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*Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”*

Values: *Love – Respect - Honesty*

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents,

It seems late to be wishing all a Happy Easter season especially as the month of May is upon us, I hope you all had a lovely Easter.

You are welcome to share our religious celebrations this term which will include the ‘Crowning of Mary’ and ‘Pentecost’. Details will follow.

**Polling Station Thursday 2nd May** - Due to the school hall being used for Tower Hamlets Local Elections we are unable to run Breakfast club or Afterschool club on that day.

Entry to the school will be through playground gates as the foyer will be out of bounds. Members of the public coming to vote will have no access to the classroom areas. Please provide a packed lunch for your child on that day. All pupils must be in the playground by 8:50 a.m. to access the classrooms.

**Local Business Volunteers** – A very big thank you to Grace’s mum Year 1 and her 10 work colleagues from AIG who kindly volunteered to sort out all the Library books and help us regenerate the garden area.

**Schools Marathon 2024** - A huge thank you to Amy Winkelgrund our Chair of Governors who arranged for 40 KS 2 pupils to take part in the Schools ‘Marathon Mile’ last Saturday. It was an amazing opportunity for the children, and some parents, to complete the race running along The Mall to the cheers of the crowd and the music of the bands. Well done and congratulations to all!

**Summer term assessments** -Year 6 will have their End of Key Stage 2 assessments during the week of May 13th. Year 2 SATS this year are optional. Mrs Patterson is planning to assess Year 2 in June using the 2024 assessments provided.

Year 1 will be assessed on their phonics knowledge using the 2024 Phonics Screening assessment.

Year 5 will complete Optional SATS in June

Year 4 will be assessed on their speed and knowledge of the ‘times tables’ using the Multiplication Tables Checker.

Reception Class will be assessed according to the Foundation Stage Profiles.

**Fundraising during Lent** - Thank you for your donations for ‘Lenten Alms Giving’ for the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal. The total raised before Easter in KS 2 was £276.45. We will let you know the final total raised when we receive all the donations from the Year 1 and 2 Spelling Challenge.

**Fundraising for School** - The Book Bingo reading challenge was an opportunity for children to inject fun and adventure into their reading activity which I hope you were able to encourage. It’s still not too late! Please return the Book Bingo sponsorship money by the half term.

**School lunch menu** - The new lunch menu is on the school website under the ‘Parents’ tab. Please read this with your children and encourage them to try new foods.

**Summer uniform** - Summer uniform for boys consists of grey shorts and plain white polo shirt, navy v-neck jumper, black shoes and plain navy jacket without logo. Summer uniform for girls consists of pink (not red) check summer dress available from Marks & Spencer in store using the code T766487 or by shopping online clicking [here](#) navy or white v-neck cardigan and navy/black or white school shoes (no open toe sandals) and white/navy jacket without logo. Girls may also wear a plain white polo shirt with navy or grey skirt /

skirt, culottes or shorts. Nursery pupils wear plain coloured t-shirt and navy shorts and Reception wear plain white polo shirt and navy shorts.

**Swimming** - Due to budget constraints we will provide only one term of swimming, in the current budget will be for the Year 4 Class in the Autumn term.

**Parent Governor** - I hope you have received the nomination letter for the Parent Governor vacancy. Information on the role can be found in the booklet 'Role of the Elected Parent Governor', which is on the school website in the 'Governor Profiles' section.

**School Hours** - You will also receive a letter informing you of the length of school day which we need to increase by 15 minutes. Your thoughts are welcome and I hope you will respond using the link provided.

**Holiday Childcare Scheme** – The half term holiday childcare scheme is now open for bookings. It will be held in St Anne's and Guardian Angels Primary School, Underwood Road, London E1 5AW. More information can be found [here](#).

Thanking you all for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Nugent