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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 20:27-38

The Resurrection and Marriage

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'^[a] ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

How do we know there is life after death? We know through Scripture and the tradition of the Church. But more important than these, through God's dynamic presence, he communicates the love and compassion of his will. We can trust God in all things, including the greatest challenge life gives us, death. If he lives, so shall we, for his love transcends all things, even death itself.

SEND Coffee Morning at St Francis' on Tuesday 12th November

Parents, carers and family member of pupils with additional needs are warmly invited to our Coffee Morning which will be held on Tuesday 12th November from 9am-10am. Our Speech and Language therapist will be delivering a presentation and Newham Families Advice and Support will be attending to offer help. Come and network with other parents and carers. All parents that have been invited will have received an invitation leaflet in their child's school bag. Unfortunately no crèche facilities are available.

Anti-bullying Week

This week (week beginning 11th November) we are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, this year's theme is "Change Starts With Us - Small change. Big difference." There will be a variety of lessons and activities that the children will be doing over this week to think about how they can make a small change in order to make a big difference.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Reception Phonics Information Meeting 20th November 2019

Parents and carers of children in reception are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 9:10 to introduce you to Read Write Inc Phonics. This is the phonic scheme that we use in school to teach reading, writing and spelling. The meeting will introduce you to how we teach phonics and will give you some ideas of how you can support your child at home. Unfortunately no crèche facilities are available.

Christmas Card Competition for Knights of St Columba Council, Stratford

The annual competition to design a Christmas card for St Francis parish has begun; entries are currently being accepted from children up to 10 years old. **There is a £25 gift voucher prize for the winner. Designs should be handed in to the Parish Office by the closing date of Sunday, 17th November 2019.**

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.

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.

Assembly

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.

There will be a class assembly for **3L on Friday, 22nd November 2019 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

