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Dear Parent/Carer,

First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their First Communion this month. We thank God for all the parents, teachers and catechists who have prepared them so well for this important part of their journey in faith.

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him,^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

We disciples of Jesus have frequently fallen far short in our love for one another as well as in our love for those outside the community of faith; arguments often descend into personal attacks and name-calling; personal interests often win over the common good of the community; those in need of compassion find judgment instead.

Jesus could not be clearer: It is not by our scriptural correctness, not by our moral purity, not by our impressive knowledge that everyone will know that we are his disciples. It is quite simply by our loving acts -- acts of service and sacrifice, acts that point to the love of God for the world made known in Jesus Christ.

Road Safety - Junior Leadership Team

If you recall the junior leadership team conducted a survey in February regarding the safety of the roads around the school. Please see survey results on our school website <http://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Junior-Leadership-Road-Safety.pdf>

As a result of the survey, the junior leadership team would like to establish road safety signs around the school entrance, particularly by the Maryland Park entrance. In order to make this possible, they will be conducting a fundraising **juice stand where various flavors of squash will be available at lunchtime for the children to purchase at a cost of 20p for a small cup and 30p for a large cup starting on Wednesday, 22nd May 2019.** Please support this very worthy fundraising event by making sure that your child has money to purchase something from the juice stand.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Academy Parent Consultation Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the Academy Parent Consultation Meeting on Friday, 17th May. It was a very good discussion and it was helpful to hear parents' thoughts and concerns. The questions and answers from this meeting will be available on the school website by the end of this week.

Maths Parent' Workshops

The resources from the recent Maths Parents' workshops regarding the teaching of addition and subtraction are on the school website under the Maths Learning at Home section <http://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/learning/>

Half-term break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May. The school will re-open as normal on Monday, 3rd June.

Science Week

The week beginning 20th May, 2019 is our annual Science Week. At play and lunchtimes there will be a science gadget shop in which the children will be able to purchase a variety of scientific toys and gadgets. These will range from 50p to £3.50. Lastly, **on Thursday 23rd May from 2:15-3:00 we will be inviting parents and carers to come to view our class showcase** and see what your children have been doing throughout the week!

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **26 Thursday, 23rd May 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Maths Market Week

During the week beginning, 3rd June, we will be holding our annual Maths Market Week. Throughout the week the children will have the opportunity to be young entrepreneurs by developing a business plan for a product/service they would like to sell. **There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase the items that the children have made on our Market Day Friday, 7th June from 2:15 - 3:15.**

St John Bosco Camp

St Francis parish and the SVP group are offering to send several children to the St John Bosco children's camp. It provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. Details can be found on the website <http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Any family interested in this offer, **please contact the school office either in person, via email or telephone for an application.** The dates and deadlines are below:

Boys' Camp Week 1 (Ages 8 - 13)	27th July - 3rd August	Deadline for applications
Boys' Camp Week 2 (Ages 8 - 13)	3rd August - 10th August	30th June 2019
Girls' Camp (Ages 9 - 12)	10th August - 17th August	
Mixed Camp (Boys + Girls Ages 9 - 11)	17th August - 24th August	

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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