

September 2023

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer in spite of the unfavourable weather we experienced over the break. It has been lovely to see the children come back into school looking so smart and with such enthusiasm. The staff, governors and I are all excited about what this year has ahead after what seems for you all to have been a long period of unsettled uncertainty. We all look forward to working closely with you to help St Anne's and St Joseph's truly become recognised for the fantastic place it is.

An update on staffing

As you are aware Miss. Ramsay has taken a new challenge on in her role as Deputy Headteacher at another school within the diocese; we wish her well and look forward to hearing how she is getting on. Mrs. Porter, after a long period of illness has decided not to return this year but we will be keeping in touch with her and wish her a well-deserved period of rest, recuperation and recovery. Mrs. Campbell has stepped away from education to further develop her own work on formation and faith and we are hoping to continue working with her in this capacity. She worked very closely with Mrs. Robinsworth and Miss Kidd to strengthen SEND provision following our inspection and they will now continue this work; Mrs. Robinsworth, as a very experienced SENDCo will support Miss. Kidd as Assistant SENDCo to continue to develop and improve SEND provision within our school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of them. We welcome Miss. Street back to teacher Beech class; she worked with us for a period of time and is well known and liked by the children and staff. Both Mrs. Robinsworth and I will be continuing in our capacity at the school for the foreseeable future and are excited about what the future has in store for this very special school.

Romero Catholic Academy Trust

As I shared with you last year, as a result of the Ofsted report in March 2023, the DfE has instructed the governing body to join a multi-academy trust to strengthen the support and provision for the school. The school already had an associate agreement in place with Romero Catholic Academy Trust, which is the trust the DfE has identified for the school. Staff benefited from support from the Trust throughout last year and it is hoped the school will convert on 1st November 2023. I understand this may raise some questions for parents and am only too happy to answer them; there will be an information meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 5.00pm when you can find out a little bit more about what the Trust will be doing to support the school.

Uniform

The children look incredibly smart and proud coming into school with their new uniform; please don't forget to label their uniform as it has a habit of going for a wander! Just a gentle reminder that trainers are not part of the uniform and whilst we were flexible about this towards the end of last term as we did not expect parents to go to the expense of new shoes before the holidays, we do expect all children to have appropriate footwear now we have returned.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 15th September at 2.45pm Oak Class-led liturgy in school

Tuesday 19th September at 5pm Meet the Teacher in school

Friday 22nd September at 2.00pm Curriculum Showcase for all parents

Friday 29th September at 9.30am Seeds and Gardeners Mass at St Anne's (EYFS and Y6 children) followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning starting at 10.00am in school.

Friday 29th September at 2.45pm Willow Class-led Liturgy in school

Friday 6th October at 9.30am Harvest Mass in church

Friday 13th October at 2.45pm Rowan Class-led Liturgy in school

PTA events for the year are currently being finalised and will be shared very soon. Further information will also be shared at the Meet the Teacher evening so I do urge you to come along.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We certainly look forward to an exciting year ahead!