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Dear Parent/Carer,

Citizenship Week

Our first week of celebrating Citizenship Week has gone extremely well. Last week we have had workshops from Handprint Theatre that helped us look at what British values are; we had NSPPC Child line workshops to look at staying safe with the children and learned about British and Gospel values in our English lessons. The Citizenship Week theme this year is **Gospel Values are British Values**. We will be talking to the children about the gospel values that we believe in as Christians and how they are the same as the British values of this country. The British values are defined by the Department for Education as the following:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

This week we have many more activities including some of our year 5 pupils visiting the Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP); year 3 pupils visiting Chobham Mosque to develop their understanding and tolerance of other faiths so they can compare and contrast beliefs.

Thank you to all the parents for your generous donations so far, please keep bringing in donations the last day for any donations is Friday 29th January 2016.

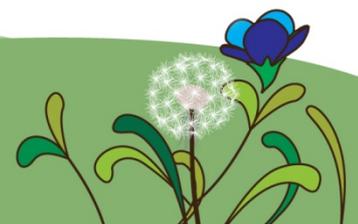
In order to celebrate our Citizenship Weeks we will be having a special Mass on Friday 29th January 2016 at 9:30 in St Francis Church; parents are warmly invited to attend.

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.



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

