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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thanks again for your patience at the start of the term with the issues that the school is dealing with around RAAC. We are working to resolve this issue as soon as possible; however we continue to have a part of our school building that we have no access to. We expect to have some portacabins delivered to the school in the coming weeks as a temporary replacement for the classrooms and additional teaching spaces that we are not able to use. Your prayers and continue support is very much appreciated.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister^[a] sins,^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'^[c] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

In many ways, we are keepers of our sisters and brothers. We have social responsibility in our family and in our neighbourhood. Jesus is saying something like that today. We have a responsibility for each other, for the common good. Parents may find this most difficult - to try to guide the family well and not lose them. We teach by example and by love. Even when children are young and making some mistakes, we hope they will learn from their mistakes. We ask for guidance and find help in the community of the church and of others. That's where God is - two or three gathered is the community of God. Church is the gathered people. God wants the best for each of us. We can help each other to goodness, we can support each other, correct each other, and help each other on our way to God.

Educational Visits

This year we aiming to develop our educational visits so that the children can see how the things they are learning inside the classroom connect with things outside in the world. We are very fortunate to be based in London that has a wealth of museums, theatres, historic sights and places of interest.

It is also very important to have the adequate supervision when learning outside of the school premises and for that reason we sometimes ask parents to support us by joining us.

So if you are prepared to support St Francis' children across the school in this matter please let us know by completing the form below. **This is not limited only to your child's class; you can also support other children on their educational visits.**

If you indicate you are willing, we will be able to contact you with plenty of time to ask for your availability.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckzr9kZSsu9WH693dm5PyxULVxIJoSsofBCjSkJrNq3-dL A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Black History Topic - Windrush

For our Black History topic this year, we will be focusing on the 75th anniversary of the Windrush arriving at Tilbury Docks. If you have a family connection to Windrush or know someone who does and might be willing to come into school to talk to the children about it please let us know by sending a message to info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk or by talking to your child's class teacher.

The children would benefit so much from hearing about the experiences during that time.

Nuts in School

Just a reminder that St Francis' does not allow food containing nuts in 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.

RE Newsletter

Please see attached the RE newsletter for this term with the topic and holy days

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs began on Monday, 11th September.

Annual Consent Form

Your child will be coming home with an annual consent form for the 2023-2024 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 and year 6.

The Nursery meeting 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:

Thursday, 21st September 2023 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6

Thursday 5th 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 **Tuesday, 26th 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:

Teacher/Adult in Charge	Class	Support Staff
Mrs J Impey	Heaven Sent Day Nursery	
Ms M Piekiewicz	Nursery	Mrs E Mostowa
Ms N Debernardis	Reception D	Mrs D Peng
Mr J Kiernan	1K	Mrs K Kanapathy
Mrs R Jeganathan	1J	Mrs R Kokas
Ms Y Aidoo	2A	Mrs J Nicholls
Mrs S Paul	3P	
Mr P Reily	3R	
Mrs J Reid - Lower Key Stage 2 Leader	4R	
Mrs R Baptiste	5B	
Mrs J Guleroglu	5G	
Ms G Bernard	6B	
Ms S Keaney	6K	

Non class based support staff

Mrs C Annor-Agyei	1:1 Support
Mrs A Chase	1:1 Support
Mrs R Cockley	HLTA
Ms B Cudjoe	1:1 Support
Ms S Daii	1:1 Support
Ms S James	1:1 Support
Ms I Leachman	1:1 Support
Ms T Maitland	1:1 Support

Ms A Patel	1:1 Support
Ms A Popo	1:1 Support
Ms S Zariat	1:1 Support

Non class based teachers

Mrs D Carter-Darby - Upper Key Stage 2 Leader and Assistant Headteacher	Intervention Teacher
Ms Haarhoff	SENCO/Intervention Teacher
Ms S Edwards	On maternity leave
Ms N Scott	Head Teacher

God Bless,



N. Scott
Head Teacher