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'Loving God in all we do'

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Dear parents of children in Year 6,

A number of years ago, I introduced a layer of responsibility aimed directly at Year 6 children called 'Young School Leaders'. This proved a great success.

Being a 'Young School Leader' involves meeting directly with me and thinking of ways to strategically plan for the future of our school. In previous years, the 'YSL' have welcomed guests into school and spoke to visitors about life at St Anne's along with attending Governing Body meetings to share curriculum information. We developed excellent links with Brookside with children visiting the residents and planning enrichment days together. In the current climate, we hope to be able to plan similar events but we may need to think and plan differently.

Our YSL will need to be prepared to give up their 'free time' during playtime or dinnertime to fulfil their duties and they must be confident to speak in public. The YSL will have a small budget to spend on their ideas and by the end of their final year in school, they will leave a gift for the future of our school. In previous years, the YLS have introduced climbing equipment on the playgrounds and a new PE kit for school. Last year's children designed our 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' garden.

There will be no hierarchy to the YSL structure; all involved will be equal. There is no set number or ratio of boys/girls from either class.

Children who are interested in this responsibility will need to prepare a spoken presentation and present this to their peers and teachers based on the reasons why they would be a suitable candidate for this role. Children may choose to use technology for their presentation but this is not an essential requirement. The Headteacher along with the Year 6 team of teachers, will democratically elect who will represent the school as Young School Leaders.

This experience will be a supportive and exciting taste of leadership for our children. If your child would like to put themselves forward for election they need to begin thinking and planning their presentation. On Wednesday 22nd September, children who wish to stand for election will present their reasons to be elected to their friends and teachers.

All children who chose to participate will be provided with feedback on presentations. It is essential that our children understand that the aim of this process is to be a supportive and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Kind regards,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher

Headteacher: Mr P. Bates
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs G. Cleary

