



Summer term newsletter - July 2015.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another year at Aigburth High School, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on some of our successes and to share our priorities for next year.

Over the past three terms, we have continued to grow as a school community, both in numbers and in our ability to provide and share great educational experiences. We have had lots of visitors, trips out into the community and special assemblies. All of these events have helped to keep us very busy and to make learning fun. Remember, if you would like to see what we have been doing, check out the website!

We had a very successful Ofsted visit in February and we are now looking forward to building on that success by setting ourselves challenging goals. Key priorities in our School Development Plan for the coming school year are: developing writing skills across the school, working on practical maths skills for all our pupils and developing pupils' individual targets.

Our New Build, which is now fully under way, will really help us to progress. We are so excited about the difference which comfortable, smart, up to date facilities will make to what we can offer and achieve! Watch the website as we begin to build up a library of photos of the work in progress!

We are also pursuing full ASD accreditation, to develop the support we are able to give to all our pupils with these issues. Our first visit by our assessor will take place in July. Following this we will be given advice and targets to help us to achieve accreditation. This initiative is being led by our SENCo, Mrs Shaw.

As an exciting addition to our commitment to provide a calm and safe working environment, several of our staff have been undertaking training, to become "Champions" for a Restorative Practices project which has been launched within our local authority. The aim is to help pupils to become more able to reflect on the consequences of their actions and to be able to manage their emotions in a positive way. Our Team Leader is Mrs Williams and our "Champions" are Mrs

Jukes, Mr Radford and Mr Watkins. In the new term, we will make this project the focus of a Coffee Morning so that those of you who would like to know more can meet the team.

Our Year 11 pupils have now left Aigburth. Some will be moving on to College, others will return in September to be part of our Sixth-form. The challenges of exam time were coped with thanks to the dedicated work of Mrs Hunt and the Year 11 form staff. Their work experience was a great success. Our pupils were ably supported by Mrs Wilson. We wish them all every success as they move on to their next challenges.

We are looking forward to a number of end of term trips and events, including our whole school activity day at I.M.Marsh on 9th July, our School Sports Day on 17th July and a Lower School trip to Chester Zoo on 20th July.

At the end of term, we are saying "hello" to some new staff and bidding a fond farewell to others. Mrs Russell is moving on to St.Gregory's High School, Mrs O'Connor is taking up a post in Ashley School and Mr Campbell is taking up a new post in September. We thank them most sincerely for all their hard work, care and kindness during their time at Aigburth and wish them every success in the future.

We have two new teachers joining us from September, Mr Carey and Miss Groves. They bring strengths in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Humanities and P.E. and are both experienced in supporting pupils with SEN. Everyone at Aigburth is looking forward to welcoming them to our team.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful summer and looking forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Piercy.