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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 21: 5-19

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

Despite its language and imagery of destruction, Luke 21:5-19 is ultimately a passage grounded in hope - in the hope that God remains present in the world and in one's life even when things have gotten so bad that it feels like the world is closing in on us. He is always with us!

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.



Newham London

Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Christmas Raffle

The letter regarding this year's Christmas raffle was sent out recently; your child should have also come home with a strip of raffle tickets today. Please support this fundraising event by purchasing one strip of tickets for one pound (£1). There are some fantastic prizes on offer!

Pantomime

For pantomime this year, the children will visit Theatre Royal, Stratford East to see Dick Whittington. The cost of the visit is £11.78 which includes the entrance fee and an ice cream. The classes will be visiting on the following dates:

Years 1-3 Thursday, 5th December 2019

Years 4-6 Friday, 6th December 2019

We expect the children to arrive back at school at about 5:00 pm so please make arrangements for someone to be at the school ready to collect your child.

Christmas Events

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas. We look forward to celebrating with you, please make note of the dates and times below:

Thursday 12th December 2019 at 9:15 - Year 2 nativity performance

Thursday, 12th December 2019 - Christmas lunch (unfortunately parents are not able to attend)

Friday, 13th December 2019 at 6:00 pm - KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert at St Francis Church

Wednesday, 18th December 2019 at 9:15 am - EYFS nativity performance

Thursday, 19th December 2019 - Christmas class party celebrations

Friday, 20th December 2018 9:30 -End of term Mass at St Francis Church

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

There will be a class assembly for **4A on Friday, 29th November 2019 at 9:05 am;** parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

