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Dear Parent/Carer,

First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their First Communion this month. 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.

John 10: 27-30

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all[a]; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

The voice of the Good Shepherd is a voice that liberates rather than oppresses. It does not say, "Do this, and then maybe you will be good enough to be one of my sheep." It says, "You belong to me already. No one can snatch you out of my hand." Secure in this belonging, we are free to live the abundant life of which Jesus spoke earlier in the chapter: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

The abundant life of which Jesus speaks is not necessarily about abundance in years, or in wealth, or status, or accomplishments. It is life that is abundant in the love of God made known in Jesus Christ, love that overflows to others (John 13:34-35). It is eternal life because its source is in God who is eternal (17:3), and in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life (11:25-26).

Amidst all the other voices that evoke fear, make demands, or give advice, the voice of the good shepherd is a voice of promise -- a voice that calls us by name and claims us as God's own.

Half-term break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May. The school will re-open as normal on Monday, 3rd June.

Science Week

The week beginning 20th May, 2019 is our annual Science Week. For homework, we are encouraging the children to get creative and design their own lab coat to wear throughout the week during their science lessons! In addition, at play and lunchtimes there will be a science gadget shop in which the children will be able to purchase a variety of scientific toys and gadgets. These will range from 50p to £3.50. Lastly, **on Thursday 23rd May from 2:15-3:00 we will be inviting parents and carers to come to view our class showcase** and see what your children have been doing throughout the week!



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Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **1A Friday, 17th May 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **2G Thursday, 23rd May 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Maths Market Week

During the week beginning, 3rd June, we will be holding our annual Maths Market Week. 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 order to get a startup loan. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase the items that the children have made on our Market Day **Friday, 7th June from 2:15 - 3:15.**

St John Bosco Camp

St Francis parish and the SVP group are offering to send several children to the St John Bosco children's camp. It provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. Details can be found on the website <http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Any family interested in this offer, **please contact the school office either in person, via email or telephone for an application.** The dates and deadlines are below:

Boys' Camp Week 1 (Ages 8 - 13)	27th July - 3rd August	Deadline for applications 30th June 2019
Boys' Camp Week 2 (Ages 8 - 13)	3rd August - 10th August	
Girls' Camp (Ages 9 - 12)	10th August - 17th August	
Mixed Camp (Boys + Girls Ages 9 - 11)	17th August - 24th August	

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