

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

For once, school has been a relatively quiet place over the summer holidays with no major refurbishment or repair work being undertaken. However, the exciting news, at long last, is that the football pitch now resembles a mini-Wembley as the re-seeded grass begins to establish itself. This is fantastic and hopefully will provide the children with a much better playing surface this season. Huge thanks to Mr Gorman (and his daughter) for their herculean efforts with watering the seeds and to Ciaran Sykes for mowing and tending the pitch. We will give the grass a couple more weeks to fully establish itself then **football club will begin on Tuesday 24th September**. I can also report that technology in The Space has been fully upgraded over the summer break so lots of exciting adventures for the children lay waiting in there this term.

## **HUGELY EXCITING SPORTS NEWS...**

We have two wonderful sporting announcements that we can now make. Firstly, we have been successful in a major grant application to The London Marathon Trust Charitable Fund who have awarded the school £16,800 for the installation of an all-weather daily mile track, long jump pit and refurbishment of the pergola on the field. This work will take place this term and should transform the school field. **Huge thanks from everyone must go to Mike Meredith for his painstaking work and attention to detail in preparing such a long and convincing application—brilliant work Mike!**

Secondly, **Holy Family have also become the first school in Surrey, and one of a very small number across the UK, to receive the Platinum award for School Games**. This is an amazing achievement which fully reflects our complete commitment to PE, sport and health-related activities. Everyone should be very proud!

## **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 THIS YEAR?**

Last year was a good year of attendance although we just failed to hit our very challenging target with our eventual figure of 97.2% across the school. 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 do make an appointment to talk to me if you need to request a term-time absence. Please also be aware that Surrey do issue 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 2019—2020**

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 11th October and Friday 6th December (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 :-)

**KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM:** Please see attached page

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