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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."

8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon, I hope you are all well and looking forward to restful weekend with families. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Briggs gave birth to a baby boy this morning, mother and son are very well, as is Mr Briggs. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Briggs, now you are three!

Harvest for CAFOD - Catholic Association Fund for Overseas Development -

The Harvest Festival assembly will be presented by Y6 on Thursday 21st October and Y6 parents are welcome to attend (more details to follow). All pupils are invited to the assembly which will celebrate the harvest of all that is good in our world that we can share with our global community. Could your child please bring donations of tins or packets of food for Providance Row Homeless Shelter. A donation of money in the 'CAFOD' envelope would be appreciated as they usually receive money raised through the harvest sale and tea / coffee afternoon.

Summer Reading Challenge - Miss O'Dea attended assembly today to present Summer Reading Challenge certificates to our 'Wild World Heroes' who completed the challenge. Although we did not have as many children taking part this year, our school still had the highest number of participants in Tower Hamlets. Over the past years our school has consistently had most participants in the Reading Challenge. Well done everybody. Keep Reading!

Black History Month - All classes will be learning about the many positive contributions black people have made throughout history. We are focusing on Amanda Gorman, youngest American Poet Laureate as our Poet of the Month. She recited her poem 'The Hill We Climb' at President Biden's inauguration.

Workshops - A workshop 'Poppies and Poetry' will be provided for Years 5 and 6 on October 21st

It will be presented by a professional actor and will focus on World War 1 Poetry which Year 5 will no doubt use in their assembly to celebrate Remembrance after half term.

An Idling workshop to highlight the need for improved air quality will take place on 10th October for Years 5 and 6.

Half-term Holiday Scheme - The School closes for the October half-term on Friday 22nd October at 2:00pm.

Details of the Tower Hamlets Half-term Holiday Childcare scheme can be found at

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lqnl/education_and_learning/extra-curricular_activities/Holiday_childcare/Holiday_Childcare_Scheme.aspx

Safeguarding - 'Don't Exclude Me' is very interesting television programme on Thursday evenings about school inclusion and how children with challenging needs are supported to manage their behaviour. We have a range of pupils in school with additional needs and we are so proud of how our pupils welcome and accept difference. All pupils' wellbeing is crucial at this time due to the closures and the effect this has had on their social interactions and opportunities to form friendship networks. Please make sure your social networking groups don't exclude pupils with perceived challenging behaviour as this can cause further exclusion from the classroom and playground environment. Please contact me directly if you have concerns so I can arrange support and remedial action within school to support your children's friendship networks so we can make our school environment safe and happy for all, especially those most in need.

Thank you all in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Miss B Nugent