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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.”

Love - Respect – Honesty

16th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Catholic life of the school – Thank you to those who attended Mass for the news school year with Fr Alex in English Martyrs Church today. Fr Alex gave a blessing to all the younger children who have not made their First Holy Communion.

Morning Prayer - Rosary - In this month of Mary there will be a morning prayer with a decade of the Rosary followed by a Continental breakfast for parents and pupils at 7:45am on 10th, 11th and 12th October for years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 respectively.

School uniform - Due to the change in the weather we now expect all children to come to school in their winter uniform. This is clearly set out on the school website which consists of a white collared shirt and red tie. Pupils should only wear trainers to school on their PE day, shoes on non-PE days should be plain black as stipulated in the school uniform.

International Mass - English Martyrs church is holding an International Mass & Intercultural Celebration on at 11am on Sunday 25th September 2022. Mass will be celebrated in English Martyrs church followed by a celebration. This will include Prayer in other languages, international dress, food and music. All are welcome to attend. The church is looking for volunteers to help with the planning for this event, if you are able to help in any way, please contact Fr Alex at English Martyrs Church

Secondary Transfer - Year 6 Parents will soon receive details for applying to secondary schools for September 2023. Please contact the school if you require any extra help when completing the online application. Year 6 class page has links to secondary schools which you might find useful.

Return of Contact Forms - Each child has been given a yellow Pupil Contact details sheet to enable us to update our records. Please ensure this is returned to school if you have not already done so. If these are not returned we may be unable to contact you in an emergency. Spare copies can be obtained from the school office.

After school activities – Afterschool multi-sports lessons resume next week on Tuesday 3:15 until 4:15 for year 4 only. Lessons cost £60 per child per term. Please register interest at the office. There is a maximum of 15 places available.

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. If you have an urgent enquiry please ring the school, rather than text, so that you speak to a member of staff.

School website - To ensure you receive all newsletters from the school, select the following link <https://www.englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk/newsletters-letters--leaflets.html> and complete the 'subscribe to our newsletter' section at the bottom of the page.

Building fund - As a Voluntary Aided school we have to contribute 10% of any building projects, such as roofing, lighting, flooring etc. Building fund is a once a year payment of £45 per child or £100 for families for 3 or more children. Payment can be made online and bank details are available from the school office.

Idling outside the school gates - Parents are asked not to sit in their cars with the engine running outside school gates at drop off and pick up times. This act means some of the most vulnerable in the community are being exposed to increased and unnecessary air pollution. Air pollution is something that affects all of us. By taking simple steps such as switching off your engine when possible, we can all help improve the air quality for everyone. Notices have been erected surrounding the school as the Tower Hamlets is now an Idle Free Zone.

Thank you all in advance for your support and cooperation.

With best wishes,

Mrs C Pannell
Acting Headteacher