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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 this past weekend. 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.

Christ is the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
helping you to always live
as a child of God.

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **1P on Friday, 26th May 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Maths Market Week

During the week beginning the 5th June we will be holding our annual Maths Market Week. Throughout the week the children will have the opportunity to be young entrepreneurs by developing a business plan for a product/service they would like to sell. They even have to pitch their idea to the Bank Manager in order to get a startup loan. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase the items that the children have made on our Market Day Friday, 9th June from 2:15 - 3:15.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2017. School will re-open as normal on Monday 5th June. **The new afterschool clubs will start on Monday 5th June.**

Eat for Free

After considering the impending budget implications for the school, the governing body of St Francis' have decided the school is no longer able to make a contribution for the Eat for Free programme (this year's contribution would be a minimum of £39,000). As a result, children in years 3-6 will pay for school meals from September. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, 13th June 2017 at 5:30pm** to provide more information about this.



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Parental Contribution to the Governor's Fund

As you are aware voluntary aided schools such as St Francis' have a duty to pay 10% towards the costs of any building works that the school undertakes; the governing body has overall responsibility to ensure that the school is able to make this contribution. This summer we aim to complete the last phase of the school playground in addition to expanding our nursery. Your contribution to these projects is vital in order to guarantee that they go ahead. If you have not already done so please go to your Parent Pay account, the parental contribution will be an item in the drop down menu for you to add to your basket and pay.

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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