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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Luke 24:35-48**

*<sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*

***Jesus Appears to the Disciples***

*<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

*<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."*

*<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

*<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*

*<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.*

In simple ways like eating a piece of fish, the disciples saw with the eyes of faith. He is showing them in simple ways that it is the same Lord as they knew in earlier days. The Lord of Easter is called the Christ of faith. We are blessed because we believe though we cannot see. Lord, we believe, strengthen our belief.

**RE Newsletter**

Please see attached this term's RE newsletter with the information that is being taught in Religious Education for the summer term.

**Earth Day - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

This year St Francis' will be celebrating Earth Day on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Our theme is *Planet Vs Plastics*. Taking care of Mother Earth is one of the most important things for the next generation. This means they will have a happy healthy earth to live in. This also means that we will live in a clean environment.

As a Franciscan school, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". We know that it is vital that we teach pupils the importance of caring for the earth and the impact it will make when we litter or damage Mother Earth.

**To celebrate this we are asking the children to accessorize in green on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The children will wear their school uniform as normal, but will add an item of green i.e. green socks, hair bands, belt, etc. The children will donate £1 for this. The donation will go towards improving the school's green mission. The junior leaders are fundraising to purchase a small tree that can be planted on the school grounds.**

Tree are an important part of our environment. As the biggest plants on the planet, they give us oxygen, store carbon, stabilize the soil and give life to the world's wildlife. They also provide us with the materials for tools and shelter.

### **Parent Taster Session**

The school caters, Olive Dining, would like parents to have a taster session and information about school meals on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30 in the school hall**. Please come along and meet with Olive Dining staff and find out more about school meals.

### **Class Assembly**

We will celebrate the work that **1K** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **1J** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

### **Parents Conference Meetings**

They will be parents' conference meetings for parents in year 1-6 on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. These meetings will give parents an opportunity discuss the annual reports for pupils, which will be sent home on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Parents' conference meetings are an important time to strengthen the home school relationship to ensure that each child is reaching their full potential. If you do not already have an appointment, please book one as soon as possible.

### **Bank Holiday**

The school will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Half Term Break**

The school will be closed for the May half term break from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.  
The school will re-open as normal on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', written over the printed name.

N. Scott

Head Teacher