



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

As we begin this half term, we continue to focus on our three important school rules:

Be Safe, Be Ready, and Be Respectful. These values guide our children in their learning and relationships each day.

This half term, we focus on the Catholic Social Teaching focus principle 'Dignity of the Worker', which links closely with our rule Be Respectful, reminding us that every person and every role deserves to be valued.

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."
(Colossians 3:23–24)*

Through this teaching, children will learn that all work has dignity. There are many kinds of work, and each one is important. We will explore how workers deserve safe conditions, reasonable hours, and fair wages, because every person is created in God's image. We will also encourage pupils to see their own efforts, both in school and at home, as meaningful ways of using the talents God has given them.

Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team represented our school at St John Henry Newman for the Chaplaincy Team Day. Here they joint together with the students of SJHN and other Catholic Primary schools. They were amazing and truly advocated for our school—well done to all involved. Thank you also to Mrs Batty for accompanying them.

DoWAT

Today, I am delighted to welcome Patrick Leeson, Chair of the Board of Directors for our Academy Trust, to our school. He will be spending the morning in our school. During his visit, he will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet with members of our Parliament and Chaplaincy Teams, and speak with both staff and pupils. We look forward to showcasing the strengths of our school community and sharing the wonderful work that takes place each day.



School Parliament

Thank you to our school Parliament team, who have been busy gathering children's thoughts and ideas about what they would like to access during their lunchtime breaks. We will keep you updated as things progress, there may be a request for support so please keep an eye on your emails!

Retirement News

Many of you will know our fantastic Business Manager, Mrs Sally Lorimer. Sally began working in the school office many years ago and gradually built up her hours and experience, becoming an integral part of our school community.

Over the years, Sally has welcomed countless children, families, staff and headteachers. She has carefully managed budgets, organised building projects and events, led HR and played a vital role as part of the school leadership team. She truly has been an absolute star and will be greatly missed.

Sally is now retiring to spend more time with her wonderful grandchildren and family. However, she is not saying a complete goodbye, as she has kindly agreed to continue supporting the school so I am sure you will still see her from time to time.

We thank Sally for her incredible dedication and wish her all the very best in her retirement.

I am pleased to introduce the new members of our office team:

[Name] – Finance Administrator (2 days)

[Name] – Operations Manager (1 day)

[Name] – HR and Finance Assistant (Full time)

We look forward to them continuing the excellent work within our very busy school office.

Sporting News

Our sports teams have been very busy this term. Both the netball and football teams have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork.

The boys' football team is currently doing incredibly well and has achieved excellent results so far. They have another match to play, and we look forward to seeing how they finish in the league.

The girls' football team recently played their first match—an exciting milestone for the team—and we are very proud of their efforts.

A huge thank you to our fantastic coaches: Mrs Levy, Mr Arnese and Mr Miah, for their dedication and encouragement. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Mr Brighton, who regularly supports the team and has kindly provided us with two brand new goals—this is greatly appreciated!

Our Year 1 children will be participating in Commonwealth Championship workshops this term, which I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy.

Changes in Weather

As the weather begins to change and warmer days approach, we kindly ask parents to ensure children come to school prepared for the conditions. Please apply once a day



suncream before school and provide your child with a named hat and water bottle. It is also important that children always wear socks/ tights and appropriate school shoes to ensure they remain safe and comfortable.

As always, thank you for your understanding

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Whitty', written in a cursive style.

Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher