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Dear parents, grandparents, family members and carers,

Diversity Week

From Monday 15th to Friday 19th January is St Francis School Diversity Week. Throughout this week children will be learning about, researching and experiencing diversity in numerous ways. This year we would like to focus in a very special way on inclusion, reflecting on how we can make little adjustments in our daily lives to reach out and include others as best we can.

To make our children's learning as real and exciting as possible I would like to invite you to join us during Diversity Week (even if just for a part of a morning or afternoon) and help to bring diversity and inclusion to life at St Francis. To find out more and to share ideas how you could be involved, come to one of our Diversity Week planning sessions:

Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm or

Thursday 14th December at 9.00am

We especially need help with the International Celebration Morning which will be held on Thursday 18th January (9.30 – 11.30) in the hall with different stalls representing the nationalities of our school (including England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, etc.) sharing information, language, traditions and traditional costumes and typical foods of the country.

We are also looking for volunteers to visit our classes during this week to offer some of the following:

- Talk or share pictures about their culture or country
- Teach some basic expressions of a foreign language (including Gaelic, Welsh, etc.)
- Share or teach a traditional craft, hobby, dance, music
- Tell, read or perform a traditional story
- Talk about their childhood, life experiences, job
- Share their religion
- Share with children their favourite prayer or teach a prayer in a different language
- Bring a friend to share anything listed above

Any other ideas welcome!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at one of our Diversity Week planning sessions. If you can't join us for either of the meetings and would still like to take part, or have any questions, please contact the office to make a personal appointment.

Many thanks for your support,



Mrs K Waterman, EAL Coordinator