



11th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Mark 10:17-30

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'^[a]"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

This Gospel teaches us that by separating ourselves from our physical belongings, we are freed of the belief that material objects will make us happy, and in doing so, we open ourselves to God and remember to care for those most in need of our love. Jesus' message is not just about stopping our obsession with buying more things; it also requires a change in how we assign value to what we already have.

Black History Month

The week beginning 27th September starts the launch of our Black History Month Celebration. Often, we focus on American Civil Rights, South Africa/Nelson Mandela, Mary Seacole. These topics are important and interesting. They are of global significance and can teach us a lot today. However, there have been black communities in Britain since the 1st Century and Britain was heavily involved commercially, politically and militarily in many parts of Africa and the Caribbean.

As a result this year's focus is **Black Britain**, the children will look at the contributions made by black and brown British people over time.

Reception	Sheku Kanneh Mason
Year 1	Ethel Scott
Year 2	Sarah Forbes Bonetta
Year 3	William Darby
Year 4	Oluadah Equiano
Year 5	Ignatius Sancho
Year 6	John Blanke

The children will also explore the work and art of some young, up and coming Londoners.

Black History Month Celebration

The children have really enjoyed their black history topics; as a part of the topics this year the children have been introduced to dub music. Dub is a genre of electronic music that grew out of reggae in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and is commonly considered a subgenre. Each class has composed a spoken word/rap/song about their learning over a dub backing track. We would like to share this with parents as a part of our black history assembly:

Wednesday, 20th October at 2:30 for years 1, 3 and 5

Thursday, 21st October at 2:30 for years 2, 4 and 6

Individual Photos

Individual photos are due to take place on Tuesday, 19th October. Please complete the form below if you would like a group photo of your children.

<https://forms.gle/Qq2A6f3SiMCmz6WM6>

Parents' Consultation Meetings

The parents' consultation meetings for the Autumn term will take place on Wednesday, 3rd November and Thursday, 4th November; you would have received a message about this to book a slot to meet with your child's class teacher.

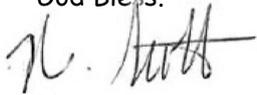
Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 25th October to Friday, 29th October. We will also have a training day on Monday, 1st November which means **the school will re-open on Tuesday, 2nd November.**

Birthdays

Now that restrictions are easing, we are reintroducing some of our previous system, one very important one is celebrating birthdays. We will celebrate with your child on his/her birthday, but as we are a healthy school, children may bring in a healthy snack, such as raisins, fruit bags etc. to share with their class mates at the end of the day. Please do not send any party bags, sweets or cakes in on their birthday as these will be returned to you.

God Bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', written in a cursive style.

N. Scott

Executive Head Teacher