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Newsletter

Another busy week in the life of the school and lots of good news to celebrate.

We have completed our annual Teaching and Learning Review with the Xavier Catholic Education Trust this week and are delighted with their findings. We had four visitors (the two Teaching and Learning Lead Teachers for the XCET along with another Headteacher and an Assistant Head from another school). As you know our staff at Cardinal Newman work very hard to achieve the best possible outcomes for all of our children and it is great to have outside validation and recognition of all their hard work. I have published a couple of key highlights below:

“Leadership – The school leadership team, and the new Headteacher have led the school with rigour and a clear sense of purpose. Since the last review standards across the board have improved even further, whilst simultaneously ensuring staff feel valued and included.”

“Behaviour and attitudes to learning – The behaviour across the school was fantastic, children are encouraged to reflect on their approach to learning through the BLP behaviours. These are recognised and rewarded.”

“Interventions – The school has a vast array of interventions that are implemented from precision teaching, to handwriting, maths and ELSA groups. The interventions are responsive to pupil need and have impact. TAs conducting intervention are trained, highly skilled and have a measurable impact on the children they support.”

“Pupil Voice: The best lessons are: Fun and challenging, brilliant, involving everyone, inspirational, fun, inspiring science, interesting, exciting, fun.”

I have thanked and congratulated all the staff team and I know that you appreciate their commitment, dedication and professionalism as much as I do.

As you know, we had a focus on Computer Safety on Tuesday and our talk for parents (from Sharon Girling, former Police Officer and now expert on Computer Safety) was very well-attended and extremely well-received. For those who were unable to attend, I have tried to summarise the key points for your information, but keep an eye out for the next one in a year or two – we have invited her back to talk to us again!

I have enjoyed celebrating fabulous writing with children from both Reception and Year 6 this week, as well as some phenomenal sketches of Stonehenge from Y3! The writing gave me the opportunity to reflect on the very steep learning curve the children have from when they join us to when they leave. It is staggering how much they grow and learn in this short time and, as in school, so in life! Enjoy your children while they are so young and learning so fast! They are amazing!

I will be away next week with Year 6 on their residential in France and so you are granted a reprieve from these missives! I wish you all a very happy and restful weekend and will resume the “Headteacher Notes” in the newsletter as usual a week on Friday.

All best wishes, Catherine Burnham

OPAL CLASS ASSEMBLY—THURSDAY 21 JUNE

Opal Class parents are invited to their assembly at 2.30pm.

RECEPTION SEP 18 INTAKE DROP IN AND PLAY—FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Children and parents from our September 2018 Reception Intake are welcome to our first Drop In and Play session next Friday at 10.00am.

(All the induction information is now on our website in the Admissions tab.)

KS2 LUNCHES

Please remember to make any outstanding payments as soon as possible.

KS2 children will be walking to **All Saints over lunch time on Friday 29 June**. If your child usually has a school lunch, please remember to let us know if they want a school packed lunch and if so either a cheese or tuna wrap by **Monday 18 June**.

Thank you.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION—FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Don't forget our fabric recycling collection next Friday. Please bring your bags by 9.00am. Unfortunately we cannot store bags before the day so if you cannot bring them in on Friday please contact kerrypoulton@live.com. Thank you.

KS2 COMPUTING DAY

Our Computing Day on Tuesday was a great success. The timetable is on the website with photos to follow.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the Internet Safety talk by Sharon Girling in the evening. She was able to give some excellent advice about how to keep children safe online. We are attaching some notes from her talk plus a poster with tips for children.

SSIASS COFFEE MORNING

Linda Palmer from SSIASS (Surrey SEND Information, Advice and Support Services) gave a very informative talk to parents today about the SEN process and how their services can support them. Leaflets with more information for those who were unable to attend can be found outside the school office.

RECEPTION CLASSES REQUEST

Reception Classes would be very grateful for any donations of seeds (or small plants) to fill their planters. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS PARISH BARN DANCE—SATURDAY 7 JULY

Families are invited to this fun event on 7 July at 7.30pm. Only £5 per adult, children are free. Please see flyer for more information.

PA NEWS

Summer Fair—please see the update attached to find out more about what will be happening and how you can help. There will be a table outside the school office from Monday for donations. Thank you.

Don't forget the **Reception Cake Sale next Friday** after school in the playground.