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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all of you and everyone at school wishes you a very happy New Year. Well done to the children from class five who led us in a beautiful Mass in which we especially remembered Terry Cook who has now retired after 37 years of teaching.

He has given his whole life to helping countless children and the best years have been here at Holy Rood School. We have been greatly blessed to have known such a dedicated, sincere and genuinely kind person who will do anything for anybody and has walked that extra mile on many an occasion. His contribution has been simply outstanding.

After Class 6's assembly there were a series of special presentations to Terry with gifts from parents, staff, governors and children including a 'Red letter Day' gift on a tall sailing ship down in Portsmouth, garden chairs, photography vouchers, spending money and cards galore. Staff sang a rendition of Rod's Stewart's 'Sailing', the singing group sang 'Going Home' absolutely out of this world and children and staff made a guard of honour as Terry walked off the school premises to find his car decorated with labels and tinsel! Terry was quite overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone but everyone's response simply reflects the deep affection and esteem in which Terry is held in by many. Pictures will be on the school web site.

People of such quality don't come along too often and it's true to say that you don't know what you've got until it's gone. Perhaps it will only be from now that we'll really begin to appreciate what we've lost. (no more lectures on rocks, birds and how the universe works!).

Everyone at school wishes Terry a long, happy, fulfilled and richly deserved retirement.

Carol Concert : A very big thank you to the children, families, staff, governors and parishioners who made the effort to come to church for what was a truly beautiful and fitting occasion. The hurrying and scurrying in the streets outside the church can be contrasted with the beauty and peace experienced inside God's house. Your children were again a credit to you and have just got to be the finest anywhere! It is a privilege for us to teach such wonderful people.

January Jumbo Read ~ We believe that reading is absolutely vital and the key to the whole school curriculum. To encourage a love of reading we are launching the 'January Jumbo read' (sheet attached with the newsletter with instructions). There are so many fantastic books just waiting for your child to read. Many of these are in the school and class libraries and many more in the central library in town and in good book shops.

A Teacher's Prayer

Enable me to teach with **WISDOM**
for I help to shape the mind.

Equip me to teach with **TRUTH**
for I help to shape the conscience.

Encourage me to teach with
VISION

for I help to shape the future.

Empower me to teach with **LOVE**
for I help to shape the world.

