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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."^[a]

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Forgiveness is letting go of negative emotions; negative emotions can cause not only emotional pain but physical ailments so why would we want to keep hold of them, they only hurt us in the end! We live by grace and forgiveness so we have don't have the right to not forgive others. We can't call ourselves children of God until we are truly able to forgive others. Let's forgive as we have been forgiven.

Birthday celebrations

We welcome the opportunity to congratulate your child on their birthday and are happy to accommodate parents by handing out small gifts/party bags for your child's birthday. However, these need to contain healthy snacks or age appropriate gifts. **We will not hand out chocolate, sweets or any other unhealthy snack.** We would suggest healthy snacks such as raisins, bagged fruit slices, cereal bars, etc.



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Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to the parents who have attended the curriculum meetings so far. The last meeting will be on **Thursday 5th October at 5:30 pm for parents with a child in Nursery or parents who have a Nursery age child in another setting but would like to apply to St Francis' for Reception.** During the meeting we will give information about the process for applying for a Reception place as well as give important information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and what the children in Nursery will be learning this academic year.

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)

Over the last two years St Francis' has been working with Brentwood Catholic Children's Society's counseling service to support children in St Francis'. We live in an ever challenging world where families and children may come across difficulties that they need support to address. BCCS provides trained counselors that can work with children in a one to one confidential environment during the school day. If your child has suffered bereavement, anxiety, etc. please speak to your child's class teacher about how you can access this private and confidential support during the school day.

Building Works

Over the summer holidays we were busy improving the structure of the school with some external work to the school entrance to provide a more inviting entrance for our children, families and visitors. In addition, we improved the KS2 quiet area but have some additional work to take place for it to be complete. We have also undertaken work to our nursery building in order to develop a provision to accommodate children from birth. We will update you as the school year progresses about when the provision will open and how you can register any children under three years old for this provision.

Eat for Free

The Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales has made a commitment to fund the Eat for Free programme for children in years 3-6 with no additional costs to parents or to the school. As a result, **school meals in years 3-6 will remain free.**

Annual Consent Form

If you have not already please return your child's annual consent forms for the 2017-2018 school year; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area. Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

