



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Dear parents

16.10.17

## **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA EVENTS**

Some of the pupils in Y5 and Y6 were working with a London based artist, Chris Richmond, who has family in our parish. The result is a fantastic painting which he brought to our Mass on Friday, depicting the images of the happenings at Fatima. *Well done to everyone involved for this stunning piece of art!* (See it in our website gallery.)

## **SPANISH EXCHANGE OCTOBER 2017**

A massive thank you to all the pupils & their families who hosted a child (or two!) on our exchange . It was again a massive success. We had another successful grant from the EU/Erasmus this summer – the only primary school in North West England to do so, for an exchange programme! This will make the trips so cheap, for years to come, with our funding until 2020 GUARANTEED regardless of Brexit.

## **TWO EVENTS NEXT TUESDAY.**

Firstly Mr Merrick and the Y3 class look forward to welcoming Y3 parents to their class assembly at 9.15 am, in our hall. Then, after lunch we will all be having a **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Party** – school lunch will be party food on that day @ £2.20 for Juniors, Infants and Free School Meals no charge as usual. *Our school building is ten years old this month!* It's going to be a great celebration!

## **PARENTS' SURVEY**

Thanks to everyone who replied to our recent parents' survey, to check on your priorities for engagement with the school. I shared these with governors last week. The most popular priorities by some way were (in this order);

\*to revive a 'parents support group' so that parents can be more involved in planning events for the children (Xmas Fair, discos, new ideas etc etc)

\*to provide more courses for parents (afternoons and evenings), similar to our previous parents' literacy, maths and e-safety courses etc

\*parents offering, when they can, to come into school, to hear readers, help out etc

Less popular were the ideas for 'drop ins', such as a mums & tots; and a parents' forum; but we may revisit these at a later date. Thanks again to everyone who contributed.

For now, we will arrange for your priority ideas to be put into action. We hope you're enjoying all the clubs like infant dodgeball, junior football, art & crafts, maths reasoning club for Y5 and so on. The junior choir is also preparing for some exciting Christmas engagements! Busy days!

## **PARENT-TEACHER EVENING TOMORROW**

A reminder that tomorrow is parent-teacher evening. You can still book online; or contact our office for an appointment on 338 2430. Next week you'll also receive the first 'half termly report card', with information about your child's progress in the first 6 weeks, and next steps in key curriculum areas.

## **HALF TERM**

**Don't forget that pupils break up next Wednesday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> October.** There will be 2 training days for staff on Thursday & Friday next week. Then it's official half term week, from Mon 30 October. Have a safe week and we will see you back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely

