



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](mailto:info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk)

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Mark 1:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **The Baptism and Testing of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

We are baptized into Christ, and we all have the possibility of sharing in the new creation that Christ brings. Through baptism, we have all been reborn.

### **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](mailto:info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk) to arrange a time discuss your interest further.



Newham London



Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

### Fundraising

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

### Communicating with Parents

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey about the most effective way to communicate large amounts of information; we had 59 parents take part in the survey. We will be sharing the outcome with you shortly and our plans for moving forward.

### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30** after the 3K assembly. **We will explore giving and getting feedback from teachers and how to use your child's targets at home to support their learning.**

### School Uniform

At St Francis' we are known for our "smart" uniform and the way that the children behave in public when representing the school on visits. However, children grow very quickly and as I walk around the school I can see that many have started to outgrow their uniforms already! Please check your child's uniform over the holidays to make sure that it still fits and replenish any items that they have outgrown or lost. Information about the correct school uniform can be found on the school website.

Unfortunately, there are a number of children who are not consistently wearing the correct school uniform; all parts of the school uniform will be firmly reinforced from today. I ask parents to support the school by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day.

### Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for 3K on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher

