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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy - Visit the Imprisoned

During this year of Mercy we would like the children to be focused on the messages 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 . . . "

The focus for the corporal acts this week is *Visit the Imprisoned*. Hebrews 13:3 tells us to "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body." The Holy Father has given us humbling examples of his compassion and forgiveness as he has visited the imprisoned and spoke about the need to show them forgiveness and mercy.

During a visit to a Philadelphia prison in 2015 the Pope explained: "Jesus doesn't ask us where we have been, he doesn't question us about what we have done. Instead, Jesus washes peoples' feet and gives them life."

Let's support our children to show forgiveness to others as we have been forgiven.

First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their first Communion over the next few weekends. 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. As the Parish newsletter reminded us " . . . this is a great day for children as they grow into their Christian life and receive the Lord Jesus into their hearts and minds."

Class assembly

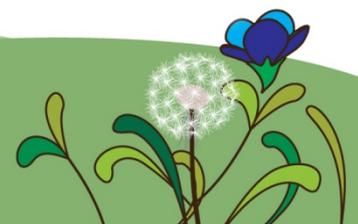
There will be a class assembly for **2K on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 2:30 pm**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

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

Parental Contribution

An enormous thank you 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

