

April 1st 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this end of term letter finds you all well and ready for the Easter break. I must warn you before I begin, I have a couple of asks of you in this letter.

It is wonderful to see all the children finally starting to integrate into the school life they enjoyed before the pandemic.

Spring and the Season of Lent are great reminders of new beginnings and a time to refresh. I hope as we grow closer to Holy Week you are all feeling renewed and filled with the hope that this special time of Easter brings us.

The disruption that the pandemic caused to our children and school family continues to bring some challenges, as you would expect. However all the staff and Governors at the Cathedral are working together to ensure that we address these challenges and create new opportunities for our school family to return to a sense of normality.

As a Governing Body we want to make sure that all parents are listened to and provide us with information on our standards and teaching, and most importantly how safe and happy your children feel around school. I was delighted to read some of the amazing comments from our most recent parent survey. The survey helps us to both address any concerns and celebrate our achievements.

I sincerely thank all our parents for taking the time to complete the parent questionnaire and for all the amazing comments, that made me proud to be a part of this school family. I am also now looking forward to the children's survey that will be carried out in the summer term.

As a Governing body, we are still continuing to meet via the Teams application, but Governors are commencing their nominated governor roles and have visited school to look at the Safeguarding, English, Maths and Health and Safety provisions, and of course we are blessed to have Father Chapple our newest Governor, and priest at the Cathedral, to work with Mrs Dickinson with regards to our Religious Education provision and class masses. Without exception, Governors are completely satisfied with the provisions in all these areas of school life.

I did say at the start of my letter that I have a couple of asks of you all.

The first is that, as we come to the end of Spring Term, Mrs Vandesande, our parent Governor's term of office comes to an end. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Vandesande for all her hard work on the Governing body over the last 4 years. It has not been without challenges.

Our Parent Governor role is extremely important and in the Summer term please look out for a letter from Mrs Holt requesting nominations from all parents for a Parent Governor. We hope that you will consider applying for nomination.

Once again a huge thank you to Mrs Vandesande for all her time and effort in this important role, you will be missed.

I am hopeful in the summer term that I can meet as many of you as possible as we start to enjoy many of the Parent/ Teacher, and social events.

Here is my second ask, I am sure you are all aware of the tremendous effort Phil Mitchell puts into the PTA in addition to his role as Governor. It would be wonderful to see more parents and carers taking the lead in organising this important part of our school families life.

If anyone is interested in taking on a lead role or just getting involved in the PTA please contact Phil.

The Parent Teacher Association is open to every parent and carer. You automatically become a member when your child/children join the school. Don't be shy at coming forward with your ideas, and building on all the work that has already started within the PTA.

All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school and as an example of the tremendous fund raising over the last 6 years or so we have managed to secure all the playground equipment that your children enjoy. Thank you to everyone involved in these achievements.

The PTA have a wonderful Facebook page which I am sure you will agree is extremely beneficial in keeping parents up to date on a daily basis. They have also been instrumental in raising funds for those in need, as is our second nature, as a school family, to think of others.

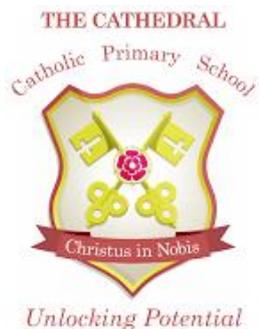
As we come to the end of Spring Term 2022, the only thing that remains, is for me to thank each and every one of you, in our Cathedral family. Parents, carers and all our wonderful staff, again for everything you do for the school but most importantly our children, who make the school what it is. I hope that you have a Blessed and Holy Easter.

All the Mass times for Holy Week are in the newsletter and it would be so wonderful to see you all. On Easter Sunday after 10.30 Mass we will be having coffee in the social centre whilst the children are invited to the Easter egg hunt.

Yours most sincerely

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