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In Love with Christ: Be the Best I Can. Be kind to one another

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I felt that you all would want to know the GREAT NEWS we have received since we have returned to school in January 2019. Education Skills and Funding Agency has signed over the grant of £4.42 million for the NEW St Cuthbert's school - HOORAY at last!! A real cause for great celebration for the Archdiocese, Local Authority, Governors and staff and we are all delighted. Contracts with builders can now be signed and they should be on site before half-term.

St Cuthbert's is also mentioned in the Liverpool Echo's Real School Guide 2019 as being 3rd in Liverpool and 7th in Merseyside WOW! But we in education do know this is based on the Liverpool Echo criteria so we use it with a pinch of salt. However, it does mean as the National and Local league tables indicate that we are an exceptional school and are performing with the best in Liverpool, Merseyside and Nationally.

The Official Inspection by Law, Section 48 (Religious Education) has been published. It was conducted by Inspectors who are also Ofsted Inspectors and must use the same criteria to make judgement. In every category St Cuthbert's were judged to be OUTSTANDING. May I thank those parents who the inspectors spoke with and those who kindly filled in the questionnaire. Your children were praised in many different ways but I felt a few quotes from the first page were appropriate:

"The extent to which the pupils contribute to and benefit from the Catholic Life of the school is OUTSTANDING"
"Pupils are ambassadors of their mission "In love with Christ, Be the best I can, Be kind to one another" "The behaviour of pupils is exemplary" (a link will be sent to you via Dojo when the report becomes live)

Some other news that I know you will want to know is about staff changes. These do happen (more often than probably parents are aware of) in all schools for a variety of different reasons. Central to our thinking is the well-being and progress of your children. Very shortly Mrs Lunt will be going on maternity leave. We have been planning for this wonderful event and have put in appropriate staffing adjustments. Certainly, I will have to insist that parents make appointments to see a member of the Year 6 staff (this particularly includes our Head of School Mrs Bellis-Knox as her responsibility will be to teach the children in her class) appointments can be made to suit both home and school outside of the teaching day. In addition, Miss Adams and her family are very shortly leaving us to begin a new life in Australia and again we have made arrangements to fill the gap she will leave.

Finally very few forms have been returned from the questionnaire about After School Club and Breakfast Club at St Cuthbert's. They will help the Finance Governors to make decisions about these facilities. PLEASE return to your class teacher for MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019 they will be collected by SMT and Governors. Thank you for your help with this.

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