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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 24:13-35

During Sunday's gospel reading we heard about the two downtrodden disciples after Jesus' death and resurrection as they walked to Emmaus. The disciples are grief stricken, but as it says of Jesus "... But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him." This draws lots of parallels without our modern day life. We often face trials in our lives that leave us sad and downtrodden in those times we do not always recognize Jesus. We pray and hope for signs of help, but when like the disciples our "... eyes were opened, and we recognized Him. . ." we gain clarity of thought and action. Let's make sure that we are ready to see Jesus in our lives.

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **5R on Friday, 5th May 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Welcome to new staff

A warm welcome to Ms Mark who joins us as the new admin assistant in the office and to Ms Foster who joins us as a new teaching assistant; I am sure you will make these new members of staff feel welcome as they join the St Francis' family.

Parents' Conference Meetings

Thank you for all those parents who attended parents' evening on the 5th and 6th April (for years 1-6) and the 31st March for Nursery and Reception; these meetings are very important for you to get an update on your child's progress and get some ideas about what you can do to continue to support your child at home. The support that parents provide at home can often be the difference between a child continuing to make good progress and a child falling behind. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher please do so as soon as possible.

CAFOD - Turn little fish into Big fish

We raised a total of **£555.36** for the CAFOD Lenten appeal. Well done!



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

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Cuts to School Funding

As you may have heard in the news over the last few weeks, schools in London face a cut to their funding due to a new national funding formula that the government has introduced. This will mean that St Francis' along with other schools will receive significantly less funding in order to operate over the next two years.

We have been very fortunate that due to careful management of our budget, we have been able to do many of the things we would like to do as a school to develop the children and the school. We will not be able to continue at this level in the future and will need to make very difficult decisions about spending. We will keep you updated over the coming weeks and months on potential changes and how they will impact the school.

Punctuality

As you know, the classroom doors open at 8:45 in the morning and children's first lesson starts promptly at 8:55. This change was made to maximize learning time. This is a great opportunity for your children to be able to make the most of every minute of their learning, however there are number of children who are regularly arriving late. When children arrive late it can be very upsetting; they are often confused and struggle to catch up with what they have missed. If you find that you are regularly arriving to school late please make an effort to leave home earlier to ensure that your child is in school on-time.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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