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Dear Parent/Carer,

John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Jesus' 'new' commandment is that we love one another. He assured us that to be like him is to live the Christian life as loving as we possibly can be. To be filled with this blessing means that we will be called to love, to love all, without any exceptions, as Jesus did.

Ascension Day Mass

We will participate in a Mass to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, 9th May at 9:30 at St Francis Church, this Mass will be led by the year 2 pupils. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Cake Sale

The junior leadership team are organizing a **cake sale for all pupils on Thursday, 23rd May**. The junior leaders are committed to making the world a greener more eco-friendly space, starting with their school. As a result, they are raising money to plant a new tree on the school grounds. As I am sure you know, trees have many benefits to the global community.

- Trees purify our air and combat climate change.
- Trees provide housing to millions of species that protect us from disease.
- Trees cool our streets and cities.
- Trees protect against floods and water pollution.
- Trees ease the mind during stressful times.

We are asking for donations of cakes to be brought on this day, the children also need to bring money in order to purchase cakes. The cake sale will take place during the school day, so the children need to bring money with them at the start of the day.

Earth Day

Thank you for your support of the recent Earth Day celebration. We raised a total of £67.00. Well done to all the children who took part in the Earth Day homework. The robot models were incredibly creative. Congratulations to all the children who were selected as winners for their models.

Half Term Break

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

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/>

Class Assembly

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

We will celebrate the work that Reception are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 23rd May 2024 at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

Author Visit

We are excited to that Banji Alexander the author of 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party' will be visiting St Francis' on 4th June 2024. He will be available after school for a book signing with parents. Please purchase your copy of the book on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

Please click on the links below to learn more about Mr Alexander:

His website is www.banjialexander.com

www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media

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God Bless,



N. Scott

Head Teacher