



February 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Let me start by welcoming you to our new term. I hope you have all had a refreshing break and did not suffer too much at the hands of storm Dennis. It has been an extremely busy term and I want to thank all students, staff, governors and parents for the warm welcome back I have received.

This term we have said good bye to Mr Scriven who has completed his work with us and we welcome Mr Turton as an Associate Deputy Head Teacher to assist us with new ideas to support teaching and learning.

We now have an exciting time ahead of us with several opportunities for parents to become more involved within our school community.

Additionally, this term has a new focus on Road Safety and we revisit the important topic of attendance and how we can work in partnership with you to get the best education for your son or daughter.

We have a number of activities planned to support preparation for Easter and we are working closely with the Briars to develop the Catholic Life of our school. On the last day of term, the school took the unusual step of holding an additional fundraising event at the request of the students, to support the victims of the horrific fires in Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your generous support and inform you that we raised in excess of £800.

This term we will be planning a number of activities for Primary school students to introduce them to secondary school life at St Peter and St Paul. Transition to secondary school can be very traumatic for children and parents alike and we aim to make the move to secondary school as smooth as possible.

Following the Anti- Bullying campaign that was carried out before Christmas, we have decided to invest in three confidential bully boxes where students will have the opportunity to confidentially alert us to any concerns that they have. I have seen this work successfully in other schools and am confident that it will assist our young people in having the confidence to express themselves further. These will be launched through assemblies later next month.

On the 5th March 2020 it is World Book day and we encourage our staff and students to celebrate this special day, further information on this can be found on our website.

My congratulations to the Literacy winners announced in our Collective Worship on Monday 10th February.

Finally, I would just like to remind parents that there is a wonderful opportunity this year for students to go on pilgrimage with the school to Lourdes in July. Further information about this trip can be obtained from myself or Mrs Shinn our Lay Chaplain or Mrs Sansam who is based in the library.

Please do not forget our Year 9 Parents Evening opportunity later this week (27th February) and I look forward to seeing many parents at this event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Le Caplain', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

R Le Caplain
Headteacher