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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 over the next few weekends. 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.

Lord Jesus, we come to your sacred table to nourish ourselves, not with bread but with Yourself, true Bread of eternal life. Help us to recognise and celebrate your presence every day in our lives. Walk with us on our journey of faith as you once did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Be with our children as they prepare in this year to encounter you more deeply in the celebration of the Eucharist. For the bread that gives everlasting life so that we can love God with all our strength WE THANK YOU LORD For the wine that gives everlasting joy and strength to serve our brothers and sisters WE THANK YOU LORD For offering us your body and blood WE THANK YOU LORD

For the Eucharist that proclaims your glory WE THANK YOU LORD For you, Christ Jesus, who is always with us WE THANK YOU LORD

## <u>Assembly</u>

There will be a class assembly for 1P on Friday,  $19^{th}$  May 2017 at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

#### Eat for Free

Parents with children in years 2 -5 should have received a letter last week with information about the Newham Eat for Free programme. It explains that schools have been making a contribution to this initiative since it began; it informed parents that schools are now being asked to make a 40% contribution to school meals for KS2 children and warns that the governing body is currently considering the financial feasibility of the school's continued participation in the programme. We will keep you updated over the coming weeks on potential changes.















#### 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.

# **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













