

C.A.S. Newsletter Summer 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves in the run up to the summer holidays. I would like to write a few words regarding some of the successes we have experienced during this past school year.

The big news this year has been the successful move to our lovely new premises in Childwall, accompanied by a new school name and change to our uniform. Despite the difficulties involved in such a massive undertaking, we have arrived safely and pupils, staff and visitors are really enjoying the benefits of a "made to measure" provision. Parents and Carers who were able to attend our Parents Evening on 28th June had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the wonderful facilities. Everyone was really thrilled that our pupils and staff now have the environment they have waited for.

On 17th June, we celebrated the successes of our Sixth-form students who gained Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Sectional Awards. They have all worked so hard, with the guidance of Mr Morrow, Mrs Shaw and all the Sixth-form staff team. The School Hall looked magnificent and we were so proud of such a special achievement.

Our Year 11 and some Year 10 and Sixth-form pupils have completed their exams and await the results of their hard work in August. Our usual Certificate Presentation will take place at our Christmas Production.

Year 11 Work Experience, efficiently co-ordinated by Mrs Wilson and supported by Mrs Spencer, was an outstanding success, with a number of students being invited to maintain links with their placements and everyone receiving excellent assessments and reports. Special thanks also go to Alpha Taxis who took such great care of our pupils making sure they arrived safely every day. We are proud to see all our Year 11's smiling faces on the Work Experience display board next to the Meeting Room.

All our Leavers enjoyed a lively celebration assembly with the whole school on 24th June. (Thank-you to Mrs Gowar for preparing the Record of Achievement folders.). This was followed by a delicious lunch at the Childwall Abbey Hotel. Form teachers and form support staff were delighted to go along and to have the opportunity to wish the Leavers a fond farewell.

Despite being so very busy this year, the whole school community has continued to aspire in maths, as part of the pilot scheme for the new "Liverpool Counts" Chartermark, co-ordinated by Mr Watkins. I am delighted to announce that we have already been awarded the Silver accreditation and are "going for gold" from September '16. A fun part of the focus on Numeracy was our Maths Party Day. We had a Numeracy in All Subjects competition and our pupils worked hard to prepare party bags for the youngest pupils in all the other special schools in Liverpool. A group went out with Mrs Cusack and Mr Maloney to deliver the bags on the Party Day.

Our Reader in Residence scheme, co-ordinated by Mrs Jukes, has been a great success. We began with pupils from the youngest classes back Autumn 2015 and now we are at the point where a number of our Year 10 pupils are also benefitting from special time set aside when they can focus on enjoying reading. As part of our continuing drive to raise the profile of literacy

across the school, Miss Groves has attended additional training which will enable our community to undertake the Liverpool Literacy Chartermark over the next school year.

In Humanities, our Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils made us very proud when they represented us in the community, by going out for an English Breakfast last month, as part of their, " We Are Britain" topic work. This event was dreamed up and co-ordinated by Mr Carey. Our new friends at Wetherspoons Childwall Fiveways kindly made our pupils and staff very welcome. Members of the public commented on how polite our pupils are, which is exactly what we expect. Well done everyone!

A very special trio of musicians, "Project Jam Sandwich", visited school in June, in a special experience arranged by Mr Maines. Our pupils were entertained by a really enjoyable performance. Mrs Miller's class then took part in a music workshop. We intend to build on this next year as the whole school will be working towards achieving the Artsmark accreditation, led by Mrs Hunt.

We continue, as a school, to work towards two other very important awards, the ASD Friendly School Award (co-ordinated by Mrs Shaw) and Restorative Practices (co-ordinated by Mrs Williams). Both these awards are helping us to provide the specialised support our pupils need and deserve. We will be hosting parents and carers coffee mornings focusing on Numeracy, Literacy, Arts education, ASD issues and Restorative Practices over the coming school year.

Thanking you all for your support and co-operation over the past school year, wishing you a happy holiday and looking forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Piercy.

Key Dates before the end of term are -

- Chester Zoo Trip - 12/7/16 - Y 6,7,8
- New Brighton Trip - 12/7/16 - Sixth-form
- Good Behaviour Award (Cinema Experience) - 14/7/16 - 9M
- Sports Activity Day (I.M.Marsh) - 15/7/16 - whole school treat
 - Bowling at Hollywood Bowl - 18/7/16 - Y9
 - Bowling at Hollywood Bowl - 19/7/16 - Y10
- End of Term - 21/7/16 - pupils finish at 1 p.m.

School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 7th September 2016

