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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! We are looking forward to starting a new year with the children. As we begin to return to many of our pre pandemic activities, we look forward to taking the children out of school for their learning through educational visits and to having more speakers/visitors back into the school to support the curriculum. We are pleased that you have chosen St Francis' as the school for your child's educational journey and look forward to working in close partnership with you this year as your child continues to develop spiritually, academically, morally and socially.

### **Luke 14:25-33**

#### *The Cost of Being a Disciple*

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

There is a cost to discipleship. He paints a stark picture, asking if we are ready to accept difficulty with him. If we are, we know that he will not leave us alone but will carry our burdens with us and show us what love and courage mean. Successful discipleship requires that God be first.

### **Afterschool Clubs**

Afterschool clubs will begin on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. All clubs need to be booked by **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

### **Annual Consent Form**

Your child will be coming home with an annual consent form for the 2022-2023 school year; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area. Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

### **Stephen Mulhern Visit**

Many of you may not know but television presenter and magician Stephen Mulhern is a past pupil of St Francis' Catholic Primary. Mr Mulhern has visited the school in the past, which has been a great pleasure for the children and staff. **We are pleased that Mr Mulhern will be visiting the school again on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate his new book Magic Max.** Mr Mulhern will lead a special assembly with the children in years 3-6. The assembly will be recorded and there will be a professional photographer involved. Please complete the image consent form for this event and return it to your child's class teacher by Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Mass**

We will be celebrating the start of the new school year with at **Mass at St Francis' church on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30**. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

## **Term Dates**

Please see attached the term and holiday dates for the 2022/23 academic year.

## **Religious Education**

Please see attached the religious education topics for the Autumn term.

## **Curriculum Meetings**

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding curriculum meetings for Nursery, Reception and year 6. The Nursery and Reception meetings will provide information about the 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.

The year 6 meeting will provide information about secondary transfer so it is vital that someone attends.

The meetings are as follows:

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Reception**

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery**

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

## **Class and Individual Photos**

The class and individual photos for this academic year will be taken on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

### **Nursery**

- white polo shirt
- navy joggers
- navy sweatshirt
- black school shoes

### **Years Reception to Year six:**

- navy blue blazer (Years 1 - 6)
- white shirt
- school tie
- navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore
- girls may wear white socks or navy/black tights
- boys may wear navy/black socks
- black school shoes
- grey cardigan/jumper (optional for winter uniform, but compulsory for Reception)

### **For girls:**

- hair bands, clips and ribbons should be in white, navy blue or black
- hair styles should be simple and age appropriate (no coloured hair)
- no nail varnish or make up of any form
- small studs earring are allowed but no hoop or dangly earrings

Boys are asked to have their hair trimmed in a sober, age appropriate manner for school so there should be no:

- pony tails, mohawks, coloured hair patches
- no symbols or brand or designs cut into the scalp
- no earrings for school

All children should wear black school shoes no trainers are allowed.

## Staffing

Our teaching staff for this academic year are listed below:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Ms N Debernardis	Mrs J Impey Mrs R Cockley
Reception E	Ms S Edwards	Ms M Pikiewicz
Reception O	Mrs G Osei	Mrs D Peng
1K	Mr J Kiernan	Mrs K Kanapathy
2A	Ms Y Aidoo	Mrs L Byrne
2P	Mrs S Paul	Mrs E Mostowa
3K	Ms S Keaney	Ms B Cudjoe
4B	Mrs R Baptiste	Mrs J Nicholls
4R	Mrs J Reid	
5J	Mrs R Jeganathan	Mrs R Kokas
5R	5R Mr P Reily	
6B	6B Ms G Bernard	
6G	6G Mrs J Guleroglu	

### Non class-based teachers

Ms A Bourne Lower KS2 Leader - Lead Assistant Headteacher	Intervention Teacher
Mrs D Carter-Darby Upper KS2 Leader - Assistant Headteacher	Intervention Teacher
Ms M Haarhoff	SENCO/ Intervention Teacher
Ms N Scott	Head Teacher

### Non class-based support

Mrs C Annor-Agyei	1:1 Support
Ms A Chase	1:1 Support
Mrs R Cockley	HLTA
Ms S Diai	1:1 Support
Mrs S Foster	1:1 Support
Ms S James	Learning Mentor
Ms I Leachman	1:1 Support
Ms T Maitland	Learning Mentor PE Coach
Ms A Patel	1:1 Support
Ms A Popo	1:1 Support
Ms S Zariat	1:1 Support



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott