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**Newsletter 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to those who are already part of our community. We have had such a positive start to our year and already been making great use of the outdoor space as well as settling into our learning routines. Our new pupils already look like they belong here and seem to be crying because they have to go home; whilst we would never want to see any tears, we think that is a good sign!

**Curriculum**

You will have received today a curriculum overview for your child's year group together with some general information. This year we are using a slightly different format and hopefully you will find it gives a useful summary of learning for the term. Our whole school topic this term is 'Incredible Me'; what a lovely way to start the year, acknowledging the value of every child and helping them to understand how wonderful they all are as unique individuals.

**Education Sunday at St. Peter's Church @ 10 .a.m.**

Hopefully you have all received your flyer reminding you about the **Education Sunday** service this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> September). This is a day of celebration for all those involved in education and we would love to see you there with your family if you can make it.

As we are at the start of a new year it is appropriate to remind ourselves of our fundamental values and rules.

**As a Church school with a strong Christian ethos we are committed to doing the best for all of the children in our care, making everyone feel included and valued. Our 6 values help guide us and help us to do this, and we will be exploring through the year in our daily worships and in a wider context through our interactions with each other.**

**Our values are:**

**Love & Peace**

**Trust & Thanks**

**Forgiveness & Hope**

**Our value for this half-term is Love .**



Of course we will also be using our 'Bee Rules' to remind us how we can make the right choices in our daily lives and each week we will be choosing 2 children from each class who have shown us they are following the rules in our weekly '**Busy Bee**' assembly (now on a Thursday). Look out for the sticker that will show you your child has been a '**Busy Bee**' that week and feel free to pop-in and find their 'Bee' on the board that will explain why they were chosen. If you want to know more about the values or see the 'Bee Rules' please visit our website.

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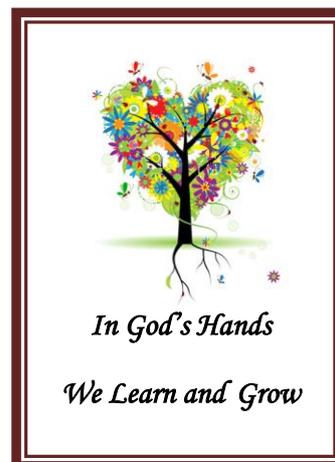
**Swimming Pool**

Hurrah, it is open! What a difference a year makes! It has taken a huge amount of hard work and endless enthusiasm from dedicated people, but we finally got there. We still have more to do, but I know it was news that was welcomed by all and has provided cooling holiday fun and entertainment as well as invaluable learning for many over the summer. Thank you again to everybody involved. There will be more news to follow.

Finally, we are in the final stages of sorting out our Parentmail system that we use to send you e-mails. This means that this communication system is not available to use at the moment. Please can I encourage you to use our website as much as you can as we are working hard to put all of our diary dates, newsletters and other information on it.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Paula Bliss, Headteacher**



**Up and coming events:**

'Out & About' day to create an orchard and sensory garden will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October (10-12)** following the huge success of our last event. Please do come and join us if you want to make a contribution to our school environment and have fun at the same time!

**MacMillan Coffee morning** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - This will be held **after school**, if you are able to donate a cake or help it would be greatly appreciated