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Newsletter

Dear Parents

As a staff this week, we have been considering how we can best serve every child in our school community, whatever their strengths and challenges. We returned to our school mission statement, which reminds us of our purpose here:



MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of learners, believers and friends rooted in the values and teachings of the Gospel. We seek to enable every individual to develop his or her potential in the knowledge that they are uniquely created and loved by God.

Especially in the week when reports have gone out and one particular aspect of our children has been “measured”, it is good for us to remember those words from the mission statement, that each of our children is “uniquely created and loved by God” (and loved by their parents in God’s stead). I came across a moving clip which reminds us of how special each of our children is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9Dd8d8xfzE&feature=youtu.be>

As we reach the end of another term, **we can look back with some satisfaction at all that has been achieved at Cardinal Newman during this Spring Term.** We have been delighted that the external reviews of our school, from the Xavier Teaching and Learning Review to the SEND Review, have recognised our child-centred approach alongside our drive for excellence. The Catholic Life of the school has blossomed this term with successful Mission Weeks driving service to the community and almsgiving, as well as a rich prayer life which has been well supported by the whole school community this Lent.

Sometimes though, it is the **small steps of progress** - those which can barely be measured in reports - which turn out to be the most significant and are often the most treasured:

- A child answering the register for the first time
- A child coming into school on his/her own
- A child eating lunch without adult support
- Children overcoming anxiety using the strategies they have been taught
- Children representing the school for the first time, for example in sport
- Children resolving their own disagreements successfully
- Children sleeping away from home for the first time (Y4 at Hooke Court)

Our progress on the journey of life is marked by such little steps. Sometimes, we stumble or pause for a while, but with the support of our community of learners, believers and friends, we will soon continue to move forward again – to develop to our full potential.

Thank you to all of you - our families - for your generous support and enthusiasm this term. We know that families are “the first educators of their children” (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2223) and the staff team are proud to work with you to do the very best for each one of our children.

We wish you a very happy and restful Easter break and a joyous Easter when it arrives.

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham



END OF TERM—We break up today at 1.30pm and return on Tuesday 23 April.

KS2 LUNCHES

Please remember to book part or full time lunches for children in KS2 for next half term. We also need to know if your child is moving to packed lunches. Please email finance@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk or find the link on the website to book online.

CLUB NEWS Our website has information about next term's clubs run by outside providers. A list of school-run clubs will come home in the first week of the summer term with clubs due to start in the week commencing 29 April.

DIARY DATES for the summer term are attached. Please note that **our first day back is St George's Day—children may mark the day by wearing Guiding, Scouting or St John Ambulance uniforms.**

Dates for the 2019-2020 academic year are also attached, please note we now start back on Thursday 5 September.

SUMMER UNIFORM A reminder that children may wear summer uniform next term—please see the list on the website.

SCHOOL NURSE APPOINTMENTS FOR PARENTS—29 APRIL

Please make an appointment through the school office.

ARTS AWARD Congratulations to Year 6 pupils Nathan C, Luca H, Stanley R, Lara M, Liberty D, Emily C, Camilla C, Aoife F, Lilia B who have passed the Arts Award Explore Level after taking part in several activities over the last year and a half. More information about the Arts Award, including a photo of our successful children, is on the website.

PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2018/2019 Well done to our Lara M (Yr 6) who won a Bronze Award and Nathan C (Yr 6) who was awarded a certificate in the Bonus Round paper of this year's Challenge.

CHOIR VISIT Members of our choir visited Sherwood House on Wednesday and entertained the residents with a selection of Easter Songs (and some Abba!) which was greatly enjoyed.

SPORT THIS WEEK Our Year 6 boys' team won 4-1 at Bell Farm on Monday; on Tuesday we played at home to St Anne's—Year 5 won 9-5 and Year 6 lost 9-5. More information is on the website.

PARISH MASSES AT EASTER

All Saints

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Good Friday—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday—9.15am

St Erconwald's

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Good Friday—Family Stations of the Cross 11am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday—8.15am and 11.15am

NOTICES—Information about fundraisers for Woking and Sam Beare Hospices (including an Easter Egg Hunt) and the Three Rivers Community Fun Run Day are on our website.

