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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings of peace and prosperity in the year ahead.

Thank you to our families for all the lovely cards and gifts - it is very much appreciated.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

*6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."^[b]*

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

These Magi understood the extent of God's amazing grace for all people through the coming of the baby Jesus. Their truth seeking, their pilgrimage, worship and gifts, testify to the world. They testify about the compelling truth of God's love for all people through Jesus. Though Jesus is King, he came to suffer and die for the sin of the world. We learn from the Magi how to truly appreciate and worship Jesus. He was born the king of the Jews, but he became king to all who believe in him.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

Our Neighborhood

We had a very disturbing phone call from a local resident on our last day of term in December. The resident called to express her frustration at the way that some parents behave in their cars while dropping off and picking up their children. In particular, this resident was concerned about the lack of consideration that is shown by some of our parents and the honking of car horns early in the morning. I was very disappointed, but not surprised to hear this. I have witnessed on several occasions parents behaving in a selfish and appalling manner at the Maryland Park Entrance to the school. This kind of behavior does not set a good example for our children and does not put the school in a good light with members of the public.

I am asking that parents show more consideration, respect for themselves and others while dropping off and picking up children. If this matter does not improve, will need to look at all the options available to the school to provide a safer and more pleasant environment for the children of St Francis' as well as the local residents.

Afterschool Clubs

The new after school clubs begin on Tuesday, 7th January 2020.

Christmas Raffle

We raised a total of **£648.25** from the raffle.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all your support for Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 19th December 2019, we raised a total of **£314** which will be donated to the Donkey Library project in Ethiopia.

Advent Appeal

Thanks again for your overwhelming support for the NEWway Advent Appeal. We were able to donate 15 boxes with items of clothing and toiletries to the NEWway Homeless Charity.

RE Newsletter

Please see attached this term's RE newsletter which contains the topics that we will cover in Religious Education this term.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2K on Friday, 17th January 2020** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

