

# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DEAR PARENTS

**MANY THANKS TO OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS** for all they have done for our school and congratulations to them all for staging such an excellent end of year production last night. They performed "**OLD SCHOOL DAZE**" beautifully and their acting and singing not to mention the humour they developed were most impressive.

**MANY THANKS ALSO TO THE CO-PRODUCERS** of the "show" **MISS McCAULEY AND MISS WATSON** and their backstage team for guiding our Yr. 6 players and enabling them to shine which they did so well last night.

**IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SEE HOW** the boys and girls of Yr. 6 have matured and developed this year and they have really led our school well. They have excelled in all areas and the staff and myself are very proud of them. They are a credit to their parents and when they leave on Friday they will be sorely missed. **THANK YOU YR. 6 FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR SCHOOL AND BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR THE FUTURE.**

**WE WILL BE SAYING FAREWELL TO OUR YR. 6 PUPILS AT OUR WHOLE SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS IN CHURCH AT 9:30am THIS FRIDAY.** Refreshments will be served after Mass for parents and parishioners who attend and also for our Yr. 6 pupils. **IF YOU ARE FREE PLEASE COME ALONG.**

**READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS.** Over the holidays it is tremendously important to ensure that your child continues to read each day. To encourage our children to continue with this there are 2 reading competitions which we are encouraging our children to take part in.

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS THE BIG FRIENDLY READ COMPETITION RUN BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES** throughout the country and details of this are enclosed. It entails the child going to the library registering and getting a host of gifts and "freebies". Then he or she has to read 6 books over the holidays enter their details on a slip and return it to the library in order to receive a certificate and **THAT'S NOT ALL** as the school with the highest percentage of pupils participating will receive an author visit for the whole school to enjoy. Help your school to be a winner by taking part. Also over the holidays the libraries in Bradford will be celebrating the Centenary of Roald Dahl by organising a host of events details of which are enclosed. **I do hope you will be able to take your children to some of these.**

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COMPETITION IS THE READING CHALLENGE RUN BY OUR SCHOOL.** This involves your child reading 6 books, filling in the sheet (which will be sent home tomorrow) and returning it to school once it has been signed by you the parent/carer. Prizes will be awarded to all those who return their slip. Their names will also be entered for a raffle with prizes of a Kindle and money vouchers for the lucky winners.

**IF YOUR CHILD WISHES HE OR SHE CAN** enter both competitions using the titles of the same 6 books he or she has read. Children who do this have 2 chances of winning super prizes so it's a very sensible thing to do.

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS THIS FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY AND REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.** As Friday will be the last day of term it will be a non-uniform day. On this day your child may if you wish come to school in his/her out of school clothes providing you pay a forfeit (school suggests 50p). All contributions will go to help fund schools extra curricula and other activities.

**P Spillane**