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Principal Mrs C. Williams

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Dear Parents

Re: 50th Anniversary celebrations

May I express my sincere thanks to all those who helped us commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school's official opening in such style. I would wish to extend particular thanks to PTA members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the anniversary celebrations went well.

I would wish to thank the very many parents (some of whom are themselves past pupils) who joined us for the celebrations and by their presence helping to make the anniversary special.

It was particularly wonderful to have Mr Clarke, St. Michael's first Headteacher join us as we recalled memories of the day that as Headteacher he welcomed the first pupils in through the doors of the school.

Thank you to everyone for helping us make this a very special occasion in the school's history.

Here are some other dates that parents may wish to enter in their diaries:-

Monday 29 September – First Aid Training

I am pleased to inform parents that every member of our teaching assistant team is scheduled to attend a paediatric first aid and safety training course. Attendance at the course will ensure that all members of our teaching assistant team, and also our senior lunchtime supervisor will be trained and able to deal with accidents that may occur when your child is in the care of the Academy.

This course is a refresher course for our teaching assistants, who secured first aid certificates of competency through attendance at a similar course that staff attended a while ago.

Harvest Festival Celebrations – Thursday 2 October – Time 2.15pm

Parents are invited to join us for our annual celebration of praise and thanksgiving for the blessings that God gives us at harvest time and throughout the year. Pupils are invited to bring harvest produce to school on the day of the festival. After the assembly some of the produce that arrives in school will be delivered to the overnight shelter for homeless people. Other produce will be sold. Proceeds from the sale of goods this year will be forwarded to CAFOD (Catholic Aid for Overseas Development) to assist the charity to continue the good work that it does in developing countries.

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Monday 6 October – CAFOD Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm at St. Anthony's Church, which is situated just off the A449 roundabout heading out of Wolverhampton towards Stafford. It is hoped that many parents and pupils will attend this celebration of Mass which will have a theme of justice and peace throughout the world. It would be wonderful to see St. Michael's Academy well represented at this CAFOD Mass.

Monday 6 October – Meeting re Kingswood Trip for Year 2 pupils

Parents of our Year 2 pupils are invited to attend a meeting about the residential stay at Kingswood Nursery and Infant Centre, time 2.30pm. This meeting is scheduled to be led by Mrs McHale and class teacher Mrs Brereton.

The meeting will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about the planned visit and the schedule that the children will follow whilst they are there. The meeting will also give parents the opportunity to have any queries that you may have answered by members of staff.

Monday 13 October – Reception parents' reading workshop – 2.30pm, Moon Room

Please join Miss Starkey to find out how we teach early reading skills. This is also an opportunity to gather resources.

Tuesday 14 October – Year 5 class Mass

Parents and friends are invited to join us for Mass this morning.

Tuesday 21 October – Year 4 class Mass

Wednesday 22 October – Year 2 pupils to take part in a residential visit to Kingswood Nursery & Infant Centre

Thursday 23 October – Year 2 pupils will return to St. Michael's prior to the close of the school day

Friday 24 October – school closes for half term at 3.15pm today

Monday 3 November – is an in-service training day for the staff of our school and children SHOULD NOT ATTEND the academy on this day

Re: Staffing Matters

Academy committee members and Directors of the Bishop Cleary Academy will be meeting shortly to determine the actions that they will take to secure the employment of an outstanding Principal to take his or her position as I leave my duties in December. Once decisions about the timescale for the appointment process is known I am sure that the Academy representatives will inform parents of the actions to be taken.

Academy committee members have advertised the position of a teacher to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Griffiths. Once a successful appointment has been made parents will be informed as soon as possible after the interviews have been held.

Re: the recruitment of a lunchtime supervisor

If any parent is interested in becoming one of our lunchtime supervisory assistants please call into the office and formally register your interest. It is hoped that an appointment of a supervisory assistant can be made as soon as possible, therefore the closing date for any persons wishing to show an interest in securing such a position will be Friday 3 October at 3.15pm. Interviews for the available post will then be held during week commencing Monday 6 October.

Re: Mr Eugene Blaney relinquishing his duties within our Academy

Mr Blaney has informed me that due to personal reasons he will be leaving his post within the academy with immediate effect.

With Mr Blaney's departure from the employment of the academy we recognise the outstanding contribution that Mr Blaney made in ensuring that our pupils have had many opportunities to take part in a full and varied range of extended school activities, which in turn has led to the Academy achieving many successes in inter-school sporting competitions.

It is with much regret that we have had to accept Mr Blaney's resignation and to accept that his excellent services will no longer be available to our Academy. I am sure that parents will wish to recognise the excellent contribution that Mr Blaney made to our Academy and to our children, and will wish him every success in his future ventures.

Clearly the Academy now needs to determine how we might build upon Mr Blaney's legacy and continue to develop our extended school's provision and the out of school learning opportunities that are provided for our pupils.

Information about our out of school clubs that are scheduled to take place this week

Monday club will unfortunately have to be cancelled this week whilst we make internal plans for this club to continue from next week.

Tuesday tag rugby will be covered by Mr Jones and Mr McGinn.

Wednesday girls' football will be covered by Mr Jones and Mr McGinn.

Thursday circuit training – as above.

Friday choir will not be affected and will continue as normal.

Friday 3 October - The planned p.m. fun run for Year 2 pupils will go ahead as scheduled.

As from Monday 6 October all out of school clubs will be operating as normal.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Williams
Principal

