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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back and I hope that the summer break has seen many happy memories for you and your loved ones. We are delighted to welcome all the new starters and their families to this school and also our new member of staff, Miss Ward, who is in her first year of teaching and begins in class one.

Many thanks from all the staff at school for all the gifts, cards and kind words given to us at the end of last term. This makes us feel so valued and appreciated and also reflects on the quality parents we have!

We are genuinely excited at the beginning of this new school year to carry on the work of nurturing the very best from each and every child. To bring out that wonderful treasure that is inside and help each child find the success they deserve. To make enthusiasm for learning an everyday reality. There is so much to learn and find out.

This goes hand in hand with a very real love for knowing the God who created us and is by our side at every moment. Every moment is sacred because every moment is filled with God's presence. Moses realised this when he saw the burning bush ~ there is no difference between the sacred and the 'ordinary'.

Some of the main curriculum aims in the year ahead include a new teaching and learning policy, a focus on developing writing, getting all our computers and network fully up to speed as ICT is essential in so much of the curriculum and fully using our new classroom both inside and outside. To build on last summer's Sats results which were the best the school has ever had. We also will finish the outside area for Foundation Stage, further develop the KS2 playground and have new cloakrooms for Y4 and Y6.

In all this we will never forget the individual importance of each and every child in our care and try and look at things through their eyes. Everyone in this school is equally valued and important ~ children, staff, parents and governors. We also work hand in hand with the good people of the Parish to keep that all so important link between church and school as one.

A quote from one of the parental surveys which read, "I was talking to the teachers who took time to come to the first Holy Communion as this is their own family time and had no need to attend but received the reply that 'they are all our family.' What a lovely thought."

We have a great school to be truly proud of and we will keep working to our very best ability and with God's help to always be moving forwards.

Finally, we welcome both parents and parishioners to our school Mass **this Friday at 9.15 a.m.** What better way to begin the new school year?

## *Prayer at the start of the new school year*

**'Beloved Lord,  
Breathe calm in my mind,  
Peace in my heart,  
Silence in my soul.  
In the silence let me  
hear your voice.  
In the peace let me  
see your face.  
In the calm let me  
know your love.  
Amen'**

