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Dear Parents

As the end of the academic year arrives I'd like to thank you for the support that you have given our children throughout the year. There have been so many fantastic things which have taken place during 2017/18 and the children of the school have done really well. Earlier this week we had a visit from our School Improvement Advisor and she confirmed that the quality of both schools remain outstanding. We are all really pleased about that.

End of Year Outcomes

The results of our children in key nationally assessed year groups was again very strong. Data for the end of Reception, Year 1 (phonics), Year 2 and Year 6 was well above national averages. This was as a result of very strong teaching, great attitudes to learning from pupils and the hard work of staff. We are proud of all our children's achievement. It is vital that they achieve academically but this progress is only a part of the development of the child. In this, they have excelled. We have recently posted a full analysis of all our data on the school website, if you want to have a look.

School Events

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed a number of fantastic events where we have welcomed parents into school. A few weeks ago we had a Sports Day, we have also had fabulous Liturgies from Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. These are always very special and we love the way you support your children.

Uniform

It's that time of year when I remind you of the importance of adhering to the uniform policy. We strongly believe that the way the children look in uniform is of vital importance. It is essential that parents support the policy because it helps our school to stand out and makes our children feel proud.

The uniform is as follows:

- School logoed jumper, cardigan or tank top
- School logoed polo shirt
- Blue shirt and tie (optional for all KS2 classes)
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Summer dress - blue

PE Kit:

- New logoed PE shirt (please note we have supplied all children from Rec to Y6 with a half price voucher, redeemable from JK clothing)
- Plain navy shorts (no logos)

All uniform is available from JK Clothing in Jarrow. Children are not permitted to wear earrings or studs and hair is not allowed to be shaved to a grade 1. We appreciate that St Aloysius logoed polo shirts cost more and we are happy to support any family who requests financial assistance. We will pay the difference between the cost of a shop bought polo shirt and a school logoed bought one. If you require this, financial assistance forms are available from the office.

Please note all children from Rec - Y6 must wear black shoes, no trainers.

Childcare Clubs

Reminder that we offer childcare from 7.45 - 9.00 am and 3.15 - 6.00 pm every day of the term. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Thank you for all your support for your children and our school. Your children wouldn't achieve as much as they do and our school couldn't be as successful without you.

As this is the last newsletter of the school year I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Conway', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr N Conway
Headteacher