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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Luke 20:27 - 37**

*<sup>27</sup> Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup> "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup> The second <sup>31</sup> and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."*

### **Class Assembly - 6G**

We will celebrate the work that **6G** is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9:05 am. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

### **Class Assembly - 5R**

We will celebrate the work that **5R** is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9:05 am. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

### **Christmas Presents**

We will soon be entering the joyous season of Advent leading to Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Christmas is an opportunity for you to remember the joy that was experienced at Jesus' birth. This year will be a different Christmas for many of us because of all the current challenges of the cost of living crisis; more than ever it's a time for us to be grateful for all that we have.

As staff at St Francis', we are grateful for each day we get to spend with your child(ren) and grateful that we are able to be a part of their educational and spiritual journey. It is a wonderful gift to be able to work with the children at St Francis'. In light of this, we have decided as a staff team that is enough



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for us; therefore, we ask this year that you do not buy us (staff) any gifts; any Christmas gifts that are sent into school for staff will be returned. The greatest gift that you can give us is a kind word and encouragement. We are humbled that we get to do what we do. If you want to show us your appreciate please encourage your child to make a card.

This year the true meaning of Christmas will be even more important. We look forward to celebrating with you over the coming weeks.

### Parents' Conference Meetings

We have parents' conference meetings from Year 1 to year 6 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We are looking forward to speaking to you about your child's progress and what you can do to support your child's learning at home. Please book a slot on School Ping. It is essential that a parent attends for each child.

### Black History Month Celebration

Thank you to all the parents who attend our Black History Exhibition before half term.

### Anti-bullying Week - 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This year we will be celebrating our annual Anti-bullying Week from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The theme this year is **Reach Out**.

The theme of Reach Out came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2021 - when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people - Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need.

#### ***This year we are called to action:***

- Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.
- Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.
- And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

Each year we celebrate this week because as a school we believe it is important. We know that as humans we can sometimes be harsh and unkind to each other; sometimes we allow ourselves to get caught up in peer pressure and group mentality and are not brave enough to speak out when we see something that is wrong. Throughout the week, the children will have a variety of lessons to help them to understand the impact of bullying, whether it is face to face, online or over the phone. The children will be reminded what to do if they feel like someone is bullying them or being unkind.



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**We will start the week with Odd Socks on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!**

It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

### **Parent Advice and Support**

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/advice-and-support/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with the Head Teacher.

### **Newham Libraries**

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

### **Scooters and Bikes on the Playground**

We are pleased with how many children are developing their physical skills and keeping active by riding their bikes or scooters to school. However, we have recently had accidents where children were injured on the playground due to bikes and scooters. Please be reminded that no one (parents and children) is allowed on their bikes and scooters on the playground, this is dangerous. Children and parents should get off their bikes and scooters when they enter the school gates and should not get back on their bikes and scooters until they have left the school gates.

God Bless,



N. Scott  
Head Teacher



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