

## **CHANGES AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

Over the summer holidays, overseen by Mr Gorman, a huge amount of work has been going on inside and outside the school building. Brand new toilets have been installed in Reception, KS1 & KS2. We have transformed the Millennium Garden and Reception playground by installing a beautiful artificial grass play surface. We have also re-painted the Reception Class outdoor canopy, removed the wooden ramp and the planters to give the children greater space to play. We have ordered new outdoor furniture and new play equipment for the KS2 playground. All these outdoor projects were funded from the school development (governors) fund, the school fund and through fund-raising initiatives, including a herculean effort from Mike Meredith (Alfie Year 4) who raised £1,500 via crowd-funding and a golf day at Foxhills. Amazing...thank you Mike from every child and member of staff at the school! Unfortunately, the plans to repair and re-seed the pitch have had to be shelved for the present time due to the weather being too hot and dry this summer. This has to be the first time such a thing has occurred since 1976. It is our hope that the work on the field will be done during the spring of 2019.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

We have an exciting programme of extra curricular activities on offer this term. **Please make sure you watch out for the letters coming out so you can sign up for the clubs you wish to join.**

## **ATTENDANCE...CAN WE BEAT OUR TARGET ONCE AGAIN?**

Last year was a fantastic year of attendance as we smashed a very challenging target with our eventual figure of 97.5% across the school. This achievement was purely down to an excellent relationship between the school and parents and we should all feel very proud...it means I am quite looking forward to my termly meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer in the next couple of weeks. Our challenge now is to once again raise attendance this academic year. Please remember that requests for absence in term time **should only** be made in **exceptional** circumstances—I am, of course, always happy to talk to parents should a request need to be made. **Please also be aware that Surrey are now issuing fines to parents who take unauthorised absence during term time and we will inform the LEA should this occur at Holy Family.**

## **PARENT STEERING GROUP 2018—2019**

Firstly may I say a huge thank you to those parents who made up this group last year. Your input, feedback and suggestions were invaluable in helping us shape the activities in school and I am grateful that some of you have volunteered to work as part of the group this year. If anyone else would like to join the steering group to represent parents in your year group, please speak to Mr Tindall. **We have some very exciting initiatives and projects on the horizon this year so it's a great time to be involved.** Meeting dates for this term are Friday 19th October and Friday 30th November (both 2pm start).

**OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR...**Is to surpass all our wonderful achievements last year. I have challenged the children to be even more beautifully behaved, to work even harder in all lessons, to take part in even more activities and to put a smile on the face of even more people this year. We have so much to look forward to and, with all the talent on display across the school, I'm convinced that progress and attainment will once again be fantastic when we review at the end of the year. Concentration, co-operation, effort, perseverance and everyone working together should ensure I'm right to feel so confident. Now, it's over to you all...have a fantastic school year everyone :-)

## **PARENT EVENINGS—NEW SYSTEM TO BE TRIALLED**

This term for parent evening consultations we will be trialling a new system that has proven to be very successful and popular with some of our partner schools across The Xavier CET. All consultations will be held simultaneously in the school hall with each 10 minute slot strictly controlled by a bell. It is our hope that this will allow every parent to arrive for their appointment slot knowing they can see the teacher at their chosen time. This should mean much less time waiting around for appointments. **Parent evenings will take place on Tuesday 16th October 4.30—7.00pm and Thursday 18th October 3.30—6.00pm. There will be no homework club that week.**

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