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"Called to Love as God Loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have had a lovely summer and are all fully rested and ready for the new academic year. The children have settled in quickly to their new classes and are looking forward to the year ahead. We welcome in particular our Nursery families and 56 children new to our Reception classes.

Thank to everyone for ensuring the children arrive in school on time and are looking smart in full school uniform. It is vital if the school is to continue to thrive, that you support us in upholding high expectations.



School Improvement

I am delighted to be able to report that the building work that took place over the summer is completed. We have remodelled unused space creating a new kitchen for the breakfast club and a corridor which will by-pass the hall. This allows access from the offices to Upper Key Stage Two without assemblies and

lessons taking place in the hall being disturbed. In addition, Mrs Bushi's Year 6 classroom has been remodelled and decorated giving it a fresh and bright feel.



I am also pleased to tell you that we are well underway with our Forrest School Area. The Groundwork Trust has been working on the design during the holidays and has fenced off an area at the back of school. A log seating area and fire pit is in place and over the coming weeks there are plans to plant over one hundred trees. Congratulations to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Clarke who have completed and passed their course and our now officially qualified Forrest School Practitioners.

Safeguarding

In order to ensure our safeguarding procedures are robust and effective, can I please ask that the data collection sheet sent out last week be returned as soon as possible to ensure we are able to contact you quickly, in the event of an emergency.



Birthday Celebrations

As this year we will be working towards the Healthy School Award, may I ask parents if they wish to give treats to class mates at the end of the day, that they choose a non-food option eg pencil, rubbers, balloons etc. Thank you in advance for your support.

Applying for Secondary School Places

May I remind all parents in Y6 to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. Applying on line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms. The online system closes on 31st October 2019. If you don't have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, these are very easy to set up and staff at the library will be happy to help.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

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Diary dates:

Fri 13 th Sept	Welcome Mass in Church 9.30am
Thur 26 th Sept	Photograph Day
Fri 27 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am
Fri 20 th Sept	Bags to School Drop Off
Thur 10 th Oct	Flu Vaccination (Reception-Year 6)
Thur 24 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Fri 25 th Oct	School Closes
Mon 4 th Nov	School Opens