

7th June 2021



Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year! It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of the current academic year. It's been a year filled with many challenges, but also a year where so many of our children and parents have shown amazing resilience.

We are hoping to have some of the celebrations that we normally have this time of the year, but this is dependent on a change of guidance from the government. As soon as we are clear about that we will write to you with more information.

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus Accused by His Family and by Teachers of the Law

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family^[a] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



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There are all sorts of forces, things, events, sometimes even people by which our lives are broken and through which we are separated from God, others, and our self. Christ is stronger than anything that fragments our lives. He binds the forces that divide, heals the wounds that separate, and changes pieces into a new whole. There is nothing about your life or my life that cannot be put back together by the love of God in Christ.

Sports Day

Next week we will have our annual sports day, **unfortunately due to the current circumstances we are not able to have parents in attendance this year.** The sports days next week are as follows:

Tuesday, 15th June 2021 - years 3 and 4 at St Francis' School

Wednesday, 16th June 2021 - Nursery and Reception at St Francis' School

Thursday, 17th June 2021 - Years 1 and 2 KS1 at St Francis' School

Friday, 18th June 2021 - Years 5 and 6 at West Ham Park

Sports Day starts at 9:30 each day. Children should attend school in their full PE kits for the day.

Sunscreen

With the arrival of our wonderful warm weather this week, I would like to remind parents/carers about the use of sun protection. Ideally, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended. Also please provide a sunhat, if possible for playtimes.

National School Breakfast Programme

The National School Breakfast Programme has launched its breakfast at home area on the Family Action website, where you will find lots of information and advice on providing a low cost, nutritious, daily breakfast at home www.family-action.org.uk/BreakfastAtHome

Citizenship Weeks

The generosity of our families continues to be overwhelming! We have received even more donations and as a school we have raised **£1817.17** for our Citizenship Weeks fundraising for **Magpie Project**. This project is a part of our local community which provides a safe and fun place for mums and under-fives suffering in temporary or insecure accommodation.

Mask/Face Covering

As we begin to open more and are able to do normal activities please remember we all need to do our part to keep each other safe. Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a mask or face covering while dropping off and collecting their child each day to keep us all safe.



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Lateral Flow (Rapid) Covid Tests

School staff have had access to weekly lateral flow (rapid) testing since February. This is to help stop the spread of the virus by identifying asymptomatic people who are positive. As a part of the government initiative to further support this you can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household each day.

A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

Who this service is for

You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

Test kits can be ordered at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

God Bless,



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