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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to wish all of our families a Happy and Holy Easter!

Easter holiday

We break for the Easter holiday this **Friday, 7th April at 2:00 pm**. There will be no Tea Time Club on Friday, 7th April. The school re-opens for the Summer term on **Monday, 24th April** as normal.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will run as normal from **Monday 3rd April** until **Thursday, 6th April**. We will finish the current clubs on **Thursday, 7th April**. The new clubs for the Summer term will start on **Monday 24th April 2017**.

Parents' Conference Meetings

We will be holding parents' conference meetings this week on **Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April for years 1-6**. If you have not already done so please book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to see their progress so far this school year; we expect each child to be presented at these meetings.

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.



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Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Monday, 3rd April at 9:05 am - Year 3 Holy Week assembly
Wednesday, 5th April at 9:05 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly
Thursday, 6th April at 9:05 am - Year 4 Holy Week assembly
Friday, 7th April at 9:05 am - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on **Tuesday 4th April at 9:15 am.**

CAFOD - Turn little fish into Big fish

The CAFOD Lent envelopes were due on Friday, 31st March. If you have not already done so please send in your envelope so we can send our donation off to CAFOD.

Whatever we are able to raise will make a big difference, helping the poorest communities around the world to feed their families and make a living.

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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