



Dear Parents

I do apologise for not writing to you sooner this half term. For those who don't work in education, the half terms are times to catch up with work and try to get somewhere down the to do list. Unfortunately, I had my first experience of COVID during the summer half term, which lasted longer than anticipated; meaning my catch up time disappeared into the madness of recruitment, financial audits, reports, completing the year's work whilst preparing for next year. There have been many events to celebrate and to highlight for the rest of these busy three weeks.

### **Enterprise Week**

The pupils really enjoyed learning about and experiencing the design, making, advertising and selling aspect, which culminated in a very successful sales day. As a collective, from an initial investment of £1000 in total, the classes made, after costs, just over £1600 profit. That is the sort of investment that Dragon's Den would fight over! Congratulations to Pine class who made the greatest individual class profit in the school with their amazing tie-dye products. Some of our pupils showed kindness and generosity to their fellow pupils by slashing prices to well below costs, whilst others made the difference up with profits if a child did not have enough money. Great for community, less so for profit... a possible lesson needed in this day and age! In addition, we also had banking teams in to talk to our Yr5/6 classes and other visitors to speak to classes about business to enrich our week.

### **First Holy Communion**

During our mass of St Peter and Paul, we all prayed for our Year 3s who had or will be celebrating their First Holy Communion recently. We are so proud of you all.

### **Blessing of the School Building**

Tomorrow Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be visiting the school to formally bless the building and to meet the children. It has been a very long time coming, but a special one to mark the end of our building phase.

As a result, tomorrow afternoon, the Year 3 and 4 exits will not be in the hall at pick up time. Year 3 will be collected from the Studio door- the last door on the right of the Hall building. Year 4 will be collected from the patio area outside the LKS2 entrance door- the door the pupils come in from in the mornings.

### **Open Afternoon**

As we have not had the opportunity to invite parents into the school building, we will be holding an Open Afternoon between 13.30-15.15 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a chance to meet with your child, see where their classroom is and talk with your child about some of their favourite work. More information will follow on Monday of next week.

### **School Association**

Our greatest thanks to you all for supporting our sponsored run event at the end of last term. Monies are still trickling in but we have raised in the region of £6000, to be shared between the Association and our chosen charity, Cafod.

Please remember that the school disco event is happening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the early evening. If you are able to help out in any way on the day, please do let us know. The weather is due to be great and it will be a very enjoyable and social event for all.

### **Finally**

Good luck to our cricket team tonight having qualified for the finals of their league. Enjoy and hopefully play with a smile on your face.

