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Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 13:1-9

Repent or Perish

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

⁸ "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

These days many want instant results, immediate gratification, as if knowledge or information can provide answers to all the questions of life. Trees grow slowly, fruit takes time to develop and mature. The same is true for ourselves. Lord, you are the gardener, who cultivate and nourish us. We pray for the patience to wait, the openness to be pruned, so that we are more fruitful to your glory.

After School Clubs Summer 1 2022

The letter for the new afterschool clubs starting on Monday, 25th April 2022 were recently released. **The deadline to book clubs is Tuesday, 5th April.** All clubs are available on ParentPay.

Parents Conference Meeting for Years 1-6

A letter was sent home recently regarding the **parent's conference meetings for years 1-6 on Wednesday, 30th March and Thursday, 31st March** please return your reply slips for your preferred time as soon as possible. We would like each child to be represented by a parent.

Nursery and Reception Parent's Conference Meeting

A letter was sent out recently regarding a **parent's conference meeting for Nursery and Reception on Monday, 4th April** please return your reply slips with your preferred time as soon as possible. **There will be no school for Nursery and Reception children on that day.** We would like each child to be represented by a parent.



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Parents' Questionnaire for Religious Education & Collective Worship:

Parents were invited to complete the questionnaire so that as a school, we could have an idea of their views on the religious life here at St Francis' Catholic Primary School. These results will help us to confirm what we are doing well, as well as any areas where we need to make improvements. Please see attached the survey results. Thank you for taking the time to give us some feedback.

Class Assembly

We will celebrate the work that 1K is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 24th March 2022 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on **Wednesday 6th April at 9:15 am**.

Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Monday, 4th April 2022 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Tuesday, 5th April 2022 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Thursday, 7th April 2022 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Friday, 8th April 2022 - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

The holy week assemblies begin at 9:05.

Parents are warmly invited to attend.

End of Term

The spring term ends on **Friday, 8th April at 2:00 pm**. There will be no after school clubs on that day including no Tea Time Club.

Free School Meals

Please check to see if your child is eligible for free school meals; eligible children may receive holiday vouchers to support with food purchase during holiday times. Please check to see if your child is qualifies <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2>.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As I am sure you are aware, we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. In honour of this, there are two bank holidays on the 2nd and 3rd June (during the school's half term break). As a result, schools have been asked to set aside an additional day in their school calendar for this additional bank holiday; **therefore, on Monday, 6th June the school will be closed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will reopen on Tuesday, 7th June 2022.**



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Coronavirus Update

From Monday 21st February 2022 the government announced a new set of guidelines for 'Living with Covid-19'. We are very grateful for your support over the last two years, and we are very proud of the way our pupils and families have conducted themselves during this difficult time.

The current guidelines are:

Self-Isolation

You are still advised to stay home after a positive test for 5 full days, and then only end isolation after two negative test results (i.e. on Day 5 and Day 6). Please contact the school and let us know if your child is isolating due to Covid-19. Work will continue to be provided on Google Classroom for children self-isolating from a positive Covid test.

Close Contacts

There is no need to test daily or self-isolate if a close contact regardless of vaccine status. However, if your son/daughter is a close contact you might want to test them regularly to ensure that they are not Covid positive.

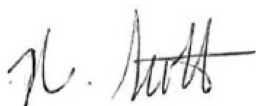
Symptoms

If you are displaying any of the symptoms Covid-19, you are to stay at home and arrange a test. You should not attend school with any Covid-19 symptoms until you have got a negative test result.

Face Coverings

These are no longer a requirement, but they are still recommended currently on public transport.

God Bless,



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