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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 10:37-42

³⁷ "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."³⁸ And He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward."⁴² And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple, truly I tell you, he shall in no way lose his reward."

We aspire to lead a life with Christ at the centre of all we do, which can sometimes be challenging, however without struggle there is no progress. Our children are watching our actions far more than they are hearing our words, so how do we show them our love of Christ?

The blessings of the future kingdom will offset the sacrifices made here in this life and even the smallest gestures will be rewarded.

International Weeks

This year our annual International Weeks celebration will be from the 26th June to 7th July. Over these two weeks the children will be looking at the culture of various countries including the history, food, music, etc. This will culminate in our International Celebration on **Friday, 7th July 2017 from 6:00 p.m.** We are asking parents to support us by ensuring that the child(ren) return to school at 5:30 in order to change into their costumes and get into their appropriate groups.

The Nursery and Reception children will have their International Celebration on Thursday, 6th July from 9:30 am.

International Day Mass

We will be celebrating International Day with a special Mass on Friday, 7th July at 9:30 in St Francis Church; parents are warmly invited to attend.



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Sports Day

The Sports Day for Nursery and Reception will be on **Monday, 17th July from 9:30 am**. Children should attend school in their full PE kits for the day.

Books for Sale

Thank you to all the parents who supported the book sale on Friday, 30th June, we raised **£132** for the school library.

Eat for Free

From September 2017 children in years 3-6 will pay for their school meals. This will be a daily charge of £2.40 (this amount includes a ParentPay transaction fee). Parents will need to pay in advance to ensure that their child has credit on their account in order to have a school meal. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals because of the benefits that your household receives please come to the office to collect a form and see if you are eligible.

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.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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