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Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of St Francis' Catholic Primary School, we express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her commitment to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth is unprecedented and her service unparalleled and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her service.

We will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support all the children and staff in our care. All activities that have already been scheduled will continue as planned.

We will observe the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth on Monday, 19th September as a bank holiday as advised by the Department for Education. **Therefore, the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 19th September.**

Luke 15:1-32

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.



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¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Both sons experienced, considered and reflected; one had the courage to make a change, to take a risk. What is it like for us to recognise when we are wrong, to admit it and make a change.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that St Francis' is a nut free school; we have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have nut allergies. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products. For their safety, all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for packed lunch or for a special birthday treat- this includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts



- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them - it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Due to the severity of the allergy, if any pupil is found with a nut-based product, the school will confiscate it and contact parents straight away.

We appreciate your continued support to ensure that our children remain safe.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin on Monday, 12th September.

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.

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, 12th September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Reception

Thursday, 22nd September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6

Thursday 6th 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, 16th 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



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- 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	



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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 staff

Mrs C Annor-Agyei	1:1 Support
Ms A Chase	1:1 Support
Mrs R Cockley	HLTA
Ms S Diali	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

God Bless,



N. Scott

Head Teacher



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