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Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus shows over and over again, that God's power serves the people. From the very beginning of his ministry Jesus casts out those spirits opposed to God's people. God comes to restore and to save.

Safer Internet Week

This week the children will be participating in Safer Internet Week. The theme at St Francis' for Reception to year 2 is *Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you*. The children will look at all the wonderful things the internet allows them to do and will be reminded of how they can make sure they stay safe while using the internet.

The theme for years 3-6 this year is *Fake News*; while there is no agreed definition for fake news. We recognize this as:

- Completely false information, photos or videos purposefully created and spread to confuse or misinform
- Information, photos or videos manipulated to deceive - or old photographs shared as new
- Satire or parody which means no harm but can fool people

We will be talking to the children about how to recognize false information on the internet.



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Half Term Break

The half term break will be from Monday the 12th February to Friday 16th February. Monday, 19th February is a staff training day therefore **school will re-open as normal on Tuesday 20th February.**

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2A on Friday, 16th March 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

British Red Cross Charity Bazaar

Thank you for your support for the charity bazaar on Friday, 26th January 2018. We collected **£476.08** for the British Red Cross.

School Start Time

Over a year ago we introduced what we call a "soft start" at St Francis'. This means that class doors are open and children are invited to go into their classrooms from 8:45. We are pleased that so many children are arriving at 8:45 and maximizing their learning time. I realize that perhaps some parents are confused about when school starts. The official start time for school is 8:55 that means at 8:55 we expect children to be in class having put their coats and bags away ready for the Morning Prayer. Children who arrive after 8:55 will disrupt learning time and can find it upsetting if they feel that they have missed out, therefore we would encourage all parents to aim to get their child to school for 8:45.

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