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Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus not only preached the Good News in what he said but more so by what he did. Today's Gospel story shows us a person who spoke with a courage and a wisdom that struck the ordinary people with its ring of authority.

For a few moments of prayer let yourself notice and admire what the people were so impressed with about Jesus.

Parent Survey 2024

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the parent survey. If you have not already done so, there is still time to complete the parent survey using the link below, it takes no more than 5 minutes and we would really appreciate your feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2586sn1Cooh3kWT3U6OYuX2CJ6zMmpkoV-trRbiupeuB8aq/viewform?usp=sf_link

After school Clubs

The new after school clubs for the second half of the spring term (starting on Tuesday, 20th February) are currently available to be booked on ParentPay. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Half term break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday, 16th February 2024.

The school will also be closed on Monday, 19th February for a staff training day and will re-open on Tuesday, 20th February 2024 as normal.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 6th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre has created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents.

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or Ms Keaney, the Computing Leader.

Class Assembly

We will celebrate the work that **3P** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 8th February 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **5G** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 29th February 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

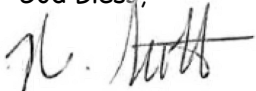
Citizenship Fortnight Fundraiser

Thank you for your support and generosity with the 'Welly Throwin'g fundraiser. We raised **£346.39** for charity.

School Uniform

It is important that children are wearing the correct school uniform. Please note the school uniform expectations on the school's website <https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

N. Scott

Head Teacher