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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

At this stage we can not only sympathize with the disciples; we must ask ourselves whether we do the same thing. When God is trying to say something to us, how good are we at listening? Is there something in scripture or something we've heard in church, or something we sense going on around us, through which God is speaking to us - and if so, are we open to it? Are we prepared to have our earlier ways of understanding things taken apart so that a new way of understanding can open up instead? If like the disciples we are concerned about our own status or about what is in it for us, then we're very unlikely to be able to hear what God is actually saying.

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Wellbeing is a broad and complex subject- and one that is very important to everyone. A great leader once pointed out that anyone in a 'helping' profession must first help themselves before they can help others. The wellbeing of teachers, and head teachers, midday assistants, cleaners and parents is essential to the wellbeing of the rising generation.

In thinking more of the wellbeing of the St Francis' family, as well as members of our wider community, we will be hosting a **MacMillan Coffee morning here at St Francis' on 28th September 2018 at 9:15am. Parents are being invited to come along, with a treat (Bake It or Fake It), wearing pink and help to promote the idea of developing personal wellbeing ,as well as the wellbeing of someone in need.**

MacMillan Cancer Support is a charity that provides support to cancer patients and their families right



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from the moment you're diagnosed, through your treatment and beyond, they are a source of support, giving much needed energy and inspiration to help people feel more like themselves. You can make your donations in cash on the morning or by texting JAM YRR4 to 70550. One text = £5. Text more than once to donate more. **This coffee morning and initiative is for parents/carers - only it is a normal school day where children are expected to wear their school uniform.**

Class and Individual Photos

The class and individual photo proofs were sent home with your child at the end of last week. We would encourage parents to place their orders online. If ordering via school please note that the school is not able to give change so the correct money must be placed in the clear envelop provided and the envelope must be sealed. **All orders must be placed by 4th October.**

Feast of St Francis

On Thursday 4th October we will be celebrating the feast day for our patron saint, Francis. During this week will be looking closely at the life and work of St Francis and special places that he visit included Assisi and Gubbio; we will have a whole school Mass on **Thursday 4th October at 9:30 at St Francis Church** - parents are warmly invited to attend.

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **6CK on Friday, 5th October 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Curriculum Meetings

We have held most of our curriculum meetings; thank you to the parents who made an effort to attend. We still have our Nursery meeting in October (see information below). The Nursery meeting will provide information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, what your child will be learning throughout the year, how you can help your child at home and applying for full time school for children currently in Nursery.

The meeting is as follows:

Thursday 4th October 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for this meeting.

Annual Consent Form

If you have not already done so please return your child's annual consent forms for the 2018-2019 school year; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area. Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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