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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy - Instruct the Ignorant

In preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has repeatedly stressed the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Pope Francis wrote, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*."

He went on to say in a letter to the Pontifical Council " . . . I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. . . "

The focus for the spiritual acts this week is ***Instruct the Ignorant***. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus instructs his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

In this modern day we are unlikely to meet someone who has not heard of Jesus Christ; but we will meet many people who do not truly know his work and his teaching. However the best instruction we can give is in how we live our lives so that other can see Jesus in our daily acts.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2016. School will re-open as normal on Monday 6th June. **The new afterschool clubs will start on Monday 6th June.**

French Day

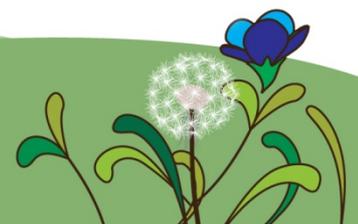
The children celebrated their first French Day on Friday 20th May 2016. All children from years 1-6 had a workshop with the Freshwater Theatre that was lead entirely in French; they had French cuisine for lunch and heard a traditional story in French. Well done to all the children!

Coffee Morning

Please join us for the next **coffee morning on Friday 27th May 2016 at 9:15 the focus will be Maths**. We will share ideas for using real life Maths with children, top tips for learning times tables, mental Maths and problem solving. We will also discuss the parental contribution of making/donating cakes for the Royal Market Day on Friday 10th June 2016.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Religious Education (Section 48) Inspection

The school had its Section 48 Inspection on the teaching of Religious Education on Wednesday 11th May 2016. The inspection went as expected and we will share the outcome with you as soon when the final report is published.

Maths Market Week

During the week beginning the 6th June we will be holding our second annual Maths Market Week. This year Maths Market Week will be themed to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Throughout the week the children will have the opportunity to be young entrepreneurs by developing a business plan for a product/service they would like to sell. They even have to pitch their idea to the Bank Manager (in the form of myself) in order to get a startup loan. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase the items that the children have made on our **Market Day Friday, 10th June from 2:15 - 3:15.**

First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their First Communion this weekend. We thank God for all the parents, teachers and catechists who have prepared them so well for this important part of their journey in faith. May they continue to grow in love and faith.

Parental Contribution

An enormous thank you to all the parents who have paid their parental contribution already this school year; we have collected an amazing £6246.50. This money will be used to help with the cost of refurbishing the pupil toilets over the summer holidays. If you have not already done so please go to check your Parent Pay account it will be an item in the drop down menu for you to add to your basket and pay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

