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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 22:1-14

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The kingdom of heaven is opened up to anyone who will set aside his own righteousness and by faith accept the righteousness God provides in Christ.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break starting on Monday, 23rd October - Friday, 27th October. We will re-open as normal on Monday 30th October.



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Afterschool Clubs

The letters for the new afterschool clubs were sent out last week. The new clubs will begin on Monday, 30th October.

Parents' Conference Meetings

We will be holding parents conference meetings for years 1-6 on **Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November**. The letter to book an appointment for these meetings will be sent home shortly.

Mini Vinnies Trainer Day

The Mini St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a **Trainer Day on Friday 20th October to raise funds for a new church organ for St Francis church**. Children are asked to wear their trainers and donate £1 to this very worthy cause.

Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3830.00. This was used to supplement the school's contribution to the external works at the front and side of the school which so far has totaled £106,440.42. The school has had to contribute £22,000 after funding that was secured from the local authority to support this work. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that these works take place to improve the school premises. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

Black History Celebrations

year we will be looking at the individual contributions of black British inventors and how their inventions of improved society and the way we live. We will have a variety of activities for the children including assemblies, design and technology work to replicate and innovate some of the inventions and lessons within their classrooms. We will have a special Black History singing assembly on **Wednesday 18th October at 9:05 am**; parents are warmly invited to attend. We warmly invite parents in to look at the work we have created on **Thursday 19th October 2017 from 3:15**. There will be a special raffle for all to attend with a mouthwatering prize!

Coffee Morning

We will have a coffee morning on **Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 9:30** to introduce parents to Carol Dweck's *Growth Mindset*. *Growth Mindset*, that everyone at their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Get strategies about you can encourage your child to aims aim for the stars and have better resilience.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6CK on Friday, 20th October 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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