

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Father Weymes will be visiting to celebrate Mass with us on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>, the first of three visits planned so far for this term. The forthcoming dates are: Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. All Masses will take place in the school hall and everyone is invited. It would be very nice to see some of the parishioners from Holy Rosary as well as St Gregory's at the celebrations. Of course, this past week has marked the last Parish Mass at Holy Rosary church and we can say without a doubt, that the church will be sadly missed. We will of course be able to recall so many happy celebrations there across the years, especially First Communion Masses and the Y6 Leavers Barbecues that Father Cornforth used to organise for all of the catholic children across South Shields - special times.

I am very pleased to report that our new Reception intake has settled so well and it will be great to see them in school full time from Monday. Dinner time will be fun I'm sure and we will be very grateful for the support of our Y6 Pastoral Care partners, who will be paired up today during this afternoon's Pastoral Care session. Today's gathering also marks the election of our Captain's and Vice Captain's and we have such an excellent field to choose from. We are sure to see a very good example of British Democracy taking place before our very eyes with some very good speeches and persuasive arguments taking place. Regardless of who is chosen to these particular positions, every Y6 child plays such a big and important role in caring for our younger pupils, being such good examples. Thank you very much for that and generally, to all of our pupils who replicate this good and kind behaviour on a daily basis.

After school clubs seem to have got off to a good start and children have come prepared and organised. It is inevitable that we will have some items of clothing go astray as pupils are getting changed, but these can be repatriated if the names are visible, so please try to make sure that they are.

A reminder that we did have some difficulties with parking at both ends of the school late last term. Problems can be exacerbated by poor weather as people try to get that much closer to school before parking and there have been several rainy days to contend with already. I would like to ask that everyone parks respectfully and with great regard for the safety of pupils. There is no need to be driving up to the school gate and then trying to exercise three point turns with pupils, parents, carers, visitors and passing pupils from secondary schools all around. It is not safe so why are some people doing this? Some people have to ask themselves. Hopefully there will be an improvement and we can avoid having to mention this issue as often as we have done in the past. Thank you for your cooperation and have a good weekend.

Best Wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**K J Smithson.**

Head Teacher.