

# Parent Newsletter

Living faith  
within our families

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## Form and Flourish

Welcome back to school!  
Here at Ten Ten, we hope  
and pray that you and your  
children have had a restful  
time over the summer  
and can approach the  
new school year with  
fresh energy!

On Sunday 8th September, we celebrate Education Sunday – one of the oldest days of Special Prayer in England and Wales! Nearly 200 years ago, the Catholic Church in this country was a mainly poor and immigrant community and education was seen as the best way of sharing faith and improving people's lives. The Catholic Church made the education of the poor their top priority and so they started raising money to fund the national network of schools which

we enjoy today. Today the Catholic Church is the largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools in the whole country!

The Catholic Education Service (CES) oversees all Catholic schools and this year has chosen the theme of 'form and flourish' for Education Sunday. We at Ten Ten work closely with the CES and share their desire to help form children through inspired and exciting education which enables them to flourish throughout their lives. We picture it like a seed which grows into a flower like the Holy Father said: "Good education plants seeds when we are young, and these seeds continue to bear fruit throughout life."

In the words of the CES, 'Time spent at school should not only equip us for life in the world but instil in us a

love for knowledge and a desire to seek truth and wisdom. Education is a lifelong pursuit and it is the job of parents and teachers alike to plant and nurture seeds which will continue to grow and flourish over a lifetime. True education should also recognise the different gifts and talents of each pupil. Catholic education has at its heart the mission to help students uncover the essence of who they are and what it means to be in fellowship with others, seeking vocation and celebrating differences.'

Some children will be excited to be back at school or starting for the first time, whilst others might feel anxiety. You might like to discuss these thoughts and feelings with your child and take an opportunity together to thank God for the opportunity of their education.

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus,  
As I walk and talk today,  
help me know your love.*

*As I work and play today,  
help me to remember that you  
are my friend.*

*Whenever I find things difficult,  
remind me that you will help  
me if I ask.*

*Jesus, thank you for inviting me  
to walk with you.*

*Amen*

## Praying Together

### Why not pray for...

- **Teachers** – to find fulfilment and joy in their vocation.
- **Children** – to be inspired throughout their education and flourish in all their endeavours.
- **Politicians and leaders** – to keep the needs and hopes of young people at the heart of their work.
- **People from across the globe** – who through conflict, poverty or oppression, do not have access to education.
- **Chaplains** - who bring the gospel to those in all walks of life, in prisons, at sea, in schools, in universities and in the forces.