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Dear Parent/Carer,

Teachings of St Francis - The simple life

This half term we will be exploring the teachings of St Francis in our school assemblies. This week we will look at **The Simple Life**. Although St Francis lived a life of poverty he was actually born into a wealthy family where he spent his youth in riches and spoil. St Francis rejected his past life and answered God's call. He took all his luxurious clothes and sold them — much to the shock of his father, who disowned him afterwards. The money from these clothes went straight into rebuilding the old San Damiano church outside of Assisi. There is much we can learn from this level of sacrifice and humility as is reinforced in **Proverbs 23:4-5**:

Do not wear yourself out to get rich;

do not trust your own cleverness.

Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,

for they will surely sprout wings

and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

The riches of the world are simply in how we treat each other and try to live out our Christian values of kindness, mutual respect, honesty and generosity amongst others.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents' curriculum meeting on Monday 12th September. Unfortunately, the attendance was disappointingly poor across the entire school even after taking on board the feedback from parents and providing a crèche. The partnership between school and home is a vital one to the success of each child and attendance at meetings such as these helps parents to understand the expectations especially parents who are new to the school. We do realize that there might be some unexpected last minute emergencies, but we also expect as many parents as possible to play their part by attending these annual meetings. The remaining two meetings are as follows:

Monday, 19th September 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Year 6 - Secondary Transfer (please note new date)

Thursday 6th October 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Nursery

Building Works

The building works will continue for at least another week as the toilets are completed and finishing touches are added. Please pardon the disruption to the playground we hope to have it back to normal shortly.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Annual Consent Form

Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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