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St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'

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Friday News from Mrs Maynard

Welcome back to school to all our children and their families, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We have already made a great start to the week with the children getting to know their new teachers and thinking about their aims and aspirations for this school year. There are a lot of plans for exciting learning projects ahead that will be communicated with parents as we move through the school year. The children seem excited and pleased to be back at school, and we are looking forward to excellent work from them.

Our commitment to Catholic education means that your child will benefit from learning, achieving and growing in a Christ-centred school that treats each one of our pupils as a unique and special individual with their own gifts and talents that will be nurtured and developed by our staff. We are lucky to share our site with Holy Redeemer church. If you haven't yet attended Mass at the church, Fr Chris is always happy to welcome new parishioners. Please consider becoming part of the faith community there.

I am keen for us to build on the successes of the school as a committed team of educators and parents working in partnership, and I have already seen and spoken to many of you this first week back. We will aim to keep our communication with parents as efficient as possible so that you have plenty of notice about school events. Please check the newsletter, website and texts regularly.

A Great Start

I've been into every class this week and already seen the children settling down to work and enjoying their learning. From next week, our weekly parent drop-ins will start again on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am-8.50am. Please come along to look at your child's books, meet their teacher and engage in their learning with your child.



St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery has a commitment to safeguarding, and the welfare and wellbeing of children.



Pupil Leaders

I am keen that as many of our pupils as possible get the opportunity to take on responsibility at school by being a pupil leader. Over the coming weeks, many of the older children will be able to apply for leadership roles such as house captains, members of the School Council or Chaplaincy Team, as well as applying for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl. As well as this, each class will have a leadership team of pupils such as faith leaders, reading leaders, active movement leaders and eco leaders. Please talk to your child about these roles as they are promoted in school. My aim is that every child has had some experience of being a leader by the end of the school year.

Reading Volunteers/New Governors

We are always keen to involve parents in school life, and would welcome any reading volunteers. You would need to agree to a DBS check. In addition, I would like to expand our Academy Committee and am particularly interested in any parent or member of the community who has finance or business experience. Our Academy Members needs to be practising Catholics. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in an informal, no-obligation talk with me, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Meet the Teacher sessions

On **Wednesday 11th September at 3.30-4.00pm and 4.00-4.30pm** parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and to find out about what they will be learning this year. Parents will be given information about the new year group and a topic overview. It is also a chance to ask general questions about the year ahead. If you have questions that are specific to your child, please make a separate appointment to speak to the teacher at another time. Two sessions have been planned so that parents with children in different year groups have a chance to meet more than one teacher.

Reminders for next week

- **Wednesday 11th September** **'Share my Work' drop-in 8.30am-8.50am**
- **Wednesday 11th September** **Meet the Teacher 3.30pm/4.00pm**

Clubs for next week

Day	Club
Monday	Gymnastics Target Sports Netball
Tuesday	Football Basketball/Netball
Wednesday	Activities club
Thursday	Football training Handball

Safeguarding Reminder

Our school staff members with responsibility for safeguarding and welfare are:

Miss Jema Fernandes, Safeguarding and Pupil and Ms Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Family Support Officer

If you wish to speak to either of these members of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

St Ethelbert, pray for us

**Mrs Maynard
Headteacher**