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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **St Francis**

This week we celebrate the feast of St Francis Let us reflect on his life and works.

Though he had many gifts and drew many people to journey with him and to serve the poor, Francis remained always very simple in heart. He loved the simple things of life. All loved him: people, animals, birds. He saw God in all creation; he was at one with the whole of creation.

We give thanks for all God's gifts and we pray for peace.

We give thanks for the beauty of creation: animals, birds, nature, scenery, the land and sea...

**Response:** *Lord, help us to be loving like Francis.*

We pray for reverence of ourselves and of all others.

**Response:** *Lord, help us to be loving like Francis.*

We pray for peace throughout the world.

**Response:** *Lord, help us to be loving like Francis.*

We pray for our planet and for the environment.

**Response:** *Lord, help us to be loving like Francis.*

We pray for all who take risks for peace.

**Response:** *Lord, help us to be loving like Francis.*

### **Curriculum Meetings**

This week is our last annual curriculum meeting for Nursery. This meeting is an opportunity to meet with the senior leadership team to find out about our plans for St. Francis' this year as well as meet the staff working with your child to find out about what your son/daughter will be learning this year. **We will also give out information about filling out the application for Reception if your child is due to start full time school in September 2017.** The meeting is as follows:

**Thursday 6th October 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Nursery**



Newham London

Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



### Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice

Fr Michael (the parish priest at St Francis Church) will be available to sign the certificates of Catholic Practice on the following dates and times:

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 9:00 – 10:00 am**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 4:00 – 5:30**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 4:00 – 5:30 and 6:30 – 8:00**

### Feast of St Francis'

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating the feast day for our patron saint Francis. During this week we will be looking closely at the life and work of St Francis; **we will have a whole school Mass on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30 at St Francis Church – parents are warmly invited to attend.** On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will have a visit from animals at Ark Farm for the children to experience why St Francis loved animals so much.

### Black History Weeks

We will begin our Black History Weeks celebration from the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This year we will be looking at the individual contributions of Black British Pioneers and the significant contributions that they made to our society. We will have a variety of activities for the children including assemblies, workshops and lessons within their classrooms. We will have an African Drumming assembly on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:05 am**; parents are warmly invited to attend.

### Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6RM on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

### Annual Consent Form

Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher

