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Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 9:2-10

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

They saw him then as they had never seen him before. They were told that he is the one who is to come. They knew now they would listen to him, that his words were to be the rock of life. The apostles' faith was confirmed on the mount of Transfiguration. Prayer moments may often be transfiguration moments when we glimpse the beauty of Jesus Christ and we commit ourselves to 'listen to him' as God invites.

Parent Survey 2024

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the parent survey. We will look at every feedback in detail in order to see what we can do to address any concerns. We will provide further information about workshops in the summer term.

Please see attached the responses to the survey.

Easter Break

The school will be closed for the Easter Break on from Monday, 25th March to Friday, 5th April.

Year 6 only will have Easter school classes from Wednesday, 3rd April to Friday, 5th April.

The school will re-open on Monday, 8th April 2024 as normal.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7 March 2024 and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. We are celebrating World Book Day this year in school because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading. Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

This year at St Francis', we will focus on poetry. Poetry is also an important part of the curriculum for pupils. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy reading poetry, reciting some by heart, and writing their own poems - it can have many benefits, in and beyond the classroom. Children with a good awareness of rhyme and rhyming skills tend to become better readers and spellers. A focus on rhyme helps them look at patterns within words and how they are formed, supporting word recognition and spelling. The children will focus on the following poems and poet:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will focus on Micheal Rosen's 'Don't'
- Years 3 and 4 will focus on Allan Ahlberg's 'Please Mrs Butler'
- Years 5 and 6 will focus on John Mole's 'It's not Personal'

There is no specific theme for the dressing up day. However, we are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key - even if it's just a prop or a clue make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume.

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at <https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers%202> .

We'll also be hosting a very special book swap. We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers.

Class Assembly

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.

We will celebrate the work that **2A** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 14th March 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Monday, 18th March 2024 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Tuesday, 19th March 2024 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Thursday, 21st March 2024 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly
Friday, 22nd March 2024 Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Parents are warmly invited to attend their child's assembly. The holy week assemblies begin at 9:05am

Year 1 Easter Performance

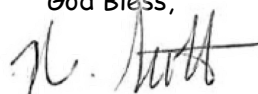
In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 9:15 am.

Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

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,



N. Scott
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