



20th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

The message in this scripture is clear, ambition that pleases God is shown by humble service of others. Greatness is found not in lording it over other people, but in being the servant of the most insignificant people in society - the poor, the weak, the forgotten.

Bike to School Week

This week, we are celebrating Bike to School Week. Together we celebrate cycling and scooting to school and [the massive benefits this brings to children's health and the environment.](#)

This is a fantastic way to get parents and children active on their journey to school while the weather is good. We want to see as many children as possible cycling to school on the bikes or scooters.

Parent Survey

In the summer term, we sent out a link for a parental feedback survey. We were pleased that there were 108 responses out of a total of 252 families with children attending the school.



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	Strong Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree or Agree	Number of responses	Neutral	Number of responses	Disagree or Strongly Disagree	Number of responses
I am made to feel welcome	46%	35%	82%	88	16%	17	3%	3
School is easy to approach	46%	33%	80%	86	14%	15	6%	7
Part of school community	29%	31%	59%	64	32%	34	9%	10
Good at communicating	39%	34%	73%	79	18%	19	9%	10
Understand what child is learning	43%	42%	84%	91	11%	12	5%	5
Know how to support at home	44%	42%	86%	93	12%	13	2%	2
School helps to support	42%	34%	76%	82	20%	22	4%	4
School website is useful	35%	38%	73%	79	21%	23	6%	6

We were pleased that the responses were largely positive. We realize that during the pandemic it was difficult to create a sense of community with parents not being allowed inside the school; we intend to change that this academic year and have lots of plans for activities with parents. We will continue to focus on the areas where parents thought we could improve and welcome any feedback that you have on how we can continue to improve.

Black History Month

The week beginning 27th September starts the launch of our Black History Month Celebration. Often, we focus on American Civil Rights, South Africa/Nelson Mandela, Mary Seacole. These topics are important and interesting. They are of global significance and can teach us a lot today. However, there have been black communities in Britain since the 1st Century and Britain was heavily involved commercially, politically and militarily in many parts of Africa and the Caribbean.

As a result this year's focus is **Black London**, the children will look at the contributions made by black and brown Londoners over time.

Reception	Brining the Rain to Kapiti Plan
Year 1	Black London Landmarks
Year 2	Notting Hill Carnival and Claudia Jones
Year 3	Black London Public Servants
Year 4	Windrush Londoner
Year 5	Roman, Tudor and Georgian Black London
Year 6	Oludah Equiano

The children will also explore the work and art of some young, up and coming Londoners.



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St Francis' Fund

St Francis' School Fund is 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 fund contribution is to £40 for the year. There is a payment item for this on ParentPay.

Curriculum Newsletter

You should have received a curriculum newsletter for your child; this newsletter gives parents important information about what their child will be learning this term. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the school's website

<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/learning/>

Please click on your child's year group and the Autumn 2021 newsletter.


Curriculum Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding curriculum meetings for Nursery and year 6. The Nursery meeting will provide information about the **new** Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, what your child will be learning throughout the year, how you can help your child at home and applying for full time school for children currently in Nursery.

Thursday 7th October 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

God Bless.



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