




2nd May 2017



## Excellence and Enjoyment Together in God's Love

A word from Mrs McDonagh-Smith, Headteacher

It has been a busy return since our last holiday: Whole school Easter Mass on Friday 21st April, Yr5 Class Mass on Tuesday 25th April, Global Learning Day in Yr5: Rights and Responsibilities and a netball match at Allerton Grange.

**Catholic Care**  A huge THANK YOU to our families for your very generous contributions to the sponsored spellathon. Money is still coming in! A special thanks to Year 4 who have, to date, contributed the most. We really appreciate every penny donated!

With the full support of the Dioceses, our school has been lucky enough to be chosen to be a part of the Barnardo's Positive Identities training programme. The staff/governors will undertake a series of training workshops and the governors and SLMT will review key policies and procedures to ensure we are a fully inclusive school. More information will be available in future newsletters and on the school website. It is important that all our children and their families feel supported and valued. God bless



## Road Safety

The Road Safety team will be visiting school to talk to the children, however parents and carers can make a real difference in ensuring their children are safer in the road environment. Below we have listed some ways that can increase you and your child's safety on or near roads.

### Supervise your children on or near roads

It will take many years for young children to develop the skills and knowledge they need to be on their own in the traffic environment and to keep themselves safe.

Children up to about 10 years of age are at particular risk of pedestrian injury. This is because they are small in size, and are still learning to detect the presence of traffic and to judge the speed and distance of traffic. So make sure that young children are closely supervised by an adult when in the road environment.

### Walk with your children

Children, assisted by adults, need regular practice in the real road environment. Walking with children to and from school, around the block or to the local shops can help develop children's skills in the road environment.

As you walk together, ask children simple questions that encourage thinking and reflection, for example:

- Where is the safest place to cross this road?
- What do we need to do before we cross the road together?
- Why do we hold hands to cross the road together?
- When is it safe to cross the road?
- What do we look for when crossing the road?
- What sounds are we listening for when crossing the road?

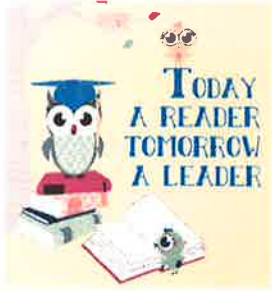
### Be safe around the bus stop

When picking up your child from the bus, wait on the same side of the road that the bus drops them off and meet your children at the bus stop.

This reduces the risk of them running across the road to meet you without checking the road first.

Bus travel is one of the safest ways to travel to school, but it is important to help your children to learn how to stay safe on and around buses.

## Reading Volunteers WANTED!



Looking for something really worthwhile to do in just an hour or two? We've just the thing for you!

We are seeking volunteers to help children improve their reading and confidence.

What can we offer you:

- A warm welcome
- Fun children to read with
- Experience of working in a diverse, creative and vibrant environment
- Training and induction programme
- A mentor



Think you might be interested? Think you might have what it takes, then please contact the school office.

**What are you waiting for?**

What do we need from you:

- Time: 1-2 hours a week
- Commitment
- Enthusiasm
- Willing to make a difference

## Reading Club

In our Reading Club there are 6 Year 6 pupils, Aoife, Chanelle, David, Jaleel, Michelle and Tony. We chose to join the book club because we like to read. The Reading Club has not just helped us to develop our reading skills but it has also helped us to develop our stamina for our upcoming SATs.

The Reading Club, which was organised by Mrs Miller, is all about reading six novels and voting for our favourite one. We will go to the Leeds Book Awards, to see the revelation of the winning novel and we get to ask question to the authors.

Here is a photo of some of us enjoying reading in the sun!



## An Italian Buffet

*We are having an Italian Buffet for dinner on Thursday 18th May and would encourage all children on packed lunches to try a school dinner for the day.*

*Just contact Miss Lewis in the Main office to get your order in, priced at just £2.30 per child (Nursery Years 3,4,5 & 6) and FREE to any child in Reception, Years 1 & 2!*

*Please see overleaf for the Full menu.*



# A Buffet Italiano

on: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Italian Buffet Selection

Tricolour Pasta (v)

Ciabatta Pizza Fingers (v)

Homemade Garlic Dough Balls

Insalate

(Crispy Mixed Salad)

Tiramisu

(Chocolate Orange Trifle)

