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'Loving God in all we do'

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Dear parents of children in Year 6,

As part of our continued drive to improve opportunities for all our children, Mrs Cleary, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hewitson and Mrs Foulds would normally organise additional responsibilities for all our Year 6 children. These will include classroom responsibilities along with additional responsibilities such as door monitors, playground games monitors and assembly monitors etc. Due to the ongoing restrictions being placed on our children we have to think differently. Two years ago, I introduced another layer of responsibility 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' welcomed guests into school and spoke to visitors about St Anne's. We developed excellent links with Brookside; children visited the residents and planned enrichment days together. In the current climate, we will need to think and plan differently for this year.

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.

There will be no hierarchy to the 'YSL' structure; all involved will be equal. In previous years, the number of children elected has changed each year. There is no set number or ratio of boys/girls.

Children who may be 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. 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 to grow and develop their skills. If your child would like to put themselves forward for election they need to begin thinking and planning their presentation. On Wednesday 18th November, 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 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

