



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare to enter the last week of our first half term I would like to thank you for the support that you have given since the start of the academic year. As a school community we have faced some of the most difficult challenges in recent times, but due to everyone working together we have managed to keep the disruption to our children to a minimum. I know that there will be many challenges ahead, not least if groups of children have to isolate. However, it is reassuring to know that we will face these challenges by continuing to work together to support all of our children, staff and families.

I would like to provide you now with a number of updates.

ParentPay

Our school is now fully signed up to this online payment system and we will begin rolling it out to families in November. This will make the process of paying for items in school quicker and more COVID friendly for everyone. It will also enable us to send emails to parents more efficiently.

Google Classroom

We have just been informed by MGL that Google Classroom is now set up for every child from Year 1 to Year 6 in our school. Over the next couple of weeks we will spend time teaching the children how to use this excellent tool. We will also provide a parent guide to help you support your child at home. Google Classroom will be used for home learning for groups of children who need to isolate and also for homework.

Parents' Consultations

We normally have our first parent consultation meeting in November. Due to current restrictions we are unable to carry these out in our usual way. After half term you will receive your child's one page Autumn report letting you know how they have settled into their new class. There will be a section on this report for you to add a comment and also take up the option of arranging a Zoom call with the class teacher. The Zoom calls will take place over a two week period.

Reception Children

Our Reception children return to school on **Tuesday 20th October at 9.00am**. It has been wonderful to see how they have been getting on through Tapestry and we look forward to welcoming them back next week.

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Finally, I would ask that you keep our Year 5 children in your thoughts and prayers this weekend as they make their First Holy Communion.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. E. Flood
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