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Dear Parent/Carer,

Class photos

Unfortunately the class photos were not taken on Friday 11th March as the photographer had to cancel on the day; we will arrange a new date as soon as possible.

Palm Sunday Mass

The St Francis' choir will be performing at the Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 20th March 2016; please do come out to support them.

Parents' Conference Meetings

Parents' Conference Meetings are this week on Wednesday 16th and 17th March for years 1-6. The meetings for Nursery and Reception will be on Friday 18th March; school will be closed to Nursery and Reception on this day.

Class assembly

There will be a class assembly for 2G on Friday, 18th March 2016 at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Lent

It is an important time in our liturgical year as are in the season of Lent. Lent is really about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it's God that you depend on in life; that it's your heavenly Father that you most need in life. Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. He voluntarily removed himself from the pleasures of life and company of people so that he could draw close to God, hear from Him, and prepare Himself for what was to come. **Please do make an effort to attend Mass for that day either at 8:00 am, 12:15 pm or 8:00 pm at St. Francis Church.**

Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ during Holy Week; the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Monday 21st March at 9:05 am - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Tuesday 22nd March at 9:05 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Wednesday 23rd March at 9:05 am - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Thursday 24th March at 9:05 am - Year 6 Holy Week assembly



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Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time during their KS1 Easter performance **on Tuesday 22nd March at 9:45.**

CAFOD 2016 - Make a Splash

As you are aware each year during Lent St Francis' supports the CAFOD appeal. In 2012, CAFOD's Lent campaign focused on water, as a result £9million was raised which was doubled by the UK government to £18million. That money helped to make a big difference in communities like Simatelele in Zimbabwe. As water is such a vital resource this year CAFOD has focused on water again in it's ***Make A Splash*** appeal. World-wide it is estimated that women and girls spend 140 million hours a day collecting water. For some girls this means walking several hours to and from a water point when they could be going to school, studying or playing with friends. Lack of access to water at home and at school, prevents girls from gaining the education that can change their lives and the lives of their families.

Pope Francis has called this year the Year of *Mercy*, where we reflect on the place of God's actions in our lives. As a result, St Francis' will support the ***Make a Splash*** appeal and every pound you give to CAFOD up to the value of 3.5 million will be matched by the UK government. Your children will be coming home with the CAFOD envelopes this week; **they are due back at school by Tuesday 22nd March 2016.**

Please support this very important appeal.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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