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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer term; it's hard to believe the school year is almost over! As always this is one of our busiest half terms in the school calendar. We will endeavor to keep you as informed as possible of the various activities that are happening this half term.

## St Francis' Religion Education is Outstanding

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, St Francis' had its inspection for Religious Education (Section 48) on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016. In the school's previous inspection in March 2013 Religious Education was judged as Requires Improvement. In this inspection Religious Education was judged as Outstanding. The report notes the following, "The extent to which pupils benefit from the Catholic life of the school is outstanding. They value their traditions and enjoy participating in all aspects of school life. Pupils express their beliefs with confidence and are able to link the teachings of Jesus with their own lives. They value the sense of belonging and the support offered by their teachers and other members of staff."

We are very proud of this achievement! A copy of the full report will be sent out to each family and also available on the school website.

# Afterschool Clubs

The new afterschool clubs start today, Monday 6th June 2016.

#### School Uniform

As the weather warms up please remember that for years 1-5 the jumper/cardigan is an optional part of the winter uniform so the children in years 1-5 should no longer be wearing their jumpers/cardigans. However, children in years 1-5 should continue to wear their blazers. Children in Reception and Year 6 are not required to wear the school blazers; but they are expected to wear the grey jumpers/cardigans. All children are permitted to wear navy blue shorts as a part of the summer uniform. Please remember that girls are no longer permitted to wear the gingham summer dress.

#### Coffee Morning

Due to poor attendance we have rescheduled the next coffee morning to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 9:15 where the focus will be Maths. We will share ideas for using real life Maths with children, top tips for learning times tables, mental Maths and problem solving. We will also discuss the parental contribution of making/donating cakes for the Royal Market Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.







## Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for RP on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for Morning Nursery on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9:05 am and Afternoon Nursery at 2:45; parents with children in these classes are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for RS on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome

## Maths Market Week

This week (week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June) we will be holding our second annual Maths Market Week. This year Maths Market Week will be themed to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Throughout the week the children will have the opportunity to be young entrepreneurs by developing a business plan for a product/service they would like to sell. They even have to pitch their idea to the Bank Manager (in the form of myself) in order to get a startup loan. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase these items that the children have made on our **Market Day Friday**, 10th June from 2:15 - 3:15.

## First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their first Communion recently. We thank God for all the parents, teachers and catechists who have prepared them so well for this important part of their journey in faith. May they continue to grow in love and faith.

#### Parental Contribution

An enormous thanks to all the parents who have paid their parental contribution already this school year; we have collected an amazing £6246.50. This money will be used to help with the cost of refurbishing the pupil toilets over the summer holidays. If you have not already done so please go to your Parent Pay account it will be an item in the drop down menu for you to add to your basket and pay.

N. Scott Head Teacher





