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Dear Parent/Carer,

John 1:35-42

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

We like the other disciples are invited to come and see how Jesus will surprise us, transform and save us.

Citizenship Weeks

During the week beginning the 15th and 22nd January we will be celebrating our annual Citizenship Weeks. The theme this year is '**Made for Life-Being Prepared**'. We will use Mathew 25:1-13, The Parable of the Ten Virgins as the foundation for our work. We will talk to the children about their physical, educational, moral and spiritual preparation for life. The charity we will be supporting is the Red Cross. We will also have our annual charity bazar on Friday, 26th January and would appreciate your kind donations - class teachers will give you more information about this. Additionally you are warmly invited to our Citizenship celebration **Mass on Friday, 26th January at 9:30 in St Francis Church.**

School Uniform

We had a uniform scrutiny on Friday and were pleased that there were a very small minority of children who were not compliant with the uniform expectations. Next time, we expect to have 100% of children compliant.

Just a reminder for parents that girls should have natural coloured hair extensions, and hair accessories should be functional and practical in navy blue, white or black. Equally, children should be wearing school shoes, not trainers or boots (see attached examples of acceptable school shoes).



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for 4R on Friday, 2nd February 2018 at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Foundation Governors

Are you interested in being a foundation governor at St Francis' Catholic Primary School?

Being a Governor is a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to your community and to the lives of local young people. A foundation governor is appointed by the local Bishop to represent his education policy in his school. They preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school.

What are Governors?

Governing Bodies are strategic leaders in schools. Governors meet a minimum of twice a term and include parents, teachers and support staff at the school, local council representatives, community representatives, and Foundation Governors. The Head Teacher is accountable to the Governing Body whose role is to set the aims & objectives of the school (together with the Head Teacher) in line with national guidelines and to monitor progress.

Have you got?

- An interest in our children's future
- Time, energy and enthusiasm
- A desire to make a difference
- Readiness to accept responsibility
- An ability to work as a team
- Are you happy to ask questions, listen and learn?

If you are interested in becoming a foundation governor please contact the school office at info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk to arrange a time discuss your interest further.

Fundraising

We raised **£602.89** for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal and **£436.66** for the school's Christmas raffle.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

