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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

At the outset of this story, ten men are stuck. They live "between regions" in a "no-man's" land of being socially, religiously, and physically unclean. By the end of the story, all ten are made well. But one has something more. He has *seen* Jesus, recognized his blessing and rejoiced in it, and changed his course of action and behavior. And because he *sees* what has happened, the leper is not just healed, but is made whole, restored, drawn back into relationship with God and humanity.

Gratitude is an important component in our salvation. Were all ten lepers healed? Yes. Were they all saved? Yes, in the sense that they were rescued from their disease. But not in the sense of drawing close to God in thankfulness and dependence. The nine were saved physically but not spiritually.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 21st October to Friday, 25th October and will re-open as normal on Monday, 28th October.

After School Clubs

The letters for after school clubs for Autumn 2 were sent out last week, the clubs are available on ParentPay and begin on Monday, 28th October 2019.

Black History Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the recent black history workshop. We had over 60 parents book to attend but had about 25 parents attend on the day. **It is important that if you are not planning to attend a workshop please do not return a slip to indicate that you will attend because as a school we commit our resources only to have a few parents attend.**



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

St Francis' School Fund

There is a payment item on ParentPay in regards to a voluntary donation to the school for activities/resources to enhance the curriculum such as resources for our focus days, concerts and other events. **The suggested fund contribution is to £40 for the year per family.** This will allow us to provide extra activities for your children to make the curriculum more hands on and practical through workshops, educational visits and special visitors/workshops in the school.

Parent's Evening

You should have received a letter to book an appointment **for parent's evening for years 1-6 on either Wednesday 30th October or Thursday 31st October.** Please ensure that you make an appointment to find out how your child has settled into their new class and how you can support them at home.

Black History Celebration

During the week beginning 30th September we began our Black History Celebration. The theme this year is "**Commemorating the struggle while celebrating the triumph**". Our focus this year is as follows:

Early Years and Year 1 will be studying Black History through the following books:

Early Years - Handa's Surprise/Handa's Hen by Eileen Browne

Year 1 - Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

Years 2 and 3 will be looking at influential people such as:

Year 2 - The 44th president - Barak Obama

Year 3 - Mae Jemison

Years 4-6 will be looking at significant movements in history and its impact on modern day society:

Year 4 - The Civil Rights Movement

Year 5 - Apartheid

Year 6 - Windrush

This will culminate in a celebratory performance for years 1-6 as follows:

Thursday 17th October from 2 pm - Nursery and Reception

Thursday, 17th October from 2:30 - Years 1-3

Friday, 18th October from 2:30 - Years 4-6

Parents/carers and friends are warmly invited to attend to see that what the children have learned and celebrate their achievement.

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6R on Friday, 8th November 2019 at 9:05 am;** parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **5B on Friday, 15th November 2019 at 9:05 am;** parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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