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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come closer to the end of the academic year, it's hard to believe that we have completed another school year! The children continue to amaze me with their resilience, hard work and enthusiasm for learning. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for all of their support on school visits, assemblies, sports day, etc. We hope that you have a summer full of good weather and memories.

For those of you who will be returning to St Francis' in September we look forward to continuing our partnership together. For those who are moving on to other schools, we pray that you and your child will be happy in their new schools.

Matthew 11:25-30

The Father Revealed in the Son

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus' invitation is to follow Him but in a way that is freeing and that brings much joy, even when life brings its own burdens. What burdens are we carrying at the moment? Can we hand them over to Jesus in this time of prayer.

International Celebrations

Thank you to all the parents who attend the International celebrations on Friday, 7th July. Your continued support at these events is much appreciated. As usual, the children have demonstrated how amazingly talented they are!

French Day

As you may know our modern foreign language at St Francis' is French. The children have weekly lessons where they learn short phrases, songs, days of the week, etc. We will have a day of celebrating French



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

on **Thursday, 13th July**. The children will take part in a variety of activities to celebrate. **In addition, the children may come to school in their uniform and add something red like a hairband, ribbon, sash, bow tie, scarf etc.**

Please note that children should wear their school uniforms as normal, but add something red.

Parents' Conference Meetings

The parents of children in years 1-5 had their parents' conference meetings on Wednesday, 5th July and Thursday, 6th July. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.

Nursery and Reception will be having their parents' conference meetings on Monday, 10th July 2023. **There will be no school for Nursery and Reception on this day, but school will resume as normal on Tuesday, 11th July for Nursery and Reception.**

The year 6 parents will have their parents' conference meetings on Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday, 12th July. **The class teachers will be sharing your child's SATs results at these meetings. If you have not already done so, please book an appointment on School Ping.**

Class swap

The children will be having their class swaps on the morning of Wednesday, 12th July where they will meet their new class teachers. I will write to you on that day to inform you after the staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

Staffing 2023-24

We consider ourselves a family at St Francis' and value each and every child, parent and member of staff. As we come to the end of the academic year, we are sad to see some members of staff move on, but wish them the best of luck in their new ventures. At the end of this academic year we will be saying good bye to Ms Wade who is currently the manager for our day nursery, Mrs Osei who is currently our teacher in Reception O and Ms Bourne one of our Assistant Headteachers.

We pray that they will be happy in their new ventures and thank them for their unconditional commitment to the school.

Data Sheet

Your child recently came home with a data checking sheet, please update this sheet with any changes to your personal information and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If all the information is correct please simply sign and return the sheet to your child's teacher by Monday, 10th July 2023.

End of Term

The academic year will end on **Tuesday, 18th July 2023 at 2:00 pm**. **There will be no after school clubs, including tea time club on this day.**



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Start of Term

The new academic year starts for Reception to year 6 on Tuesday, 5th September. Existing nursery children also return on Tuesday, 5th September. New nursery children will get a letter confirming the date they will start.

End of Term Mass

The school will be giving thanks for this school year and praying for a safe and happy summer in our final Mass on **Tuesday, 18th July 2023 at 9:30 am in St Francis Church**. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

School Uniform Donations

At this time of the year parents often begin to organize school uniforms for the next academic year. If you have any nearly new uniform that your child has outgrown, we would ask you to donate it to the school so another child is able to make use of it. Please bring any nearly new uniform donations to the school office.

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/>

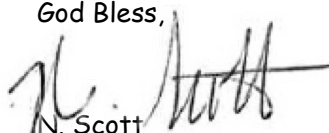
If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team.

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



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