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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gospel Reading John 6:24-35

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'^[a]"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

It was God, not Moses, who gave the manna. The manna was not the true bread from heaven, but was "a type of the true bread that God, who is in a unique sense Jesus' Father, now gives". It isn't that the Father "gave" (past tense), but that the Father "gives" (present tense). Jesus is the gift—the bread of life. The manna sustained physical life, but the true bread of God gives eternal life. Manna gave life to the Israelites, but only temporarily—the wilderness Israelites died centuries earlier. The true bread of life gives eternal life—and gives it to the whole world—not just to Israel.

Parents' Conference Meetings

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the parents' conference meetings last week. If you were not able to attend last week, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The partnership with home and school is vital for your child to do well in school, without full parental engagement, your child will not achieve their full potential. **Class 5JK will have the second day of their parents' Wednesday 7th November.**



Newham London

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.

Anti-Bullying Week

During the week beginning 12th November 2018, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is **Respect**; during the week we aim to support the children to understand:

- the definition of the word respect
- that bullying is a behavior choice
- that we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- that we all need to choose to respect each other, both face-to-face and online

We will renew the High 5 strategies with the children to give them the tools to deal with conflict.

1. Ignore it
2. Talk Politely
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report It

We will also have a special workshop on **Thursday, 15th November at 9:15 and 5:30** (this is a repeated workshop that was delivered in the Summer term); the workshop will look at some of the causes and how to reduce the probability of young boys being involved in violent behaviour. Please return your reply slip to confirm your place at this workshop.

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

