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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gospel Reading - John 8:1-11

8¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

The story is a classic example of Jesus' own wisdom, the sort of wisdom that kings were expected to display. The story tells of the trap that the scribes and Pharisees had set for Jesus. They suspect that we would want to tell the women that her sins had been forgiven; but that would mean that he would be teaching people to ignore something in the Law of Moses. But Jesus' answer when it came was devastating for those who were seeking to set the trap for him. When you point the finger at someone there are three fingers pointing back at you. He hasn't said the Law of Moses was wrong; only that if we're going to be serious about it, we should all find ourselves guilty. And one by one they get the point and go away. There is much we can learn from this about our daily lives and how we are sometimes quick to judge others.

Religious Education Survey

The senior leadership at St Francis' has created a survey to gather parents' opinion on the teaching of Religious Education (RE). We are asking that you take a few minutes to complete this quick survey to support our continued improvement <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RZYQJYX>



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Easter Holidays

We will be closing for the Easter Holiday on Wednesday, 10th April at 2:00 p.m. The holiday will be from Thursday, 11th April to Monday, 22nd April. We also have a staff training day on Tuesday, 23rd April so the school will re-open as normal on Wednesday, 24th April.

Relationship and Sex Education

It has come to our attention that many parents are concerned about recent reports on social media and the news around what schools are teaching within relationship and sex education. As a school we want to reassure you that nothing has changed in terms of what we are teaching children appropriately about sex and relationships education, and nothing will change at this point.

As you know there are plans from government to change the law around what schools must teach around sex and relationships education from September 2020 in schools. A vote has taken place on Wednesday 27th March 2019 about this. When the plans become law we will be in contact, as we will want to consult with all parents around changes that might need to be made to our present provision.

If you have concerns that you want to raise with us as a school then please speak to myself or one of the Assistant Headteachers.

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on Tuesday 9th April at 9:15 am.

Holy Week Assemblies

There has been a fantastic start to the Holy Week assemblies so far. The remaining assemblies are as follows:

Tuesday, 9th April 2019 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Wednesday 10th April 2019 - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

All Holy Week assemblies begin at 9:05 am

N. Scott
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