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Dear Parent/Carer,

John 6:51 -58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Bread nourishes us, so Jesus uses that term to describe himself. But 'living' bread is an effort to reveal more deeply how profoundly he nourishes us. He offers us a relationship in which we can 'abide' in security. We need that life-giving relationship more than ever today.

St Peter and St Paul Day Mass

The children will be celebrating St Peter and St Paul Day at Mass on Thursday, 29th May at 9:30 am in St Francis of Assisi Church. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

RSHE/Well-being Week

From September 2020, it is statutory for all primary schools to teach relationships and health education. Relationships and health are usually covered in general everyday classroom learning, in assemblies and sometimes in science (e.g healthy eating). Increasingly, learning about online safety touches on these issues also. RSHE is the lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development.

During the week beginning 19th June, we will teach our relationship and sex education (RSE) lessons across the school. For the teaching of RSE we use a programme called **Ten:Ten**; some of you attended meetings recently that provided information about this programme. The Ten:Ten programme, **Life to the Full**, has been approved by our diocese. Furthermore, Ten:Ten have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the new statutory curriculum. Therefore, we are confident that this



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programme is a very good fit for our school. Through their programme, Ten:Ten understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters

Please see attached parent guide about the teaching of RSE at St Francis'.

Sports Days 2022

Wednesday, 21st June 2023 - EYFS Sports Day at St. Francis' School

Thursday, 22nd June 2023 - KS1 Sports Day at St Francis' School

Friday, 23rd June 2023 - **Venue to be confirmed**

Sports Day starts at 9:30 each day; parents are warmly invited to attend. Children should attend school in their full PE kits for the day (please see information below about appropriate PE kit).

PE Kit

The school's PE kit consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Navy shorts or navy joggers
- Plimsolls or black trainers in year 5 and 6

Cycling shorts or tights are not permitted.

Also available for the PE uniform is a PE sweatshirt this can be worn for outdoor PE and after school clubs. Children should not have PE lessons in their blazers or cardigans/jumpers. I would strongly encourage parents to invest in the PE sweatshirt.

Warm Weather Reminder

With the arrival of our wonderful warm weather this week, I would like to remind parents/carers about the use of sun protection. Ideally, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended. Also please provide a summer cap/hat, if possible for playtimes.

While the weather remains warm, children should not wear their jumpers, but should attend school with their blazers and their full school uniform including shoes and socks.

International Weeks

This year our annual International Weeks celebration will be from 26th June to 7th July. Over these two weeks the children will be looking at the culture of various countries including the history, food, music, etc. This will culminate in our International Celebration on Friday, 7th July 2023 from 6:00 p.m.

We are asking parents to support us by ensuring that the child(ren) return to school at 5:30 in order to change into their costumes and get into their appropriate groups.

The Nursery and Reception children will have their International Celebration on Friday, 7th July 2023 from 2:30 pm.



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School Uniform

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year; just a reminder about the uniform policy when you are purchasing uniforms for September.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference
<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

As you replenish your child's school uniform over the next few months and in September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that boots are not acceptable school shoes. We allowed boots during the period of snow and ice, however children need to return to wearing their school shoes.



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 a member of the senior leadership team.

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>

God Bless,

N. Scott
Head Teacher

