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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another great start to the school year! The children were excited to be back at school (at least most of them), a bit nervous about being in a new year group with a new teacher, but ready to face the challenges and show their resilience. As always they looked extremely smart in their new schools uniforms, let's keep that up throughout the year. The children of St Francis' are well known for their smart attire across the borough, it is something we should take pride in.

Luke 14:25-33

The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Discipleship is serious business. To be a disciple and complete the task, we must count the cost. It is a good idea to strive for peace and come to terms with God. But that means we must humbly come to him on his terms. Successful discipleship requires that God be first.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin today, Monday 9th September 2019.

Parent Pay Payments

From 2nd September 2019 the School Office are not able to take payments over the telephone or in person. All parents will need to make sure that they have activated their Parent Pay accounts so that they can make their payments to school using their Parent Pay login. This change is due to a change in Parent Pay procedures.



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Annual Consent Form

If you have not already done so please return your child's annual consent form for the 2019-2020 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.

Curriculum Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding curriculum meetings for Nursery, Reception and year 6. The Nursery and Reception meetings 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 year 6 meeting will provide information about secondary transfer so it is vital that someone attends.

The meetings are as follows:

Monday, 9th September 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Reception

Thursday, 12th September 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6

Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

Class and Individual Photos

The class and individual photos for this academic year will be taken on **Friday, 13th September**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Nursery

- white polo shirt
- navy joggers
- navy sweatshirt
- black school shoes

Years Reception to Year six:

- navy blue blazer (Years 1 - 6)
- white shirt
- school tie
- navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore
- girls may wear white socks or navy/black tights
- boys may wear navy/black socks
- black school shoes
- grey cardigan/jumper (optional for winter uniform, but compulsory for Reception)

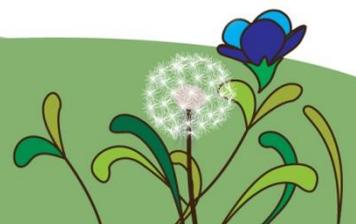
For girls:

- hair bands, clips and ribbons should be in white, navy blue or black
- hair styles should be simple and age appropriate (no coloured hair)
- no nail varnish or make up of any form
- small studs earring are allowed but no hoop or dangly earrings

Boys are asked to have their hair trimmed in a sober, age appropriate manner for school so there should be no:



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- pony tails, mohawks, coloured hair patches
- no symbols or brand or designs cut into the scalp
- no earrings for school

All children should wear black school shoes no trainers are allowed.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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