



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

As another incredibly busy school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express some heartfelt thanks and appreciation on behalf of the entire governing body.

As you know, the school experienced an immensely turbulent period around Christmas time with the departure of a number of staff members, including the much-loved Mr Tindall, Mrs Tindall and Mrs Ferryman. It became apparent very quickly however, that Mrs Munnik who was sent by the Xavier Trust to support the school at this time, was clearly someone with great empathy, leadership and positivity. We are very grateful to her and the rest of the senior team for their professionalism and legendary Holy Family pastoral care as they steered the school community through this time. Thanks to all the staff at the school, we end the year on a high with all the usual festivities associated with the summer term!

This year has been bursting with incredible achievements and heartwarming moments! From the inspiring Year 4 Wildlife Project to our exciting victory at the District Athletics competition, there's so much to celebrate. Our class assemblies and performances have been nothing short of brilliant, showcasing the amazing talents of our pupils. We also had the joy of welcoming families to our wonderful Grandparents Afternoon, which was filled with smiles and special memories. And let's not forget the fantastic work of our Wellbeing Champions, whose kindness and dedication have made a real difference to the happiness and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

My personal favourite has to be the brilliant 'pop up' swimming pool in the playground which has afforded so many children the opportunity to have swimming lessons – an essential component of the curriculum. Mrs Munnik's skill in negotiating this facility was truly remarkable!

I turn now though to some farewells. Mrs Holt and Mrs Skinner are both leaving the Holy Family community after each completing no less than 25 years' service! So many generations of children have been nurtured and guided by both ladies and (like many unsung heroes) a great deal of their work has gone on very much behind the scenes. It would be fair to say then, that they have more than earned their retirement and we wish them a peaceful and enjoyable life as they move on to new adventures.

Talking of behind the scenes, I would also like to highlight the fantastic and dedicated work that the PTFA carry out all year round. Christmas bazaars, summer fetes, discos, quizzes, fund raising events of all shapes and sizes! Without their tireless efforts, the school would be without the badly needed extra funds which allow the children to have so many essential resources and opportunities during their time here. As you will have heard countless times, all schools are under immense financial pressure these days and things are not getting any better. With that in mind, I would like to appeal once again to your great generosity and remind you of the incredibly important Governors' Fund. This has recently been re-designated as the 'school development fund' and is a pot of money which accrues from donations made by parents and wider family members and is used to supplement our other sources of income.

If you are already a donor, please accept our sincere thanks for your contributions and if you have yet to become a donor, then please consider setting up a monthly payment of £20 (per family) – more if you are able, but less if circumstances dictate. Any and all offerings are most welcome!

Finally, I would like to wish every single member of the Holy Family School community a very relaxing, peaceful and fun-filled summer holiday – come back refreshed and rested in September for another action-packed school year!

With kind regards,

Liz Walmsley

Chair of Governors