

14th September 2018

Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new pupils and parents to our school community. We really have “hit the ground running” and I believe this has been the most successful start to an academic year in my time. All new pupils appear to have settled very quickly. They are working successfully in lessons, and there is a palpable happy and purposeful atmosphere in school.

I would also like to thank all existing pupils for helping us make such a positive start. I am always so proud of how our pupils conduct themselves in school and it is so pleasing to see our current pupils helping our new children (and staff!) if they appear a little lost or confused.

I would like to welcome our new teachers to the school. Miss Allen (Art), Miss Welsh (English) and Miss Roberts (Science). We have an outstanding body of teachers at CMS and our new colleagues are building on that expertise and are already making a significant positive impact in the school.

School Values

Last year we asked our pupils to decide on what our school values should be. The children embraced the challenge and set about the task with their usual energy and rigour! We had many thoughtful and interesting suggestions that they believed would best represent the learning ethos within our school environment. Looking through the entries was a delightful insight into the enquiring minds of our pupils and, after much deliberation, the school council decided on the following 5 core values.

Proud, Dedicated, Ambitious, Caring, Achieving

It is hoped that these values will support the development of a rounded and balanced young person. Pupils will be encouraged to think about each value and how they can be demonstrated on a daily basis. Specific work will be carried out during form time activities and assemblies. Evidence of this work and achievements (both within school and beyond our gates) will be recorded in the new ‘Values passport’ which will document the growth and learning journey of your child throughout the year.



I hope you will support us as we develop this vital aspect of your child's education. I believe our school community is one which we should be so proud of. The focus we have on developing a caring, successful, rounded individual is one we place great emphasis on and cannot happen without your support and engagement.

To that end, I would welcome any feedback you may have about how we can improve this part of our provision. (An electronic copy of the passport will shortly be available on our website).

Finally, I enjoyed meeting many of you at our New Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to hear so many positive comments about your child's first week at CMS. I am sure with all of your support we will have another highly successful and happy academic year.

Kind Regards

P J Bowers
Headteacher