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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."

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

We are thankful as we approach the end of half term that school has been open with all classes in school each day and hope that this will continue. Thank you all for your support and cooperation during this first half term, I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing all back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Open Evening** - Teachers will be in telephone contact next week to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and update you on their progress. Parents who requested a virtual 'Google Meet' will have their appointment after half term on receipt of the 'Google Meet Contract' which you will receive soon. If teachers did not manage to see you at the gate, please text your preference for 'open evening'.

**Harvest for CAFOD** - Catholic Association Fund for Overseas Development - We will celebrate the Harvest next week with a CAFOD Assembly on Thursday, could your child please bring donations of tins or packets of food which we will donate to the Refugee / Homeless shelters we support. A donation of money sent in an envelope marked 'CAFOD' would be appreciated as we usually send the tea / coffee afternoon fundraising money to them.

**Parent Governors** - We welcomed Amy Winkelgrund and Louis Montfort at the Full Governing Body meeting on Wednesday. As there were only two candidates there was no need to hold an election.

**Foundation Governor Vacancy** - Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the Governing Body. There is a vacancy for one Foundation Parent Governor, applicants must be practising Catholic and apply to the Diocese of Westminster. Details have been added to the Governors section on school website.

**Secondary School Transfer** - Please contact the office if you need any support with the Secondary School Transfer application which is due at the end of October.

**Future dates** - School dates for 2020 /2021 are on the website and the 2021 / 2021 dates will be available when approved by governors later this term. Please be mindful of these dates when booking holidays, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

**Return of Contact Forms** - If you have not already done so, please return the yellow contact details form so we can update our records. We must have up to date pupil allergy information and contact details.

**Texting Service** - The school uses a texting service to inform parents of any changes to the normal school week. Please make sure that the school has up-to-date mobile telephone numbers to ensure we are able to register you for this service.

**School website** - To ensure you receive all correspondence, please register on the school website at <https://www.englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk/newsletters.html> and 'subscribe to newsletters' at the bottom of the page.

**PE** - Pupils must wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. PE kit consists of navy shorts and tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt, navy track suit top and trainers/plimsoles, all items must be plain - no brands / logos please.

**Lost Property** - Items of clothing will be returned to owner if the name is clearly marked. Please rewrite names on labels as they begin to fade after washing. Items left in school will be donated to charity at the end of each week.

**Half-term Holiday** - The School closes for the October half-term on Friday 23rd October at 2:00pm. Details of the Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare scheme are available at [https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education\\_and\\_learning/extra-curricular\\_activities/Holiday\\_childcare/Holiday\\_Childcare\\_Scheme.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/extra-curricular_activities/Holiday_childcare/Holiday_Childcare_Scheme.aspx)

**Inservice Day** - School will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for staff training and will open for children on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Injuries** - Parents must bring to our attention any injury that your child sustains at home, we too will inform you of any injury from school.

**School lunch menu** - The school lunch menu from October 2020 to April 2021 can be viewed at <https://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/towerhamlets/>

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent