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Dear Parents

We were all very encouraged by such a great turnout on Wednesday for Parent Information evening and the positive feedback we received. Thank you as always for your support and understanding. You will be pleased to know that the fault which activated the fire alarm has been rectified.

**P1 Blessing**   
We look forward to welcoming our P1 Parents and carers to the P1 Blessing on Thursday afternoon September 7th at 1.15pm in Saint Vincent's church with an opportunity to mingle with other P1 families and to meet your child's buddy over a cuppa here in school.

**Parent Council Meeting**   
We welcome as many parents/carers as possible to join the first Parent Council meeting for the 23/24 school year online this Wednesday September 6th at 6.30pm. The Parent Council give invaluable support to the school for which we are always most grateful. Please consider joining this meeting which will take no longer than one hour.

**After school clubs**

After school clubs are now well underway. To ensure the safety of all and especially as we cycle beyond the school environs, we must restrict participation in the Tuesday cycling club to confident cyclists in P6 and P7. As the year progresses, we will offer other opportunities.

**Season of Creation**   
Pope Francis has asked the world to look at how we can care for the Earth, our common home. He launched The Season of Creation from September 1st to October 4th. During this month as a Laudato Si school we will be encouraging the children to take part in nature with a focus on enjoying and taking care of the world God has given us.

To launch this Season of Creation we are asking all our families to send us photos from their own area, or beyond which capture the beauty of Creation and our enjoyment of it.

**Other information**   
Please see the information below which we are asked to share with parents, and which may be of interest in supporting your child's learning:

**New channel alert** West OS is delighted to launch our Parent Channel. Here parents and carers will find an ever-growing bank of films that have been made by teachers and are a response to a parent focus group.Our parent channel is designed to provide parents and carers with the tools, information and resources needed to support children and young people with their school experience.  
   
Films that have just been uploaded focus on:

* **How to help your child to access Glow**
* **Google classroom**
* **How to help your child use West OS**
* **Supporting P7-S1 school transition**
* **And many more subject specific areas**

Follow this link here to access the free resources and please promote with parents and carers: [www.westpartnership.co.uk/parent-channel/](http://www.westpartnership.co.uk/parent-channel/)I hope we can enjoy the pleasant weather that is promised for the weekend and for the coming week.   
  
Kindest regards   
Eileen Tompkins