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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,¹ the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Simon is caught by surprise. In the midst of his ordinary daily routine, and after a particularly lousy night at work, he is encountered by one who changes everything. Amazed by the power of God displayed in the plentiful catch of fish, Simon is immediately aware of his sinfulness and unworthiness. He sees the overwhelming disparity between God's power manifest in Jesus and his own mortal, compromised life.

In this reading we see that Jesus' disciples are called to "fish for people". In order to do this, they left everything behind and followed Jesus. For most of us, this will not mean leaving our current professions behind (although we cannot rule out that possibility). We all are called by virtue of our baptism to participate in God's mission to the world in Jesus Christ. We all are called daily to align our priorities with God's priorities, to use the gifts God has given us in service to others, to share the good news of Christ in word and actions.

Junior Leadership Team Road Safety Survey

The Head boy/girl and the deputies have created survey to gather parents' opinion about road safety around our school. We are asking that you take a few minutes to complete this quick survey to



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support this project. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HP2HHKH>.; **please respond by Wednesday, 27th February 2019 for your comments to be included.**

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **5JK Friday, 15th February 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 18th February to Friday, 22nd February. We will also have a staff training day on the Monday, 25th February, therefore the **school will open as normal on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.**

Club Letters

The letter for the new after school clubs went out recently; these new clubs start on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

Citizenship Weeks

Thank you for your support of the Citizenship Weeks charity bazaar, we raised **£645.84** for our two school charities, **Ihogbe College and Royal Initiative Against Poverty and Starvation (RIAPS).**

Parental Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their annual parental contributions to the governor's fund; so far the contributions total £2,230. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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