearance by ensuring they wear black school shoes and simple hair accessories which match the school colours (blue, white and red). Thank you.

123 MAGIC (MANAGING CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR) - NEW COURSE

Please see the attached flyer for information about the latest course, starting on Tuesday 12 June at St Mary’s, Long Ditton.

BAG2SCHOOL—FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Empty bags are coming home today for our textile recycling collection. Unfortunately we are unable to store filled bags in school so please bring them in by 9am on 22 June. If you are unable to bring your recycling on the day please contact kerrypoulton@live.com.

SHOUT! - ELMBRIDGE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Shout! leaflets for summer holiday activities went home this week—you can also find the brochure on our website.

PA NEWS

Summer Fair—an update is being sent with this newsletter with news about the exciting events taking place and how you can help.

Diary date—Thursday 28 June: Bottle Mufti Day

The **Year 4 Cake Sale is today after school** in the playground.

PA Meeting—Friday 15 June at 3.30pm.

After two years, the PA Committee will be stepping down from their roles at the end of this term. If you are interested in taking over please email: pa@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk . Thank you.