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Dear Parents,

May we take this opportunity to wish you an especially warm welcome back to school!

The glorious weather has been especially welcomed by children and staff in Year 6 as they take part in a range of exciting activities on their annual residential team building trip in Buckinghamshire. We look forward to their safe return later today and would like to say a special word of thanks to the staff that gave up their time to accompany them.

Back in school this week, all classes have been completing group and individual challenges to help them to 'build their learning power'. Our shared learning mantra of Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best (NED) remains at the heart of how we learn. Over the years this has helped our school to achieve great academic results as well as promoting lifelong learning into high school and beyond.

At the start of a brand new school year it is perhaps appropriate that churches across the UK reserve this weekend as 'Education Sunday'. A time to give thanks for our schools, colleges and universities and the communities within them. Sydney J Harris once said "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." We encourage our children to be outward looking and in the words of St Teresa, ensure that 'Love proves itself by deeds.'

I am delighted to say that this weekend some children from our Faith Team will be saying bidding prayers at Mass to mark Education Sunday, as part of the broader celebrations for the feast of Our Lady, for which I understand a wonderful party will take place after Mass for all the children of the Parish!

We welcome Mr Hendra and Mr Sanders to our PE team, who will support Mr Paul in delivering PE across the school and deliver some of our new clubs beginning next week. We are grateful to the LEO Academy Trust Sutton, with whom we have close links for supporting us at this time.

As you may remember, we asked families to complete a survey in the Summer term relating to school life. One of the areas of improvement that came out of that survey was the way in which we communicate with you and in particular how parents can find out more about what is going on in school for their children. Please do try to attend the 'meet the teacher' sessions that take place next week for Years 1-6 (Nursery and Reception parents had this session in the Summer term) where we will be able to share important information about the term ahead. We have also developed a new format for our weekly newsletter that will begin next week. Parents will be sent a link to a presentation summarising the week's activities including pictures

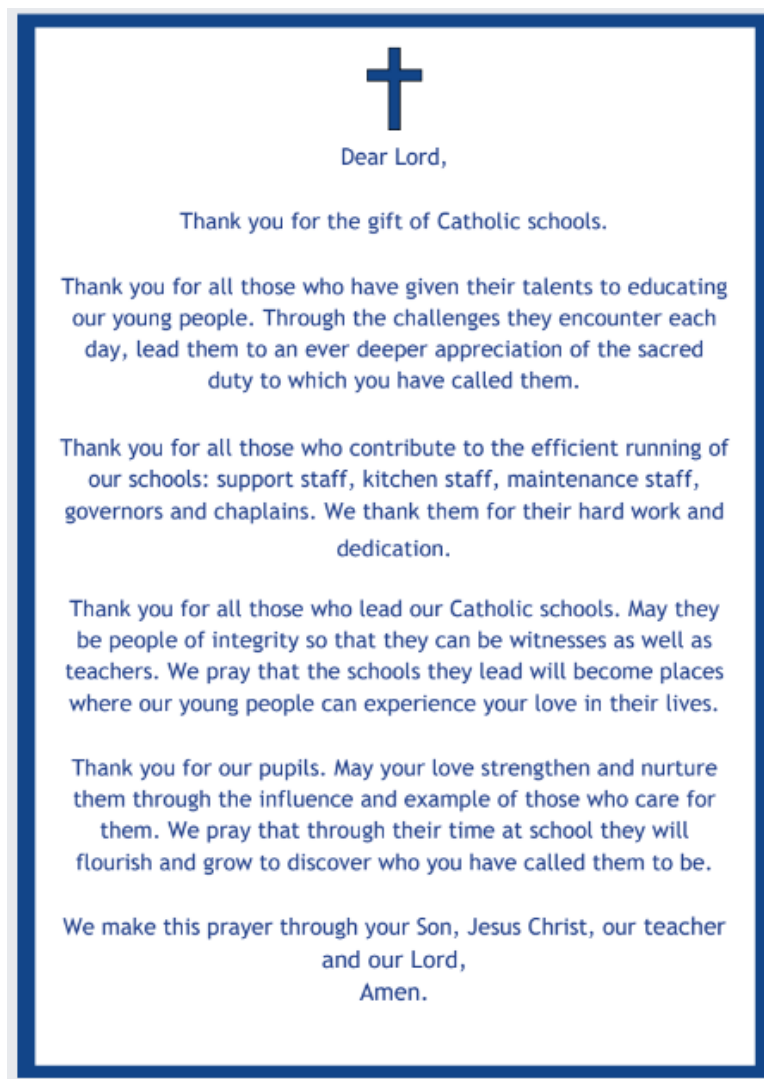
"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux



and information to keep you informed. These weekly presentations will also be posted on the school website. We expect the format to be tweaked and improved across the year as we review its impact in partnership with yourselves.

As the warm weather continues, we would ask that you please put sun protection cream on your child before school and provide them with a hat and water bottle. Some children are not bringing a water bottle to school and this is an essential daily requirement. Thank you for helping us to protect your child.

I leave you with a prayer written for the occasion of Education Sunday this year. Our partnership together will continue to ensure that children across our school can achieve their ambitions and be the best that they can be!



Have a good weekend.

Mr J Dachtler  
Headteacher