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Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 23:1-12

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries^[a] wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honour at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

⁸ "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

It can be difficult to practice what you preach and easy to expect others to do as I say not as I do. We are examples of the living Christ to our children, our families, our friends and neighbours. This does not mean we will not make mistakes but it does mean that we embrace each new day as an opportunity to be the best that we can be as we saw in the many examples from Jesus.

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 able supported by deputies as follows: **Ayomide Akinleye, Raphael Minta, Renee Okhwarobo and Micaela Orduna**.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



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 **30th 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 **6R on Friday, 10th November 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Coffee Morning

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

Parents' Conference Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent's conference meetings for years 1-6 last week. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to find out more about your child's learning and what you can do to support him/her at home.

Mini Vinnies Trainer Day

The mini St Vincent de Paul group raised **£194.26** from the trainer day which will go to the church for its new organ.

Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3830.00. This was used to supplement the school's contribution to the external works at the front and side of the school which so far has totaled £106,440.42. The school has had to contribute £22,000 after funding that was secured from the local authority to support this work. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that these works take place to improve the school premises. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

