

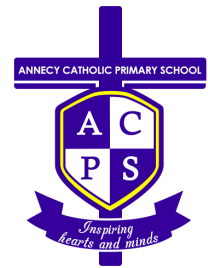
ANNECY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Inspiring hearts and minds to grow"

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Plans for the future

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come towards the end of this term we are pleased to celebrate some significant successes in the school. We are very proud of all the pupils and their hard work especially the determination and commitment of Year 6 who have done their best in the recent SATS. I can say that the calm, positive and purposeful atmosphere in the school has been fantastic during this time.

Classes for next year

As you aware one of the key strengths of Annecy as a school is our sense of family and community. I believe that all the children are *"known and loved"* within the school and cared for by a really dedicated staff. We are introducing new classes into the school and have provided a sheet of frequently asked questions for you to explain this. We will match each class and teacher to every child's individual needs and progress. We have also decided to name each class after a Saints name to give them a clear identity and also an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the life of a person of faith who can inspire us.

- St Mary's – Reception
- St Patrick's – Year 1 and 2
- St George's – Year 2 and 3
- St Andrew's – Year 4
- St David's – Year 5
- St Theresa's – Year 6

Developing our staff team

Myself and Mr Gallagher have been actively interviewing new staff who are joining us in September and are really pleased with the excellent teachers who are coming to join us at the school. All of the staff joining us are enthusiastic and committed to the school and some are taking on leadership opportunities with us. Later in the summer term we will announce who will be teaching each of the classes next year and introduce the new staff to you by inviting you in to meet the staff team.

As you may have heard we are very pleased to announce that Mr Gallagher will be continuing in his role next year. I am sure he will continue to flourish and bring energy and vitality to all we do in the school. I know his work has been appreciated and recognised by children, families and staff since he joined the school in January.

Annecy secures £50,000 to develop technology and learning

We are proud to announce that we have secured £50,000, through the diocese, to invest in technology to support learning. This will provide the opportunity for us to invest in technology to support learning and teaching and create a modern and engaging environment. We are confident that the children will love learning in this way and using the technology to support their work, engage them and inspire them in their learning.

Review and feedback

In a recent review it has been noted the introduction of the IEB and support of the Interim Deputy Headteacher has added capacity and direction to the work we are doing. It is seen to be making a difference to the quality of learning and teaching and clarifying a focus on accurate assessment. It was noticed that classroom environments were bright and welcoming and that the children felt well supported and developed by staff in the school. The children all said were happy, challenged and supported in school as well as their enjoyment of extra-curricular activity.

In the recent online survey parents, with 56 responses, have shared the following views;

- 87% say their children are happy
- 92% say they feel their children are safe at school
- 89% say their children are well looked after
- 82% say their children make good progress at school
- 78% say that the school responds well to any concerns that are raised

Some quotes include;

“I think you all do a fantastic job so I don’t feel you have anything to work on, just to keep on doing what you are doing.”

“My son is in Year 6 and has had a very positive experience at Annecy, he has been very fortunate to have had excellent teachers each year.”

Areas of strength;

- Improved communication including using class dojo
- Stability of leadership and the support of Mr Gallagher
- Staff visible and accessible in school

Areas for development

- Consistency of staff
- Continued communication and information to help support parents with their children’s learning
- Clear information about how we follow up concerns raised by children including friendship issues

Working in partnership

We have had many opportunities to work with others this year. This has included work with a wide range of primary schools locally and beyond and also the partnership established with St Paul’s. To continue and develop this “outward facing” approach and support the growth of the school the IEB have decided to explore the opportunity of joining the Bosco Catholic Education Trust. You will have been invited to come

along to hear more about this and how it will support and develop us as part of a formal consultation process after half term, this will be on Friday 8th June at 5pm.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions and reflections you may have on Monday 4th June from 3.30pm in the school hall. As usual feel free to discuss things day to day with staff and Mr Gallagher.

We are confident that by working closely together that Annecy will continue to flourish and develop.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Carter'.

Mr R Carter

Executive Headteacher