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Dear Parent/Carer,

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

On Sunday we celebrated when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. Our baptism welcomes us into the church and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday we renewed our baptismal promises and remember the words that came from the voice of the Father "You are my Son, my beloved, my favour rests upon you" [Luke 3:22](#). As children of God, let's remember we are blessed and highly favoured.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit that we will be exploring with the children this week is **Goodness**. In [James 1:17](#) we are reminded, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." Goodness can include giving to the poor, providing for one's children, visiting the sick, volunteering to clean up after a natural disaster, and praying for an enemy. All throughout the bible we are given examples of the goodness of God and the many acts of Jesus that demonstrated goodness. However, we know that goodness does not come naturally; in fact it is the opposite. The Holy Spirit is there to support us to overcome to live a life of righteousness and goodness. This week let's pray that others will be able to see God's goodness in us.

Pupil Survey

Attached is a copy of the pupil survey that we completed with children from Reception to 6 during Anti-bullying Week in November.

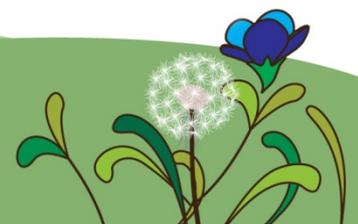
While ideally we would like each question to be 100% agree, we are concerned about the areas that are currently below 90%, in particular our children's perception around good behavior at our school. This came as a particular surprise to us because we consistently receive compliments from visitors to the school about how very well behaved the children of St Francis' are. The junior leadership team (head boy/girl and the deputies) will be sharing this information with the children in assembly next week in order to find out what we can do to improve the areas that have scored poorly. As always the suggestion boxes in the school are available if any parents would like to share any suggestions.

Pupil Targets:

Each half term the children from years 2-6 receive pupil targets for writing and Maths. These targets include two to three areas that the teacher has identified that your child needs to work on to improve in writing and Maths. Starting this term year 1 will begin to use pupil targets for the first time. These targets are given to each child on a separate piece of card paper and they refer to the targets throughout the school day. Children are expected to write in the date when they think that they have



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achieved their targets and teachers sign to say that they agree. Targets for guided reading are shared with the children each week when they read with the teacher or teaching assistant. You should receive a copy of these targets by Friday, 15th January; please speak to your child about their targets and support them at home to try to achieve them.

We have had these pupil targets for some time, however we have recently decided to share them with parents each half term because we believe it will increase each child's improvement if we are all working together on the same areas at home and at school.

Class assembly

There will be a class assembly for **4C Friday, 22nd January 2016 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Friends of St Francis'

The Friends of St Francis' parents and teachers group will be holding an annual general meeting which will include elections for a new Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary on **Friday 15th January 2016 at 2:30**. This will be a great opportunity for you to be more involved in the group and decide on the activities for this school year.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

