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Welcome back!

I hope all families had a wonderful summer break and return refreshed and revitalised after a glorious summer—it has been great to have such fantastic weather during a summer break, if only it could have lasted this week too!

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday. We have had a wonderful week in school and the children have settled so well into their new classes.

A very warm welcome to the children and families who have joined our school community — we hope that you and your child will feel welcomed and enjoy many happy years at Our Lady Queen Of Peace.

Welcome also to the staff who have joined us this year. We have two new teachers on the staff—Mrs Milner who is in Year 5/6 and Miss Carlin, who is teaching Y3/4. We also welcome Mr Kundu, teaching assistant, who will be working in Year 1/2.

Congratulations to Miss Harris who was married during the summer break and who returned to school as Mrs Mockler.

After careful consideration, a couple of our classes have chosen to adopt a different artist to study this year. For the purposes of our admin system they will remain the same but Caravaggio will now study Claude Monet and Dali will study Frida Kahlo. We feel that the themes and artwork of these two artists lends itself better to primary age children. Our Nursery class has also adopted L.S. Lowry as their artist.

As always at the beginning of the year, I would like to appeal to parents to do all that they can to support their child to be at school on time, have good attendance and to encourage them to work hard and do their best at all times. That way they will make the most of every opportunity and make the best possible progress. If you have any worries or concerns about your child, please get in touch immediately so that we can provide help and support. We cannot help if we don't know!

Don't forget—children can come into school **from 8:45am**. This ensures that children are ready to learn at 9:00 and no time is wasted. Thank you for being on time this week—our new drop off system is working beautifully!



A few upcoming events to note:

Monday 12th Sept: Curriculum meetings for parents at 4:00 and 4:30pm

These meetings are designed to give you an insight into what your child will be learning this year, the routines and expectations of the class and ways that you can help support your child. There will also be some samples of school meals in the hall prepared by the cook and members of the Governing Body will be around to speak to.

Wednesday 14th Sept: Derwent Hill meeting for parents at 3:30pm

Please remember to check the school calendar for all important events / notices.



This week, we introduced our new Positive Behaviour Policy. The policy, which focuses on positive reinforcement and recognition, is based around three simple and easy to remember rules—

Be READY, Be RESPECTFUL, Be SAFE.



The children considered what these looked like across school and worked together to produce posters to display around school. Teachers will share more information at the curriculum meetings and a copy will be available on the website shortly.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with the new approach.



This morning, our children prayed together to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As a school community, we join millions of people, at home and around the world, in thanking Her Majesty for her many years of dedicated service. We pray that her family will be comforted in their sorrow: knowing that she was loved and respected by so many. *May She Rest In Peace.* †

With best wishes

Mrs Jennifer Gill