



St. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

5th September 2018

Dear Parents,

PP1, PP2, P3, P4, P5 & P6

Our Harvest Mass for PP1 – P6 is to be held on Thursday 4th October at St. Teresa's R.C. Church, Stone Road, Trent Vale at 1:30pm. All Parents / Carers are welcome to attend.

As in the past our Harvest Celebrations are a time to thank God for all the good things that He provides for us. We take the opportunity to present our chosen charities with the monies we have collected over the past academic year. We boost these funds by asking the children in the **Prep (P3-P6) Department** to undertake a few simple jobs at home e.g. tidying up, washing dishes, cleaning the car, to earn a little money to put into a Harvest Envelope (an envelope will be given to all children in the Prep on Monday 10th September).

We then ask that each child decorates the envelope with either a picture of what jobs that they have done or a Harvest theme (that they would like to thank God for). There is a small prize for the best-decorated envelope.

Money collected will be distributed to the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (our Charity for 2018 / 2019), which picks up on the animal theme from the Wind in the Willows, Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust, Age UK, C.A.F.O.D., Douglas Macmillan Hospice, Royal National Children's Foundation and The Children's Society.

We ask that the **Nursery, Reception and Pre Prep** classes bring in a Harvest basket, which we can then distribute via Age UK. **Tinned and dried items are always useful as they have a better shelf life than fresh produce.**

Nursery & Reception

Our Nursery / Reception Harvest Assembly will be held in the School Hall at 9am on Thursday 4th October. All Parents / Carers are welcome to attend. **Please note that there is no parking available on the school site.**

Both the envelopes and Harvest produce need to be in school by 8.40am on Thursday 4th October please.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Hutchinson .

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Headteacher