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Newsletter

Outstanding Learning

Children are now well settled into their new year groups and a **wide range of extra-curricular clubs** has already started. This week, I have had children of all ages sent to my office to show me their **outstanding work** and it is great to feel **the buzz of excitement** when they have pride in their new learning. We look forward to many more opportunities to share that excitement with the children.

Questionnaire

I am sending out today a **parent questionnaire**. I am sure you have had the opportunity to give your views on previous occasions as Cardinal Newman has always tried to work very closely with parents to provide the best possible learning environment for the children. This questionnaire is based on the Ofsted questionnaire to parents and will be used to help inform our priorities for improvement in the coming weeks and months. There is space to include your name, which is especially helpful if you have problems or suggestions to raise, so that we know who to speak to about these. There is also plenty of space for any additional comments you may have, so now is the time to share your family's ideas and suggestions for the future of our school! **Please return these forms to the school office by next Friday (29 September).**

PA Classlist

Please also see a note from the **Parent Association about Classlist**. We are blessed with a very committed and active PA at Cardinal Newman and I have just had a very positive meeting with them about the ways in which the money they raise can help to support our children's learning. Classlist is an administration tool which helps to **reduce the administrative burden on the volunteers who run the Parent Association** and it would be great if you were able to support them in this way.

School Uniform

It is always good to see the children looking so lovely in their uniform at the start of the year. I know some parents are already hunting for lost uniform, so please do make sure all new uniform is named clearly to help us to return it to you as swiftly as possible. A smart and consistent school uniform helps the children to take pride in their appearance and to remember that coming to school is a time to be smart - in their appearance and in their learning! We appreciate your help with this and love to see the children looking smart and ready to learn.

A word on accessories with uniform: Long hair should be tied back (boys and girls) with small plain hair accessories in school colours.

Earrings, if worn, should only be one plain pair of studs in the ear lobes and should be able to be removed independently for PE.

Nail varnish should never be worn to school.

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham

PARENT PRAYER GROUP Sorry, there will be no group next Thursday morning, as Mrs Burnham will not be here first thing. Prayer group will return the following week (5th October) and in October, we will be concentrating on saying the rosary. All welcome.

KS1 BOOK BAGS Apologies to parents who have bought book bags recently which have been faulty. Our entire stock has now been sent back to the manufacturer for checking/replacing so we have no bags to sell at the moment. We will let you know when they are back in stock.

COOKING/SUNDRIES PAYMENT Thank you to those who have already paid their contribution of £5 towards cooking ingredients and sundry items for each class. You are still able to make payment online using your Scipay/Tucasi account. Thank you.

MACMILLAN CANCER FUNDRAISER On Friday 29 September, there will be a loom band sale in the playground after school. The money we raise will go to the Macmillan Cancer charity. All loom bands are priced at under one pound. We hope you will support us to raise money for this good cause. *Aoife and Eva (Year 5)*

PA CLASSLIST

Last year the PA introduced a new online system called Classlist, which simplified the process of collecting class data and gave parents more control over how much data they wished to share.

Our school's Classlist site will enable you to contact other parents safely and securely and to keep up to date with events organised by the Class Reps or PA. The online system allows you to enter, manage and update the personal information that you wish to share with your child's year group. It means that you have full control over which of your contact details are shared, for example, just an email address or your full contact details. You can even choose to keep your email address hidden. All requests to join Classlist will be approved by Class Reps before they are validated.

Our parent community is much more than an online address book. By using Classlist, there is scope for parents to set up or invite others to events, join discussions or find other parents who live nearby. Please note that you will still receive mailings from the school in the usual way. Classlist is purely for parent to parent communication.

You can join now by visiting <https://www.classlist.com> and searching for our School. After your request has been validated, you can log in and use the site, either through a web-browser or using an app. There is an iOS app and an Android app available. We believe that Classlist will help to create a welcoming and engaging community amongst our parents and would encourage you to be a part of it as it will soon replace the previous paper-based system.

If you have any questions about the system, please contact the PA at:
pa@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk

Our **PA'RTY** takes place next Thursday, 28 September, from 8pm in the school hall. This is a welcome to all new parents and class reps. Please come along.

UNIFORM SALE

Second hand uniform will be on sale in the playground after school on Friday 29 September, including jumpers, PE kit and red polo tops.

DATES FOR 2017-2018

Attached is a list of PA dates for the year.

Effort Awards

Red	Whole Class		Ruby	Nathan M-E	Mateus B
Orange	Whole Class		Coral	Kate O	Lucy A
Green	Iris R	Luca D C	Opal	Maddie P	Layla D
Yellow	Henry B-C	Ava N	Sapphire	Keela L	Nathan C
Violet	Lea J	Isabel P	Emerald	James W	Eva S
Blue	Imogen N	Ben B	Amethyst	Christian B	Isabelle W
Topaz	Matteo R	Ellie D	Garnet	Luca F	Charlotte N