

St Lawrence's RC Primary School



15 April 2016

Dear parents,

Incredibly, we are back at school for the summer term. This year has flown over. I thought I would take the chance to write to you about some recent developments and initiatives.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WELFARE OFFICER: We have recently appointed Mrs Cath Gibson as our new School Welfare Officer. Cath started work on Monday. Her role is to work with families around improving mental health, attendance, punctuality and behaviour both at home and at school so that the children are in the best position possible to fulfil their potential and learn well at school. If you have any issues around these Cath will be the first point of contact at school.

LEXIA: As you know, before half term, school purchased the Lexia reading intervention programme. Lexia has been proven to help children who are behind in reading to make rapid progress whilst also accelerating the progress of those who have already acquired some good basic reading skills. To be effective, Lexia needs to be used for an hour a week at home – 3 x 20 minutes with adult participation is ideal. We have been checking on usage and have already noticed a difference with those who are using the programme regularly.

All you need is an internet connection and your child's login. If you have lost it, Miss Kimmitt will happily provide you with a new one. Teachers would love to know any feedback regarding the programme and we would all encourage you to use it regularly with your children.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: The children who are participating in this year's Holy Communion programme have their first confessions on Tuesday 19 April in church at 2.15pm. Year 2 and Year 3 will be attending and any parents from these year groups are very welcome to attend and support the children. Their first Holy Communion's will take place on Sunday 26 June at St Lawrence's Church. Please also remember that St Lawrence's celebrate mass every Sunday at 9am. I attended over Easter and it was lovely to see a number of our children attending. It is always a beautiful and welcoming church.

FOOD NATION: School will be running a course with Food Nation starting next Monday. The courses will run from 3.30 to 4.30 and will be free of charge for up to 8 families. It is a lovely way for parents to come in with their children and do some fun activities and learn about healthy eating at the same time.

The dates of the courses are:

- Monday 18 April
- Monday 25 April
- Monday 9 May
- Monday 16 May

Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Yours faithfully

Mr Paul Brown
Head Teacher