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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.”

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

Our school will be open for pupils next week as our half term is the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will be provided with a as Toby Lane catering service will be closed for the week. Lunches offered will include sandwiches, wraps or baguettes filled with either cheese, tuna & cucumber or chicken, pupils will also have a choice of crackers & cheese, fruit and yogurt. Please be assured that all other half terms are in line with Tower Hamlets schools. School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your attendance at Parent - Teacher meetings. I hope that you will be able to support teachers with your children's learning. To help with this we will be providing workshops for parents after the half term to offer advice on Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths. Details will follow.

**Parent Consultation for RSE -Relationship and Sex Education** - You will receive a letter next week explaining our parent consultation for the teaching of RSE. Before deciding your consultation responses, we would encourage all parents to use the link we will provide to explore our RSE scheme 'Life to the Full'.

**Black History Month** - Each class will present some aspect of their Black History celebrations during a special assembly next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. You are welcome to attend.

**School uniform reminder** - Thank you for your efforts to ensure that pupils are very well presented for school, may I give a gentle reminder to all with bright coloured and patterned coats that they should be navy blue. Our uniform extends to coats worn to school as well.

**Harvest Festival Assembly & coffee morning** - Year 6 will perform the Harvest Assembly on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am in the school hall. Following the assembly, we will serve refreshments and sell the food that has been donated for the Harvest to raise funds for CAFOD -Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

We would appreciate donations of tinned and packet foods for the assembly display and home baked cakes or pastries for the coffee morning. I hope you will be able to join us to make this an enjoyable event. Unsold goods will be donated to Providence Row homeless charity.

**Macmillan Coffee morning** - Thank you for your generosity in raising £239 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**New Lunch Menu** - The new lunch menu starts when we return after half term and runs through until April 2024. A copy is available for you to view on the website under the Parents Tab. Please share the menu with your children and encourage them to try new foods and flavours.

**Family Dining** – Pupils have responded well to new dining hall arrangements. Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils sit with pupils from another class to encourage social interaction. They also select their own salad, fruit and yogurt and KS 2 pour water for each other.

**Parent Association** - Please see link for future fundraising events on school website in the Parent Association section under the Parent tab.

**Sports News** - Well done to all pupils who participated in the cross country event on Tuesday. Top Ten positions in each Year group were awarded, Sophie in Year 4 came 6<sup>th</sup>, Romane in Year 6 came 4<sup>th</sup>, Leo in Y6 came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sebastian in Year 6 came 10<sup>th</sup>.

Two teams from Year 5 competed in a 3x3 mixed basketball tournament and they were placed 6<sup>th</sup> of the 8 teams, well done to all who volunteered to participate.

Year 6 have completed the Bikeability training for cycle proficiency, they have all made progress in achieving Level 1 or 2 but none were identified as independent road cyclists. Parents please check the advice given on the back of the certificates issued.

**Rosary Breakfast** - All parents are invited to a decade of the Rosary and a continental breakfast in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) at 8:15am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Moretown Belle Christmas Card Challenge** - Moretown Belle in Thomas More Street have invited our pupils to design a Christmas card with a chance for our school to win £500. All they need to do is design a Christmas card on any size piece of paper, write their name, age, school and contact number on the reverse and hand entries in or post to Moretown Belle, 4 Thomas More St, London E1W 1YW. Please do not hand entries into the school. Competition closing date is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm.

**Fluoride Parent Meeting** - There will be a Q&A session for parents regarding the Fluoride application for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at 3pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Remembrance Assembly** - Year 5 pupils will present the 'Remembrance Assembly' in the school hall at 9:15am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss B Nugent

**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 3pm	~ Fluoride Nursery, Reception & Y1 Parents Meeting
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 9.15am	~ Black History Assembly, all parents invited to attend
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 8:15am	~ Rosary Breakfast
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 9:15am	~ Harvest Assembly followed by Coffee morning
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm	~ Last day of term school finishes at 2pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	~ Pupils return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 9:15am	~ Y5 Remembrance Assembly