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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at English Martyrs'!

I hope you are all well and have had great summers, relaxing, recharging and mostly having fun.

Here in school, there has been a lot of work taking place, staff getting classrooms ready, planning, cleaning, painting, putting up new whole school displays, not to mention building work. We are all ready for the children!

As you know we also welcome not only new children, but also new staff: Mrs Thomas in Nursery, Miss Andrews in Reception and Miss Walker in Year 2. Mr Mills who is working with Mrs Thompson in our Nurture Room and also welcome Mrs Ridings to full time in Year 1 and Miss Lippitt into Year 3.

Some of you might be rather confused as you might have heard your children talk today about Mrs Savery and Mrs Jackson! New names but same faces, I am delighted to pass on congratulations on behalf of all the staff and Governors to Miss Wright, as was, who married Mr Savery at the start of August and also Mrs Proctor, as was, who married Mr Jackson a couple of weeks ago. Here's to many, many years of happiness to you both!

We also welcome a new clergy to English Martyrs' this September. On Tuesday, Mr Gillespie and I met with Fr Peter Randall, Fr Paul Fletcher, Fr John Gornall and Chris Lloyd, Parish Administrator, all from St Wilfrid's Church in Preston, who will be working with our school as our Clergy Team, celebrating Masses, popping into school, working with our children, staff and school family and being one of our team. I am sure you will join me in giving them a real English Martyrs' welcome when you see them.

We already have a list of Masses, Liturgies and special events planned with them, the first of which is our new school year Mass on **Friday 14th September at 9:30am in school**, you are all most welcome and it will be lovely to see you all. It is planned that over the coming months, each class will be able to visit St Wilfrid's Church and become familiar with it, leading to taking part in Mass there. It is a great new start for us all as a Catholic community and family and we are really looking forward to it.

We have lots planned this term and for the year ahead already and the staff are all raring to go. Let's make this a truly terrific year for English Martyrs'!

Many thanks for your continual support.

Mr S Gillespie
Chair of Governors

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher