

### Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first Mass of the new term went very well on Tuesday and it was nice to see a turnout of parishioners as well as a gathering of parents / carers. Father Weymes is being very helpful in agreeing that all of our Autumn Term Masses will take place in the school hall as the walk to St Gregory's is a challenge for our KS1 children and given the weather, a bit of a lottery.

I have spoken to the children at each assembly this term and made it very clear to them all that the "monkey bars" are out of bounds after school has finished for the day. Despite being fully aware of this, one or two have repeatedly forgotten that this is the rule. I would be grateful if parents / carers can assist the children to remember that this is the case, now that I have mentioned it on newsletter too, something I perhaps should have done earlier. Governors are happy to see other sections of the KS1 play area enjoyed by age appropriate children in the last of the fine weather, as long as they are closely supervised by their parents / carers. This time last year we had three accidents on the "monkey bars" and that is more than enough, I do not want a repeat. After half term as the colder and wetter weather becomes the norm, the area will be out of bounds after school until the end of the Spring term. It is always out of bounds prior to the start of the school day for safety reasons.

Unusually for a newsletter, there is a bill shown overleaf. It outlines the costs incurred by the school for the recent roof replacement programme, something that has been communicated earlier this year. This is only part of the costs with an additional £2500 anticipated later in the year as the overall bill was closer to £165,000, and our contribution is 10% of the total - a good deal really, but the budget has been cut to the bone and we really need some help. So, for the first time ever we are looking to fundraise to help towards this massive outlay for the school and we are asking for your support.

There will be a special Sponsored Spelling Form coming home with the children next week and we are hoping that family, friends and workmates will join in and sponsor the children who will be trying their best to get 20/20 on October 12<sup>th</sup> - please look out for this. In the meantime I would like to thank Mrs Annette McTavy who bravely completed her first parachute jump in August and raised £70. Well done!

Best Wishes and have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

K J Smithson.

Head Teacher.