



St Francis' Catholic Primary School
Maryland Park
Stratford
London E15 1HB

Tel: 020 8534 0476
Fax: 020 8555 3068
Email: info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk

2nd October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 21: 28-32

²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹ "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

We are expected to make mistakes because no one is perfect, but it's our repentance and willingness to try to do better the next time that makes us true Christians. Hearing and believing the word is important; however we need to live out the gospel values with joy and passion.

Feast of St Francis'

On Wednesday 4th 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 and how that has inspired art in the past and present; we will have a whole school **Mass on Wednesday 4th October at 9:30** at St Francis Church - parents are warmly invited to attend.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to the parents who have attended the curriculum meetings so far. The last meeting will be on **Thursday 5th October at 5:30 pm for parents with a child in Nursery or parents who have a Nursery age child in another setting but would like to apply to St Francis' for Reception.** During the meeting we will give information about the process for applying for a Reception place as well as give important information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and what the children in Nursery will be learning this academic year.

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.



Newham London



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Black History Celebrations

We will begin our Black History Weeks celebration from the week beginning the 9th October 2017. This year we will be looking at the individual contributions of black British inventors and how their inventions of improved society and the way we live. We will have a variety of activities for the children including assemblies, design and technology work to replicate and innovate some of the inventions and lessons within their classrooms. We will have an special Black History singing assembly on **Wednesday 18th October at 9:05 am**; parents are warmly invited to attend. We warmly invite parents in to look at the work we have created on **Thursday 19th October 2017 from 3:15**. There will be a special raffle for all to attend with a mouthwatering prize!

Coffee Morning

We will have a coffee morning on **Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 9:15** to introduce parents to Carol Dweck's *Growth Mindset*. Growth mindset, that everyone at their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Get strategies about you can encourage your child to aims aim for the stars and have better resilience.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6CK on Friday, 20th October 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Birthday Celebrations

We welcome the opportunity to congratulate your child on their birthday and are happy to accommodate parents by handing out small gifts/party bags for your child's birthday. However, these need to contain healthy snacks or age appropriate gifts. **We will not hand out chocolate, sweets or any other unhealthy snack**. We would suggest healthy snacks such as raisins, bagged fruit slices, cereal bars, etc.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

