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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."

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe and well, please contact school if there is anything at all we may be able to help you with. School remains open for children of critical workers with a small team of staff. Teachers were delighted to speak with you and your children last week.

Website - I hope that the information on the website during this time is not too overwhelming. I am mindful that there is a lot of information being provided from our many providers such as Government, DFE, Diocese, Tower Hamlets, THAMES Music and our Spanish teacher. Other items:

- Healthy Lives daily updates of at home activities - under News tab
- Parent and pupil advice on COVID-19 under News tab
- Useful Links regularly updated with new and interesting tips and information for parents and pupils
- Online safety tips for parents and pupils to ensure safety of pupils using the internet for longer periods under Pupils and Parents tabs
- Wednesday Word posted on Tuesday evening ready for Wednesday
- Teachers' Plans will be uploaded on Thursday

Any extras are purely for your information and optional extras for your children if they are interested and motivated.

Blog - Thank you for your contributions to the Rainbows Blog and London Landmarks. If you wish your pictures to be uploaded onto the school website, email them to blog@englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk. Please ensure pictures are sent in JPEG format. We are working to post your contributions onto the website and apologise for the delay.

Mrs Simon - I was relieved to hear from Mrs Simon who thanks you all for your prayers during this time as she mourns the loss of her dear dad. She was keen to recommend the THAMES summer singing challenge so that might be a nice thing for all to do to welcome Mrs Simon back school. The first song, 'We'll Meet Again', commemorates Dame Vera Lynn's efforts during WW2 to lift the morale of the nation, very appropriate during this time and for our VE Day celebrations. It would be great to bring music alive at home and please God we all return to school soon and in full voice. So please check out the music link from THAMES re summer singing challenge.

May -Month of Mary - We had a lovely assembly in school on Thursday to celebrate May as a month of prayer and devotion to Mary. Evie and Ava led the singing during the Crowning of Mary ceremony. We prayed that all our families keep safe and well during this time. This would be a good opportunity to teach your children how to pray the Rosary, even one decade or learn to pray the Hail Mary. Leaflet is on website.

Thank you for all you are doing to help your children with their studies at home. If you find any aspect difficult just keep up with the reading, spelling and counting skills.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent