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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."

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the half term break. Thank you for your support of your children and their teachers during the school closure and remote learning. Thanks to all teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in school and from home. School has been a very strange place without all the children and staff, we have missed them.

Let us hope that March 8th will see us all together again. We await the government's decision with fingers crossed!

**Covid-19 Contact tracing** - It is important that all families who are attending school report any positive Covid-19 test via the school text service so that we can contact any pupils and staff who may need to isolate and get tested to avoid further spread of the virus.

**Remote Learning Survey** - We would appreciate your views on how you have experienced home schooling and what would make it better for you and your children when we return after half term. We hope you will complete the following survey at your convenience during the half term week. <https://forms.gle/U2cS5MeeACVjkrFC6>.

**Open evening** - Open Evening will be held later in the term when teachers have the opportunity to get all children back in class and get an indication of their learning. Teachers have already been in direct contact with those of you who have found remote learning challenging and alternative arrangements have been made.

In the meantime if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning please use the chat function in your child's Google Classroom. The teacher will receive the message in their Google Class email. Urgent requests/messages should be continued via the text service.

Please try to contact school directly for any urgent matters, emails to enquiries may take a while to respond to while school is closed and Mrs Boccia is working from home.

**The Season of Lent** - Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, sadly for many of us being able to attend Mass in church is restricted. A prayer service has been sent by our Diocesan Adviser for families to use at home. It can be found in the RE section of the website. It is based on the Pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols to all parishes this weekend. I hope you will find it helpful to create a spiritual experience on this very special day in our Church year.

**Half term activities** - Aldgate in Winter 'Air Quality Superheroes' competition is for children to enter during half term. Details can be found in the Useful Links section under the Learning tab on the school website. Tower Hamlets Family Fund sheet gives some ideas to support learning, play and well-being over the half term. Details can be found on the school website in the Useful Links section under the Learning tab.

**London Youth Choir Half term singing** - Mrs Simon has sent a link for music to give children an opportunity to sing online with London Youth Choir. To take part in the London Youth Choir Feelgood singing event visit <https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/whats-on/>.

Have a very lovely half term with your families and a Happy Valentine's Day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent

