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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

8th March 2023

Dear Parents,

During this Season of Lent we are called to pray, give up something we value and be charitable. Each family has been given a Catholic Children's Society collection box for their annual Lent appeal. This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call to 'build bridges, not walls' and find ways to connect with and help others in their time of need. This charity works with local disadvantaged children and their families so please encourage your children to find ways to do without some special treat and give that money to the Lent appeal. These boxes should be kept in your homes during Lent and return them to school on Wednesday 29th March.

Thanks to you and your children we all met a wide range of interesting book characters on World Book Day. The children had a fantastic day, Y3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in an online interview with Michael Morpurgo. Y5 and 6 read stories with the EYFS and Y1 and 2. I hope your children came home excited by some new author or character and showed increased enthusiasm for reading. Please make sure to help them spend their book tokens.

All classes from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed the Story Explorer Drama workshops; The Gruffalo for Reception and Key Stage 1 and The Boy at the Back of the Class for Key Stage 2.

We hope you will support the sponsored 'Readathon' the details were sent home in bookbags today. This fundraising event will help to replenish class libraries. A final thank you to Mrs Moore for organising these exciting events to encourage and inspire your children's love for reading.

Year 6 Secondary School offers – Please contact the office if you need support with your appeal for Year 7 admissions.

Health and wellbeing – We have had several children with sore throat and cold symptoms. Please be vigilant to symptoms of high temperature, sore throat, headache, vomiting and rash which could indicate scarlet fever and require anti biotic treatment. We have had two cases of scarlet fever and one of mumps. It is important that you inform school of any infections so we can alert other families who have medical concerns, it also allows us to monitor outbreaks and inform the relevant medical authority if necessary.

Please inform the school of any cuts, bruises or other injuries your children sustain outside of school.

School lunch menu April - October 2023 – The new menu has now been added to the school website under the Key Information tab, please introduce your children to new foods on the menu and encourage them to try new dishes while in school.

Staff from Toby Lane catering service will provide a tasting session for parents with a selection of dishes from the new menu. This will be held in the school hall on Thursday 23rd March at 2:30pm.

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.

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. Details of the Tower Hamlets Easter Holiday Childcare scheme will be shared when available.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent