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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year so far! The children look very smart in their school uniforms.

Each year we are more impressed with the confidence of the Reception and Nursery children. Again this year, they have settled in really well, considering how very young they are; so well done Mums and Dads they couldn't have done it without your support in helping them to be well adjusted and independent children.

Let's keep up the good work and remember:

For girls:

- hair bands, clips and ribbons should be in white, navy blue or black
- hair styles should be simple and age appropriate (no coloured hair)
- no nail varnish or make up of any form
- small studs earring or allow but no hoop or dangly earrings
- tights/socks should be black or navy blue

Boys are asked to have their hair trimmed in a sober, age appropriate manner for school so there should be no:

- pony tails, mohawks, coloured hair patches
- no symbols or brand or designs cut into the scalp
- no earrings for school

**All children should wear black school shoes no trainers are allowed.**

### **Mass**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Mass for the start of the school year on Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance.

### **RE Curriculum Newsletter**

Attached are the RE topics that we will teach this term.

### **Afterschool Clubs**

Afterschool clubs will begin today Monday 11th September 2017.



Newham London

Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



### **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.**

### **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.

### **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.**

N. Scott  
Head Teacher

