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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy - Visit the sick

During this year of Mercy we would like the children be focused on the message of Pope Francis: "It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy... Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy . . . "

As a result over this Summer term, we will explore the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy with the children through assembly themes. During this week, our focus will be to '*Visit the Sick* Matthew 7:12 reminds us, 'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.' In our time of need we would want others to show us kindness and mercy. Some ways that we can try to live in our daily lives might be:

- Visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home. Visiting someone who is sick at home
- Running an errand for an elderly or sick person.
- Reading to the sick or elderly
- taking the time to call, send a card or an e-mail to someone who is sick;

Start of the School Day

From today, **Tuesday 3rd May** the classroom doors will open from **8:45 in the morning** to allow the children into the class to begin quiet reading and get ready for the day's learning. Therefore, the children will no longer wait for the school bell to ring and be escorted to their classroom by the teacher. The official start of the school day will remain at 8:55; however we would encourage parents and children to take advantage of this early opening of the classroom door to get settled and be ready for learning to start promptly at 8:55.

Class assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2K on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 2:30 pm**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **1A on Friday, 13th May 2016 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **1D on Friday, 20th May 2016 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Copper Box Mayoral Assembly

The children of St Francis' were excellent ambassadors of the school last week during the Mass at St Francis church that a prelude to the mayoral assembly at the Cooper Box. The children sang like angels and the Bishop commented that, " . . . St Francis' is a gold medal school." It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance as we continue to strength the partnership with home, school and parish.

Scooters/Bikes

It lovely to see so many children on their scooters and bikes especially with the warmer weather we have been blessed with; please remember that the children need to get off their bikes and scooters at the gate to enter the playground and should not ride their bikes/scooters in the playground.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

