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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 5:13-16

In this Sunday's gospel reading, we are reminded that we are the salt of the earth in **Matthew 5:13-16**.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

These are strange times that we are living in and it can be very easy to become distracted by the chaos and uncertainty that is happening around us. In their assembly on Friday class 4B reminded us to let your light shine. This is more important than ever as Pope Francis reminds us *"If I say I am Catholic and go to mass, but then don't speak with my parents, help my grandparents or the poor, go and see those who are sick, this does not prove my faith, there's no point,"*

Let us show our Christian heart and light to the world.

Trainer Day

The Mini St Vincent de Paul group at St Francis' is organizing a trainer day on **Friday 10th February 2017**. They are asking children to wear their trainers and donate **£1 to charity**. The charities that will benefit from this are the Watoto Choir and Toilet Twinning. **This is not a non-uniform day; the children are still expected to attend in their uniform.**

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2017. The school will also be closed on Monday 20th February for a staff training day and will re-open on Tuesday 21st February for all pupils.



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

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Watoto Choir

We are extremely honoured to announce that due to the efforts of Vicky Remie a parent at St Francis' the renowned Watoto Choir will be visiting St Francis' for the day on **Wednesday, 22nd February**. This will include a day of performances for and with the children. The day will culminate in a join concert with the children of the Watoto Choir and the children at St Francis' at 2:30. We will send out more information about this shortly.

The choir will be in the United Kingdom performing at the locations below:

1. Revival House Manor Park - 19th Feb morning - 500 High St N, Manor Park, London E12 6QN
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-manor-park-london-tickets-30523041238>
2. Lounge- 37 Broadway Stratford - Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd Lunch 12-2pm
3. Emmanuel Parish Church - Tuesday 21st 7.30pm - Forest Gate, London, E7 8BD
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-forest-gate-london-tickets-30523575837>
4. Central Baptist Church - Wednesday 22nd 7.30pm, The Grove Stratford, London, E15 1EN
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-stratford-london-tickets-30523668113>
5. Woodgrange Baptist Church - Thursday 23rd 7.30pm, 345 Romford Road, Forest Gate, E7 8AA
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-forest-gate-london-tickets-30523749356>

Please do support this amazing group of children.

Coffee Morning

We will have a coffee morning on **Friday 10th February at 9:15** to look at strategies for keeping your children safe online.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **4C on Friday, 10th March 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

PE Sweatshirt

There is a new optional PE sweatshirt that is available at the uniform shop for £9.50. This can be used for outdoor PE or outdoor after school clubs during the colder seasons.

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Head Teacher



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