



SUMMER TERM Newsletter 4 27th May 2016

Statements to Live By

Week beg 6th June: I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

Week beg 13th June: I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.

First Holy Communion Saturday 18th June

We are all looking forward to one of the most important Parish and School celebrations of the year. Please continue to pray especially for all the children and families in our Parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

There is a practice in Church with School Staff and Catechists on Monday 13th June.

School will take the children to Church just before the end of the school day. Parents/Carers should collect from Church at 4.30 p.m. Please let after-school care providers know about the arrangements.

30th Anniversary This week has been full of celebrations.

On Wednesday pupils and staff looked fantastic dressed in the fashions of the 80s as we celebrate 30 years of our school being located at the Beechwood Avenue site. Everyone enjoyed the inter-house Song Competition which was won by St. George's House who did Kylie proud with their version 'The Locomotion.'

On Thursday it was lovely to welcome some parishioners into our school.

This morning we assembled for a whole school photograph.

We were delighted to welcome our governors, directors and others working in/with our school as Fr. Seamus celebrated Mass for the Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury. Celebrations were rounded off with a choc-ice/lolly and of course a piece of Anniversary Cake. Everyone has been given a special bookmark as a lasting souvenir.

Sports News

Well done to all our children who represented the school at the Y3/Y4 Quadkids & Y2 Quadkids Start competitions last week. All the pupils tried their very best and were faced with strong competition from other competing schools.

The Boys Football Team were very busy last week playing two matches in one day. Again they faced strong competition but showed great sportsmanship throughout the duration of these matches.

Well done to the Y6 boys who competed in the Cricket Festival last week. They performed brilliantly with the added bonus of good weather.

We make use of our Sport Premium Funding to help us provide children with a variety of sports experiences. This term it included some special skills sessions for Reception Class, specialist teaching from Carmel College and continuing work for our Change Champions in the 'Change for Life' Programme.

Please remember that your child should wear their school PE Kit if they attend a sports event organised by school. Children should arrive at school in their uniform and change into their PE kit before they leave for the event. Sports clothing from home should not be worn to these competitions.

Mega Motion - Pupils brought home information regarding a Mega Motion Competition to promote safe parking around school. Posters can be worked on during the half term holidays and brought into school on Monday 6th June. The winners will be announced at Awards Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Late arrivals

Some children are coming in late each day after the start of school at 8.55am. This is disruptive not only for them but also for the rest of the school as they have to be signed in at the office and make their way through school to their classroom. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school between 8.40 and 8.55 am each morning, ready for the start of the school day. The Local Authority does issue fines for persistent lateness.

Sun Care (in the hope that we will enjoy some sunnier weather next half term!)

Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they come to School each day. They are allowed to bring Sun Cream, clearly labelled with their name, into School ONLY if they can apply it themselves. Children are not allowed to use other children's Sun Cream. Please also remember water bottles, sun hats and because of the British weather, waterproof coats!

Parent questionnaire

Today you will receive a copy of the parent questionnaire which is being completed by all schools in Carmel Education Trust. I would be very grateful if you could complete a questionnaire for each child at our school and return it to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Coffee morning (Traffic Detectives) images from 30th Anniversary celebrations

The coffee mornings this month produced lots of great ideas for fundraising and social events. It was lovely to be able to speak informally to parents. I intend to have a similar event in June and July. The June coffee morning will take place on Monday 13th June at 9.00 a.m. Our School Traffic Detectives would like to present a short film and information and our Mini Vinnies would like to sell some cakes. I hope a few more parents will be able to join me on that morning. I hope we will also be able to share some pictures from our anniversary celebration.

Absences

All absences must be reported to the School Office each day that the child is off school unwell. Please use the dedicated absence line to report a child's illness before 9am.

Please **do not** use the Class DoJo's system to report absences.

Crossing Patrols

Please bear in mind that there may not be a crossing patrol officer present at the various road crossings on your child's journey to and from school. Please make sure your child is aware of this situation, especially if they walk home independently.

Car Park

Please can I remind parents/carers that parking in the car park is for staff and permit holders only during and after the school day. Please contact the school office if you feel you may qualify for a parking permit. All permits must be renewed at the start of each new academic year if you want to continue using the car park.

Work begins this very afternoon on the changes to our quad, in order to create an outdoor dining and work area. We are looking forward to being able to use that space again - hopefully before the end of the year.

School Re-opens Monday 6th June

Thank you for your continuing help and support.

Happy Half Term!

Mrs M McCollom
Head of School