

*Dear families,*

*I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as the new Executive Headteacher of St. Aloysius. I feel extremely privileged to have been appointed as Headteacher where I intend to build upon the successes of the school. It has been a pleasure to meet and get to know your wonderful children and the hugely committed staff here, who have all made me feel incredibly welcome.*

*As Headteacher, I will strive to create an excellent education for your child whilst they are members of our school family. Please rest assured that very little will change in terms of the routines for your child in the short term. Over time you may notice small changes, but these will be communicated to you in advance with clear reasons given. The needs of the children will always be paramount in the decisions we make within school. I have met some of you and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. I will also be on the school gates before or after school as much as I can, so please come and say hello.*

*The children have been very polite and I have been in and out of all of the classes this week and I have also been in breakfast club, on the yard and in the dining hall. It will take me a long time to get to know all of their names but I will try.*

*Mrs. Tumelty*

## **Nut Free School**

A reminder that the school is Nut Free. Please remember to not send nut products in your child's packed lunch as we have children with serious nut allergies.

## **Earrings**

Moving forward, we will allow the children to wear clear retainers in their ears for school. They can be purchased cheaply and keep the hole open in the ears without the danger of metal earrings. Please purchase these as soon as possible.

## **School Dog**

Roscoe, our newly appointed school dog, will be joining us in school in the next few weeks. Please read the additional letter with full information on.

### Swimming lessons

This academic year will see year 4 swim for the whole school year. The rationale behind this is to ensure that children get the opportunity to learn to swim or deepen their swimming skills. When children only have a half termly or termly session then they lose their confidence; the change means that the children have a full year to develop their skills. Children can also enter the pool from age 8 without an adult, so by the time they finish year 4, they will be competent swimmers.

There will be an opportunity for some catch up swimming lessons for year 5 and year 6 where needed for this year only following the change. Year 3 may also get the opportunity for taster lessons.

As swimming is part of the curriculum, there will be no charge for swimming moving forward.

### Car Park

Parking around school is very tight, can you please not enter the carparks or use the entrances of them as a turning area. This is due to health and safety, as children and families need to cross the road and they are at risk of being hurt.

### Water Bottles

Thank you for sending the children into school with their water bottles. I understand that you may have purchased new bottles over the summer, but 'Stanley' type water bottles are not suitable as they easily spill. We would be grateful if these types of bottles could be changed to non-straw types of bottles.

