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Dear Parents and Carers,

The warmest welcome back to all of our BRW children and families.

Catholic Social Teaching

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a new initiative in school that focuses on Catholic Social Teaching (CST). CST refers to principles that guide Christians in their actions. They enable Christians to live out their faith and the Gospel values, building a brighter world. The widely-accepted CST principles can be found in a poster at the end of this letter.

As a Catholic school, we place great value on CST. We encourage our pupils to believe and act in a way that aligns with the above principles on a daily basis, sometimes without even realising!

Our aim this year is to make the above principles explicit to our children, so that they understand their importance and strive to promote the values in their own lives and beyond. We will do this through learning in class, through whole-school assemblies and collective worship and through fundraising.

How can you help?

As parents, we would greatly appreciate your help in talking about the CST principles with your children. You could identify where you see them in everyday life and discuss why they are so important in our modern world. For more information, please visit <https://www.brwacademy.com/catholic-life/catholic-social-teaching/> and <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/catholic-social-teaching>.

Annual Theme

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce our brand-new annual theme, which will inspire, motivate and guide our learning together this year. We continue to keep our 'BRW





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'Spirit Strong' as always, and alongside this, we will be living out our faith by following **Genesis** 2: 15 –



This links directly to the CST of 'Stewardship'! Genesis re-tells the creation story, and which describes how God created the world. Many thousands of years later, God gave the world Christ, who redeemed all of creation! We believe it is our responsibility to take care of creation – this beautiful gift God has given us.

Christians also believe that all things are connected, so we will care for and cultivate God's gifts to meet the needs of all, now and in the future: **the environment, our own talents and other resources.**

Our mission this year is to always do the following:

- Care for the environment around us by valuing all we have
- Love our neighbour by valuing the qualities, talents and gifts of each other
- Show gratitude to God for the gifts he has given us by using our own qualities and talents for good!

We will be encouraging our children to **think, act and speak** in a way that shows they value the world around them and the people in it...including themselves!





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To support children in doing this, we will be giving each child the opportunity to take home their class's 'Caring Kit' for a whole week, filling the scrapbook within the kit with examples the demonstrate 'caring'. Perhaps it will be a series of **good deeds** that help the Earth. Perhaps you and your child will **showcase their many gifts** from God (their qualities, skills and talents!). **Perhaps they will do both!**

The Caring kit has a special book that needs filling to the brim with their **incredible examples of caring for our environment and nurturing their talents.**

You might fill the book with **pictures, photos, artwork, pieces of writing, presentations, videos, memorabilia and anything else** you can think of!

This might be in the form of **objects, pictures, photos, artwork, pieces of writing, quotes, presentations, videos, models** and anything else you can think of. We look forward to celebrating the 'Caring Kit' in class each week.

Thank you in advance for your support this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Hautenne

