

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the summer holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the high points from this term and the school year.

It has been a joy to welcome **Fr Boniface** into our school community this year. His warmth and infectious smile made our return to whole school celebrations in the hall even more special. The **Catholic life** of the school continues to go from strength to strength, and the **Outstanding** judgement in our **Catholic Schools Inspection** earlier in the school year is worthy recognition of the time and dedication put into developing our **Catholic Ethos**.



It has been wonderful that we have been able to get back to holding large events such as the **Christmas Fair** and **Jubilee Picnic**, and also the much loved Film and Disco events. We are lucky to have a **dedicated** and **hardworking** staff at St Catherine's that are willing to put their own time and effort into making these events a success, but at a time when teacher workload is rising and teacher wellbeing is on the decline, we hope to reach out to our school community next year to support in the organisation and running of these events.



Our **outdoor learning area** has undergone a full transformation and we could not be more pleased with the results. We now have a **Sensory Prayer Garden** with an array of flowers in full bloom, a **Garden** in which Gardening Club have grown and nurtured a variety of produce, and a **Forest School** area that we are now looking forward to sharing with pupils in the autumn term. A big **thank you** to all who have contributed and those who joined us recently for our Garden Open Afternoon.



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With a mix of happiness, sadness but most of all pride, we gave our **Year 6** pupils a guard of honour as they walked out of the school gates for the very last time today. At the start of every school year a Headteacher looks to those pupils at the top of the school to set the standards for **behaviour**, **learning and how we should look out for our peers**. This group of pupils have excelled themselves in all of those areas and I said to them in assembly today, they have set an example to all of the pupils in our school to follow for years to come.





Finally, I would just like to **thank** all of the parents/carers for the support and kindness shown to me in my first year at St Catherine's. I am **extremely proud** of the improvements we have made as a school. It really is a fantastic school community to be a part of and I am excited about what can be achieved in the coming years.

On behalf of all of the staff here at St Catherine's, I would like to wish you a healthy and happy summer break.

God bless.

Mr Croghan

