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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

There are many similarities between us and Bartimaeus we are also beggars longing to see, but to see spiritually. The difference is Bartimaeus knows that without Jesus he would not be able to see and he was able to wait patiently for the opportunity to address him and plead his case. Jesus heals Bartimaeus and tells him his faith has healed him; however his sight allowed him to follow Jesus (nothing is mentioned about what he can see). Prayer is at the cornerstone of our faith and as we pray this week let's remember to be like Bartimaeus and humble ourselves before Jesus instead of giving him a list of things we need him to do for us.

Afterschool Clubs

The new clubs will begin on Monday, 29th October.

Parents' Conference Meetings

We will be holding parents' conference meetings for years 1-6 on Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November. **Class 5JK will have their parents' conference meetings on Wednesday 31st October and Wednesday 7th November.**



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Admission Consultation

We are currently consulting on our 2020 admission criteria, which is available on our website at:

<http://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/admissions/>

We would be pleased to receive any comments in writing to the school office by 5pm on Friday 23rd November 2018.

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6B on Friday, 9th November 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

All Saints Mass

We will have mass to celebrate All Saints Day on Thursday, 1st November 9:30 in St Francis Church; parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3,620. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that building works and improvements to the school premises take place. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

