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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

We know that we are saved by the grace of God and the blood of Christ, not by anything that we do. However, it is important to take care of other people, because it shows that we love God. He has loved us and given us all we could possibly need. Because of that, we want to share His love with those around us. God lets us be part of His plan to serve people. He sends people our way who need God's care, and then we have opportunities to help them. Sometimes this means giving to people who don't have much. Sometimes it means just showing someone that we are willing to listen if they need to talk, or saying a kind word to someone who is sad. We know that all people are made in God's image, and even people who might seem hard to love. So we need keep yur eyes open! There are chances around us all the time to

love and serve Jesus by loving and serving His children. We are special agents of His work. We can be joyful and hopeful about His eventual return, and meanwhile we love Him and His people. Why don't we say a prayer to thank God for that, and we can ask Him to help us take care of His people?

Class Assembly

We will celebrate the work that **4R** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 30th November at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

Parents' Conference Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parents' conference meetings. We value our partnership with parents. It is vital that we work together to ensure that your child reaches their full potential.

Christmas Gifts

I understand that some families may be disappointed by the recent letter, which explained that we are asking that parents **do not buy us Christmas gifts this year**. This was not done to cause any upset or take away anyone's opportunity to buy the staff gifts. As a staff team, we believe that this is the best thing for us at St Francis'. We appreciate all the hard work that our families do to support us and their children and we would like this to be our gift to you.

Again, we request that you please donate to charity on behalf of the school. If you want to show us your appreciation please encourage your child to make a card.

Christmas Events

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas, please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 9:15 - Reception nativity performance

Thursday, 14th December 2023 at 9:15 am - Year 2 Christmas performance

Thursday, 14th December 2023 - Christmas lunch (unfortunately parents are not able to attend) Friday,

15th December 2023 at 6:00 pm - KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert at St Francis Church

Monday, 18th December 2023 - Christmas class party celebrations

The autumn term ends on Tuesday, 19th December at 2:00 pm for all pupils. There will be no after school clubs or tea time club on that day.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper day Thursday, 14th December. We ask that children come to school in their Christmas jumpers that day and donate a £1 via Parent Pay which will be donated to a local charity.

After school Clubs

The after school clubs for the first half of the spring term will be available on Monday, 4th December until Monday, 18th December. The new clubs will begin on Monday, 8th January 2024.

The last day for clubs for this half term is Monday, 18th December 2023.

Christmas Holidays

The school will be closed for the Christmas break from 2:00 pm on Tuesday, 19th December. The school will re-open as normal on Thursday, 4th January 2024.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', written in a cursive style.

N. Scott
Head Teacher