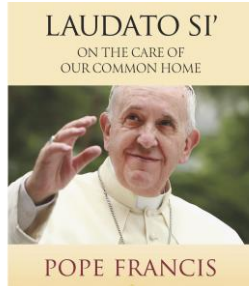




## Do Everything with Love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

June Newsletter 2020

### Update from Mrs Christopher



"Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"

Pope Francis (@Pontifex) explains why he sees Covid-19 as a potential turning point in history.

You can listen to his full essay and many more from the world's leading thinkers: <https://bbc.in/2BtOqJO>

Pope Francis said every crisis contains both danger and opportunity.

"Today I believe we have to slow down our rate of production and consumption and to learn to understand and contemplate the natural world. We need to reconnect with our real surroundings. This is the opportunity for conversion," he explained.

The pope also said the crisis is a "moment to see the poor."

"We can't settle for a welfare policy such as we have for rescued animals. which is how the poor are often treated," Francis said.

"We disempower the poor. We don't give them the right to dream of their mothers. They don't know what affection is, many live on drugs. And to see them can help us to discover the piety, which points towards God and towards our neighbour," he added.

During the program, the BBC's Amol Rajan said the pope's message "argues for a radical recalibration of our priorities, so we think less of ourselves and more of the systems we inhabit whether natural or economic. In that regard it was a call that reaches far beyond Catholicism to something universal: Our capacity to be selfless."

During this season of Pentecost, we pray for the Holy Spirit to come alive in each one of us as we participate in this action to support and protect the poor in our society.

**We will be setting up a just giving page over the next few weeks and ask that you will also please consider supporting CAFOD during the final weeks of the school year with their Coronavirus appeal.**



Take care and be safe everyone,  
Mrs Christopher

## **Staffing News**

Unfortunately Mrs Lowndes will be leaving us at the end of this term after 15 years of teaching at St Mary & St Joseph's. She is hoping to pursue other interests. We will be sad to see her leave but we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

We are delighted to say that we have appointed Mrs Henderson as our full time Year 5 teacher from September. Mrs Henderson has already shared this role with Mrs Lowndes since February so many of you will remember her.

### **The class situation for September will be:**

Reception class: Mrs Hall (formerly Mrs Webster)

Year 1: Mrs Reader

Year 2: Mr Pickavance

Year 3: Miss England

Year 4: Mrs Dale

Year 5: Mrs Henderson

Year 6: Miss Cheeseman

In September, we will have 2 INSET days to start the year (not 1 as was previously arranged before COVID). These will be on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. This means we will not have an INSET day on January 4th 2021.

### **INSET DAYS 2020-2021**

Due to the repercussions of the Covid pandemic, we have decided to switch one of the INSET days next year. There will be two Inset days in September –Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> AND Friday 4<sup>th</sup> but there will be NO Inset day on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

All children in Years 1 -6 will return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September unless the Government states otherwise. The new Reception class children who have siblings will start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, the rest of the Reception class children will start on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. They will all be full time from that date.

**To confirm, the INSET days for the next school year are:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

## Virtual Sports Day



Next week we have a virtual sports day event. You have five events to complete and you can choose one a day or do all five in one afternoon. The Y6 children have made a video of each event and these are on the school webpage under the tab 'Sports day 2020'. There is also an online form for you to fill in your results which will be collated by Miss England. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each event.