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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year at St. Francis! I hope you all had a good summer with family and friends. I look forward to our continued partnership working together in order to support your child(ren) to reach their full potential.

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.

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.

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.**

Mass

We will have mass to celebrate the start of the school year and ask for God's blessing for all our children and families on Friday, 8th September at 9:30 in St Francis Church; parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Annual Consent Form

Attached are 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.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Curriculum Meetings

Over the next few weeks we will be holding curriculum meetings for **Nursery, Reception and year 6**. The Nursery and Reception meetings will provide information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, what your child will be learning throughout the year, how you can help your child at home and applying for full time school for children currently in Nursery. The year 6 meeting will provide information about secondary transfer so it is vital that someone attends as there have been some changes to the procedures.

The meetings are as follows:

Monday, 11th September 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Reception
Wednesday, 13th September 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Year 6
Thursday 5th October 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Nursery

Unfortunately crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

School Calendar for 2017-2018

Please see over for the school dates for this academic year.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin on **Monday 11th September 2017**. We will be sending letters out about this on Tuesday, 5th September so that parents can book via Parentpay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

