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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."

Values: Love – Respect - Honesty

24th March 2023

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the Spring term and the end of Lent we look towards Easter in our Church calendar and plan our Easter holiday break. Let us look forward to celebrating Holy Week, starting with Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His celebration of the 'First Mass' on Holy Thursday and His final journey carrying His cross on Good Friday.

Your children have been learning about these events of Holy Week and how we celebrate them in our church during the special Holy Week services. Lent ends with the joyful celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. I hope you will be able to attend these services in your church with your children, while we teach them in theory to know what it means to be Catholic, parents have the greater task of teaching them in practice.

Holy Week services in English Martyrs Church will be posted on the notice board. Details of Holy Week services in St Patrick's Church Wapping are available on the school website in the Letters & Leaflet section under the News tab.

Easter Meditation – Year 5 pupils have been preparing 'The Easter Story' and are supported by Mrs Simon's choir and pupils from Years 3, 4 and 6. All parents are welcome to attend 'The Easter Story' which will be presented in the hall next Tuesday 28th March at 2.15pm. Refreshments will be served after the performance, donations of sweet treats would be much appreciated and money raised will support school resources.

CCS - Catholic Children's Society – We had a visitor from the CCS at assembly today to describe the work they do with families in need of support. As part of our Catholic Social Teaching, the option for the poor, we encourage you to look out for the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Please encourage your children to make an extra effort this weekend to fast from a special treat and give the cost to this charity before bringing their lent boxes back to school next Wednesday.

Sponsored Readathon – We hope you have encouraged and sponsored your child to read more since receiving the reading challenge. Reading is the most important part of homework you can support with, books will provide the language, vocabulary and knowledge for learning across all subjects. Please return the sponsor forms and money by Monday 27th March.

Easter Egg Hunt – Donations of Easter Eggs for the egg hunt next Friday would be much appreciated.

Easter Holiday Childcare Scheme - Tower Hamlets will provide holiday childcare in At Anne's and Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW from Monday 3rd April until Friday 14th April (closed Good Friday and bank holiday Monday). Applications can be made at the [Tower Hamlets](http://TowerHamlets.org.uk) website. Booking closing date: 12pm 28th March

GLL Easter Holiday Club – Tower Hamlets GLL Better are running an Easter Holiday Club at Mile End Park Leisure Centre from 3rd until 13th April. More details can be found on the school website in the 'Letters & Leaflets' section under the 'News' tab.

Summer uniform - Summer uniform for boys consists of grey shorts and plain white polo shirt, black shoes and plain navy jacket without logo. Summer uniform for girls consists of pink check summer dress available from Marks & Spencer in store or by shopping online using the following [link](#) or by using the code T766487. navy or white v-neck cardigan and navy/black or white school shoes (no open toe sandals) and white/navy jacket without logo. Girls may also wear a plain white polo shirt with navy or grey skirt / skirt, culottes or shorts.

Nursery pupils wear plain coloured t-shirt and navy shorts and Reception wear plain white polo shirt and navy shorts.

School lunch menu April - October 2023 – The new menu will be added to the school website when it becomes available, please introduce your children to new foods on the menu and encourage them to try new dishes while in school.

Tasting session – Thank you to the parents who attended the new menu tasting session, comments seemed to be very positive. The children who have packed lunch were able to attend and most really enjoyed the choices they tasted.

Water bottles – Please make sure your children bring their water bottles to school each day to reduce time spent out of lessons. We have a new water tap in the playground to refill water bottles.

Lost property – Please ensure each item of uniform is labelled so we can return lost items of clothing. Remember to rewrite names after washing as ink fades.

Term dates - 2023 /2024 term dates are now on the school website under the Key Information section.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation. School will close at 2.00pm on Friday 31st March. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent