



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are close to the end of a very successful year for the school. We continue to see the substantial benefits of **Read, Write Inc. and Numicon** on the key areas of learning and thanks go to all the staff for making this happen but in particular to **Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. David** for their inspiration and commitment.

The **creative curriculum** has also been a huge success, inspiring children throughout 2009 with each topic culminating in an exciting finale. Again thanks to our whole staff for being receptive to the idea and for the hard work and commitment, required to make it happen. Special thanks to **Mrs. Bott and Mrs. Hand** for their inspirational leadership and imagination.

It is pleasing to see that our work is viewed positively by the Education Board and recognised as being an exemplary. Other schools have been able to share our experiences, INSET and expertise with their teachers and also staff from many areas of the Education Services.

The Sports Day was different this year and was equally successful thanks to the usual exemplary organisation of **Mrs. Greeno** and her team.

**Year 5 French Trip** was superb and excellent value, although we may need to do a film show to cover additional expenditure. The visit is a major operation and we are fortunate that **Mrs. Bott** is so thorough and organised. The children were wonderful and it was an excellent cultural experience made possible by **Miss Dale, Mrs. Hand and Mrs. Feak** and of course **Mrs. Bott**.

**Year 6 Camp** was also a major feat of organisation and **Mr. Paul** worked long and hard to ensure this ran smoothly. He and the staff ensured that the children's experiences were both educational and exciting. The whole week was a valiant team effort with **Mrs. White at the helm in the kitchen, Mrs. David and Mrs. Hand working long and hard with their classes. Mr. Henry has once again proved to be indispensable and Mrs. Guilbert, Mrs. MacKay and Mrs. Eggo** were significant members of the team.

**Mrs. Greeno** once again trained the **Maypole** dancers, ably assisted by **Miss Lihou**. This was highly successful well received at Blanchelande Nursing Home and the Viera Marche.

**Miss Mills** came back from the girls **Island Kwik Cricket tournament with the winner's trophy** and **Mr. Henry** was very pleased with our schools conduct, sportsmanship and efforts in the **Year 5 and 6 tournaments**.

*We are all very proud of our school and this is reflected by the hard work and enthusiasm of the staff and the atmosphere that prevails throughout the school.*

**Our new brochure** perfectly encapsulates La Mare Primary as it is at present and as we expect it to continue. A very special thanks are extended to **Mrs. Anni Bisson for her graphic design and Mr. Tim Feak for the super photographs**.

The PTA has again been very active with many events organised and funds raised for school improvements. This year they have funded the re-seeding and terracing of the grassy area which has proved a very positive development. Huts 3 and 4 are being re-located at the High School which will leave a substantial area to develop. This could be a super project for our PTA in 2009/10.

### **Staffing and Classes**

Sadly we say **farewell to Mrs. Bellinger** this year. She has taught in Reception for the past 23 years and I constantly receive complimentary comments from past parents and pupils who have many fond memories of their time with Mrs. Bellinger. She is a gentle, sincere, charming person who is totally committed to her pupils and to our school. We are losing a wonderful person and a loyal servant.

We have **three Reception** classes and **Mrs. Hand and Miss Murphy will be teaching with the Early Years Co-Ordinator Miss Dale this year**. Mrs. Hand has a particular interest and is very experienced with this age group which will prove very beneficial to our school.

**Mr. Paul, our Junior Department leader, will return to teaching in Year 6** after a period working in Years 4 and 5 for the past five years. He will be very busy this coming year leading the new ICT 'build' and supporting staff and pupils through this new challenge.

**Mrs. Brown will follow her class into Year 4** where she will **join Mrs. Bott**, the Middle School Team Leader.

**Miss Lane's expertise and Key Stage 1 experience will prove valuable in Year 3**, easing the transition from Year 2 into the junior section of the school.

**Miss Juliet Way** has been appointed to our staff. She will teach in Year 2 with **Mrs. Morgan, the Key Stage 1 Department Leader**, and her class will be adjacent to the Library/Learning Resource Centre. **Miss Lihou and Miss Mills will continue their partnership making a strong Year 1 team for 2009/10**.

**Mrs. Greeno, Miss Vidamour, Mr. Henry, Miss Willis, Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller** from the Learning Support Service will **continue as our non-class based teachers**, providing valuable expertise and greatly appreciated support for the pupils and staff in many areas of the curriculum.

**We are an excellent team and as a consequence provide a fine, extensive and inclusive service for you.**

### **HELP OUR ENTRANCE HAL DISPLAY URGENT**

Our display for September will be called '**Around the World**'. If you have been on holiday, had contact with or had visitors from, another place in the world please can you send in a photo or postcard and a short piece of writing and we can display this on our huge map of the world.

### **Important Dates**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September **Staff** return to school

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September **Pupils** return to school



