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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

The good news of the parable is that the role of the tax collector is available to all of us. We, and everyone around us, are all sinners and all beloved children of the gracious Father. The parable invites us to experience the freedom that comes with casting away our armor and throwing ourselves into the arms of God, who is already there, who has already found us, who wants more than anything to lift us up and lead us home.

Black History Celebration

Thank you to all the parents who attend the Black History celebrations on the 17th and 18th October. Both days were very well supported by parent/carers; the children really enjoyed performing and were confident to share what they learned during Black History Month. We were lucky to have the Newham Recorder in attendance on Friday, 18th October and they were very impressed by the children's performance. Please see the entire article <https://www.newhamrecorder.co.uk/news/school-hosts-black-history-month-celebration-1-6334726>

All Saints Mass

We will be having a Mass on **Friday, 1st November at 9:30** in St Francis Church; parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Ms Deen Jalloh

We say thank you and good-bye to Ms Jalloh who retired before the half term. We ask that God continues to bless her in all she does in her next phase of life. We welcome Miss Osei-Bordom who will be joining us a teaching assistant working in year 3.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Birthday Celebrations

We welcome the opportunity to congratulate your child on their birthday and are happy to accommodate parents by handing out small gifts/party bags for your child's birthday. However, these need to contain healthy snacks or age appropriate gifts. We will not hand out chocolate, sweets or any other unhealthy snack. We would suggest healthy snacks such as raisins, bagged fruit slices, cereal bars, etc.

After School Clubs

The new afterschool clubs begin today, Monday, 28th October 2019.

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

We will be having our first parent's evening for this academic year for **years 1-6 on Wednesday 30th October and 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.

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

