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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

<sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup> "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

<sup>12</sup> "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

<sup>13</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

This parable of the ten virgins clearly continues the lesson on the need to be ready for the Lord's return. Those who are not ready will have no time to prepare once the Lord comes. Just as with the five foolish virgins, there will be no second chances, each day in a new opportunity to be prepared.

### **Heaven Sent Day Nursery Provision**

I am very pleased to announce that from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January St Francis' will be embarking on a new venture and will begin to work with children under 2 years old in a full time day nursery provision called **Heaven Sent Day Nursery**. Heaven Sent will be located on the school site as a part of our existing Nursery provision for our 3 and year olds. It will operate a full time service for 48 weeks of the year. If you are interested in an application or further information please contact

[info@heavensentdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@heavensentdaynursery.co.uk)



Newham London

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## Anti-Bullying Week

This week we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week at St Francis'; during the week we aim to:

- Empower the children to celebrate what makes them, and others unique
- Help the children to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included at St Francis', able to be themselves, without fear of bullying
- Encourage parents and carers to work with us and talk to your children about bullying, difference and equality

We will renew the High 5 strategies with the children to give them the tools to deal with conflict.

1. Ignore it
2. Talk Politely
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report It

## Coffee Morning

We will have a coffee morning on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November** where the focus will be bullying. We will look at the school's anti-bullying strategies and talk about how to recognize bullying.

## Headboy/girl

This year we had a large number of children who again applied to be a part of the junior leadership team. The process includes an application and creating a two-minute oral presentation on a topic that was given to them by the school. The children did extremely well and continue to make us proud. As a result, the Head boy this year is **Joshua Antwi** and the Head girl is **Zuzanna Golebiewska**. They are ably supported by deputies as follows: **Ayomide Akinleye, Raphael Minta, Renee Okhuarobo and Micaela Orduna**.

## Flu Vaccine

The Newham immunisation team are coming back into St Francis' to offer the children (From reception to year 4) the nasal flu vaccine. The flu is an illness caused by the influenza virus; it is common during the winter months. The vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be unpleasant illness. The Immunisation team will be at our school on **30<sup>th</sup> November 2017** helping to protect them from the flu virus in time for the winter, and helping to protect other family members because they are not spreading the influenza virus infection.

## Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **5K on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher

