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Newsletter

Happy new year! It was lovely to see the children bouncing back into school after a lovely relaxing Christmas break and staff and parents both commented how great it was to have time off after Christmas and New Year to recover from all the excitement! Huge thanks to everyone for your very kind good wishes, gifts and cards for myself and all the staff at Cardinal Newman before Christmas. They were very much appreciated and we certainly hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a great start to 2018.

The **8:40 relaxed entry trial** seems to have gone well in the first few days of the new year. It is noticeable that the children are already starting their learning by 8:50 and that the cloakrooms and classrooms are calmer and quieter. Almost all feedback so far has been positive, but we will continue to monitor the situation before making any final decisions. Do let me know if you have any feedback to contribute as the term progresses.

This weekend we will be continuing to build relationships with our local parishes and appealing for volunteers to "Come Read With Us!" If you know any grandparents, neighbours or friends who might like to help out in school, do please encourage them. Reading attainment in primary school is the single biggest indicator of future academic success in all subjects later on and we know that reading attainment is greatly influenced by frequency of practice, so the more volunteers the better! Similarly we are keen to encourage parents to sign up to at least one session a year where they can come in to school to hear readers. So do encourage each other too, it would be a great New Year's Resolution!

We are looking forward to a very busy and productive new term ahead of us. In our first assembly on Monday, we reflected on the mission of the three kings to worship Jesus and to make His mission (as King, God and Saviour) clear to the world. We thought about our own mission at Cardinal Newman School and felt that this is our mission too: as learners, believers and friends, to come to know Jesus better and to try to follow his plan for us, to be the best person we can be.

One of the wonderful things about being a primary school headteacher is the opportunity to celebrate the children for their own personal and unique achievements. I have already seen examples of some outstanding work this term, from wonderful writing in Reception to exciting Science in Y4. I have also heard delightful conversations between the children where they have shown leaps in their social and emotional development, which is equally or even more important in our current society. The children have returned to school really focused and ready to learn. I look forward to sharing in many more of their amazing achievements throughout the term.

All best wishes for a happy and productive Spring Term ahead.

With best wishes

Catherine Burnham

DIARY DATES UPDATE

Wednesday 24 January Ruby Class assembly 9.00am
(changed from Thursday 25 January)
Thursday 1 March Scouting, Guiding, St John Ambulance uniforms for
St David's Day

SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR KS2 CHILDREN

Payment for school lunches is now due—please make payment as soon as possible.

CLUB NEWS

The following after school teacher-led clubs begin next week:

Environmental/Forest Schools, Irish Club, Cooking, Yrs 5+6 Football, Fun with Fabric,
Computing, Netball and Hockey.

Places for these clubs **must now be booked and paid for through your Tucasi/Scopay account**. If the club does not appear on your account it means it is fully booked for the term. If you would like your child to go on the waiting list please contact the school office. Please look on the clubs page of the website for a full list and application forms for externally run clubs.

KS2 START TIME—the relaxed entry trial means children in KS2 are now able to come into their classrooms from 8.40am **every day, including Fridays**. Thank you.

COOL MILK—MONDAY 8 JANUARY—Apologies from Coolmilk who were unable to supply milk on Monday. Parents will be refunded.

LIVING STREETS—WALKING TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Last year we took part in Happy Shoesday run by charity Living Streets to encourage children to walk to school to help them arrive energised, happy and ready to learn.

After half term we will be joining 2000 other schools by starting the WOW walk to school challenge. We will be giving more information nearer the time.

We hope parents will want to support this challenge. Park and stride will be one way for children to walk to school so remember you can get a free parking permit for Hersham Station Car Park at drop off and pick up time. Please ask at the school office.

To find out more about Living Streets and their campaign to get children walking to school please visit: livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool or follow the link on our website.

LOST PROPERTY

There is still a large amount of lost property. On the next dry afternoon it will be on the playground for you to claim. Anything left which is not clearly named will be disposed of.

Please can we ask again that all items brought into school are clearly named. Thank you.

PA NEWS The first meeting of the year is on **Thursday 18 January at 8.00pm**—all welcome.

Quiz Night—tickets are available through Classlist only. Please see attached flyer and link on our website.

Year 1 Cake Sale today after school in the playground.

EFFORT

AWARDS

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| Red | Izzy M | Luke K | Ruby | Elise T | Laura K |
| Orange | Amelie P | Bertie M | Coral | Oliver G | Sofia N |
| Green | Carlos M | Alan J | Opal | Amy S | Maddie P |
| Yellow | Dominik L | Kayla G | Sapphire | Ethan D | Holly F |
| Violet | Thomas D | Elea F | Emerald | Oliver H | Jack E |
| Blue | Thomas M | Ben B | Garnet | Ava L | Joshua B |
| Topaz | Eti O | Darragh B | Amethyst | Conor N | Daniella D |