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Dear Parent/Carer,

Citizenship Week

We have now concluded our Citizenship Weeks celebrations. It was a fantastic two weeks for the children that was celebrated in Mass on Friday 29th January at St Francis Church. I am continually amazed by how our children embrace new ideas and continue to excel when faced with new challenges in their learning. Last week, we saw a fantastic debate by representatives from years 3-6 in front of the whole school; the pupil speaking of the children continues to be an area that has improved and where the children really shine.

The generosity of our families over the last two weeks with gifts of food has been greatly appreciated. We will now arrange with the Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP) to collect the donations for their organization in Manor Park; this organization does very important work ensuring that refugees are supported in our community.

Online Safety Week

During the week beginning the 8th February St Francis' will celebrate Online Safety Week. The theme this year is **Play your part for a better internet!** The children will be involved in lessons that look at how to stay safe when they are online and how to report abuse if they are concerned. As parents, we know that the internet can be a fantastic resource for our children; however we need to ensure that they are using it safely and responsibly. **There will be an internet safety meeting for parents on Friday 12th February 2016 at 9:15** with a very knowledgeable speaker about how to keep children safe online.

Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Gift of the Holy Spirit that we will be exploring with the children this week is **Fortitude (also called courage)**. Through fortitude, the Holy Spirit inspires and energizes us to do great things joyfully and without fear despite challenges.

Class assembly

There will be a class assembly for **5T Friday, 5th February 2016 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Ring worm

We have had a few cases of ring worm across the school; if you suspect that your child has ring worm please ensure that you are treating the affected area before they return to school.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Speech Therapy:

This year, our school is buying in extra sessions of Speech and Language Therapy from East London NHS Foundation Trust.

The Speech and Language Therapist, Lena, will be in school every Tuesday. She will be working in classrooms around the school, and all children may work with her at times.

If there is a need to work one-to-one with your child or to carry out further assessment, you will receive a letter to request your permission and to invite you into school for a meeting. If you have concerns regarding your child's speech, language or communication please speak to your child's class teacher.

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 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.

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.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

