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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy week I would like to congratulate the staff and children on the way they have all settled in to our new routines and for their enthusiasm and hard work. It is such a pleasure to walk around the school visiting the classes and seeing the children engaged in their learning. I am always impressed with their good manners and cheerful smiles!

Our Reception children have all settled in so well and have quickly learnt the routines and expectations. I know that the Reception children and Year 6 are really looking forward to meeting their buddies today and Mrs Davies and Miss Smith have lots of exciting things planned for them over the coming year.

This week there have been elections for House captains and School Council representatives. These will be announced in our Assembly today. We will let you know as soon as we will be allowing parents and visitors into school for assemblies and Masses.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated gift bags and jars for our Autumn Fayre which is coming up very soon. We are planning to hold the Autumn Fayre outside on the school field and I am looking forward to meeting with the PTFA next week to discuss further.

**Admission to High School September 2022** - The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on 31 October 2021. The easiest way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

You are warmly invited to attend the Cardinal Griffin open evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm-8.30pm. Year 5 will be visiting Cardinal Griffin for the day next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Year 6 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September- more details will be sent out to the pupils in those classes. Please visit Cardinal Griffin school website for more information about the school <https://www.cardinalgriffin.org.uk/>

Commitment Masses will be taking place in Church for any pupil in Year 3 who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year (date to be confirmed) and those pupils in Year 6 who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022) The Masses will be followed by a meeting for parents and children in the Church Hall.

Year 3 Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Year 6 Commitment Mass for Confirmation will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Many thanks to those parents who have continued to liaise, contact, communicate and follow our advice around Covid requirements. We all need to remain vigilant and follow advice.

## The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

Let us give thanks for all that God has made, be sorry for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. Amen

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Corbett  
Headteacher

*"To inspire, to learn, to love with God"*

