ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learning and Growing as One Family through God's Love'



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Newsletter

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We have been back for three days and what a three days it has been! Our children have settled in perfectly and I could not be more proud of how they have adapted to their new classes! I would like to thank all parents for their support in ensuring their children were settled and happy coming into school, I have a feeling that this is going to be our best year yet!

Lauding Lions

Our Lauding Lions have had a busy start to the year. They have visited Tesco to look at Fair Trade foods, had a training session for their new role with Mrs Smith and Mrs Pimblett and tied their pledges to the pledge tree at the front of the school. We are very pleased and excited that they are already so involved in lots of activities.

Eco Warriors

The children from Years 2 to 6 will have the opportunity to apply to be an Eco Warrior for this year. We have asked any child who would like to apply for this job to do so in a fun and creative way...literally anything creative will be accepted! Applications must be brought into school by Friday 13th September at the very latest, we will announce the new Eco Warrior Team the following Monday!

<u>PLT</u>

Today we launched our PLT shortlisted candidates from years 3 to 6. These children will share their manifestos in assembly on Monday and we will hold our election next Friday. Please look out for the election campaign posters which are certain to pop up around school next week!

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher over the next few weeks, the dates and times are below. Please do all you can to be at the meetings, but if you cannot we will make sure all information is posted on Dojo. All meetings will be in the school hall.

Monday 9^{th} September 2.15pm - **Year 6** (also London to be discussed) Tuesday 10th September 2.15pm - **Year 5** (also Colomendy to be discussed)

Thursday 12th September 2.15pm - **Year 1**

Monday 16th September 2.15pm - Year 4

Tuesday 17th September 2.15pm - Year 2

Wednesday 18th September 2.15pm - Year 3

Church Visits

From next week, all classes will have the opportunity to walk over to church for the weekly mass delivered by Father Michael. This is a lovely opportunity for our children to be still and reflective. Our children who have received communion in Year 4 will also receive communion on these days.

McMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September at 10am, we would like to invite our parents into the school hall to take part in our McMillan Coffee morning. Our Lauding Lions will be on hand to serve drinks and cake, and everybody is invited! All we ask is that you bring a small donation for the McMillan Charity. Our children will also have the opportunity to bring in cakes and some spending money to support the charity as well.

Clubs

I am pleased to announce that our teachers will be running some extra curricular clubs for our children this year. There will be a variety of clubs available for different year groups throughout the year, they will not all be happening straight away!

This half term Mrs Cullen will run a DANCE CLUB for years 5 and 6 children every Wednesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. We will speak to the children next week about what they need to do if they want to join this club.

Mr Mass will also be running a SPORTS CLUB for our year 3 children every Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Any children in this class who want to come to the club should wear their PE kit for school so that they don't have to get changed at the end of the day.

Class Dojo

You may have noticed that we have removed the 'comment' option on our whole school class dojo page and on some classes. This is because we have found that the site was being used in the same way that Facebook is used and this was never our intention when we introduced it. It is an information sharing platform and a tool for parents and teachers to contact each other. I will be sharing a home school agreement with all parents in the 'meet the teacher' meetings which will highlight the expectations we have when parents communicate with teachers via this platform.

Weekly Scripture

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

At the start of the new school year some children and parents may be a little bit worried. But by being brave and having faith, we do not have to worry as God is always with us!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday Morning, bright and early for the week ahead!