



Dear Parents and Carers,

As half-term arrives; I would like to say a big thank-you to all our C.A.S. community, for their teamwork over the past few weeks.

Our new intake pupils have settled in to the school routine very well and our Year 11 and Year 14 pupils have begun the gradual process of transition to life beyond Childwall Abbey, preparing for exams, work experience and Sixth-form or college in 2018.

You will be delighted to hear that our Tesco Bags of Help bid, co-ordinated by Mrs Jukes, has raised a grant of £4,000, to go towards improvements in provision for our pupils on their outdoor play areas. School Council will be involved in helping to decide how best to spend the money so that all our pupils can enjoy their break times even more.

Our Macmillan coffee afternoon, run by Sixth-form pupils who were supported by a number of staff members, was a great success, raising more than £460. It was also a wonderful opportunity for many of our pupils' parents, carers and family members to come socialise over a cuppa and a cake. Thank you for joining us and making it such a success.

In September, Our Lower School pupils had a very enjoyable and exciting afternoon, when we had a visit from our friends in the Kinetic Theatre Company. We all learned a lot about space and the planets and had a lot of fun too!

Following a lot of hard work from Mr Maloney and Mrs Milne, C.A.S. has achieved the Liverpool Attendance Quality Mark at Bronze level. We are pleased that the excellent attendance of most C.A.S. pupils and the commitment of the vast majority of parents and carers to encouraging full attendance was recognised by the inspection team.

As promised, we carried out a practice "Lockdown" of the school building. This is important, as unforeseen circumstances may arise when it is best to close the building to visitors and keep our pupils safely inside their classrooms for a short

period. You will be delighted to hear that the practice went ahead with no upset or distress to any pupils. Everyone was sensible and co-operative, which should give us all confidence that we can keep the children (and staff), safe and calm in an emergency.

C.A.S. School Choir continues to go from strength to strength. We have registered again for the Liverpool Peace Proms, which take place next January at the Echo Arena. Mrs Hunt will be in contact nearer the date, to let parents and carers know about dates, times and tickets. She will be available to answer any questions at the Parents evening. Now, everyone is enjoying rehearsals each week with Mrs Hunt, Mrs Dibben, Mr Maines and Mr Mills.

A group of our Sixth-formers are currently working hard on a community project helping to develop a garden at Childwall C of E Primary School. We are very proud of the positive way they are representing C.A.S.

The school's latest initiative launches next half-term. We intend, over the coming months, to achieve Forest Schools status. Forest Schools are long term programmes within a natural space. They focus on developing Personal, Social and Emotional life skills through learner led, nature based learning. The programmes will be run within the school grounds as well as using the local woodland. For our pilot project we will be targeting the lower school.

During the half-term holiday, Lifestyles gyms are launching a new membership, called ACTIV8, aimed at children and young people. They are offering free tasters. There are also free exercise sessions, including Zumba and swimming. Why not go along and try something new? Further information is available on the News page of our website.

Please keep Thursday 16th November in your diary. This is the date of our next Parents evening (4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's form teacher to discuss progress and raise any concerns. Our Enterprise Group will have items for sale (bags, bookmarks and other useful items) so bring some money to spend! We will also have keep safe advice and more information on the Forest Schools scheme.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy half-term.

Mrs C. Piercy.