



4th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Feast of St Francis

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, Francis. St Francis was a humble man who had time for all. He was a lover of all creation and champion of peace. Our Pope was inspired and decided to be named after Francis. The Pope said "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation," In our busy London lives rushing around, there is a lot we can learn from St Francis' love for creation and love for all.

Leader: O Lord, how many are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

All: Living things both small and great

Leader: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,

All: Living things both small and great.

Leader: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

All: Living things both small and great.

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

All: Living things both small and great.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers from our school community to accompany the school on educational visits such as sporting competition, swimming, etc. We will create a bank of volunteers that we can call on to support the school. If you are interested and available please complete the Google form using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BLfKMhdvUJl_17rTr2owG4mbIEXZLa9Ni-CbNVO39AU/edit

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.



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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	Olaudah Equiano

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

There will also be a Black History Workshop for parents on **Tuesday, 5th October** - "Race: How and Why It's Important to Speak to Your Child". The workshop will be at 9:00 am and again at 5:00 pm.

RE Survey

We would like your feedback about the religious education provision at St Francis'; please use the link below to complete a very short survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmECiTUKnQ-vrFFANegs3VxzS2U1JKGQQtADVhgLJmKfIZA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 25th October to Friday, 29th October. The school will reopen as normal on Monday, 1st November.

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.

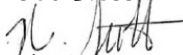
Curriculum Meetings

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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