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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.”

4th July 2024

Dear Parents,

We are sad to announce that Miss Freeman and Miss Hancock will retire at the end of this academic year. Between them they have given 36 years of loyal service and hard work to our school community.

Miss Freeman’s support for pupils’ education needs, her love of country dancing, her commitment to Religious Education and pupils’ faith journey are just a few of her many strengths and we will miss her presence in our school and church. Miss Hancock has been a dedicated teacher to pupils across the school and her particular strength in recognising how children whose first language is not English has been a great support to teachers and parents alike.

We wish them both every happiness and good health in the years to come. We will recognise their contribution to our school at the Leavers Mass on July 23rd at 9.30. Parents are welcome to attend.

New school time - The practise for new starting time arrangements will begin next week, your cooperation will be much appreciated. Parents, children and teachers will have the whole summer to plan and prepare for these arrangements and get used to any inconvenience. Parents for Breakfast Club will have to have children in the hall before 8.15am to allow them time to have breakfast. As other queries arise we will consider a solution.

End of Year Assessments and reports - Well done to all pupils and teachers for their hard work and perseverance during the recent assessments, EYFS Screening, Y1 Phonics, Y6 Key Stage SATS and Y4 Multiplication Check. KS1 and 2 also completed NFER Summer term English and Maths assessments. These results will be included in the end of year reports which you should receive next week.

First Holy Communion Mass - Fr Alex celebrated Mass in school with all this years First Holy Communicants who looked beautiful and smart in their communion outfits. Thank you parents for helping on the day. The children participated in the Mass and were a credit to their teachers for their reverence and participation. It was lovely to welcome Sr Nasreen to the celebration.

Wimbledon Day - Wimbledon Fundraising afternoon will be held on Friday 5th July from 2pm in the school playground. Entry for parents will be through the Nursery Gate only. To get into the spirit of Wimbledon, pupils must wear plain white tee shirt and white or navy shorts / skirt and trainers and pay £2 fundraising donation. Parents can watch their children play tennis and other games. Pupils will stay with their class teacher during the afternoon while they play tennis, games and have refreshments and can join their parents for refreshments at 3:15pm. Parents are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Key Stage 1 playground. We would really appreciate donations of plates, cups, tea, coffee, cakes and bakes, both sweet and savory for you to enjoy. We will need volunteers to help set up the seating area and food stalls for the afternoon. Please inform the school office if you are able to help.

Church BBQ - English Martyrs Church will hold their annual Parish BBQ in the school playground on Sunday 7th July at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. Entrance fee is £10 per adult and £5 per child includes food and refreshments.

Summer Fayre - The Summer Fayre will be held in the school playground on Saturday 13th July from 12pm - 4pm to raise funds for the school. Activities on offer will include BBQ, drinks, cakes, face painting, raffle and games. All are welcome to join us.

Sports Day - Sports Day for Years 1 - 6 will be held in Wapping Rose Garden on Tuesday 9th July. As in previous years, teachers will take their classes from school and arrive at the park at 9:45am where they will meet up with families who have made their own way there. Children should not be left unaccompanied in the park. Teachers will leave the park at 2.30pm to return to school with children who are to be collected from school at 3.15pm or to attend After School Club. Please inform the teacher if you intend to take your child home from the park or you have given your child permission to travel home alone.

Reports - Reports will be sent home on week of 8th July as we await the KS2 SATS Results. I have enjoyed reading end of year reports and am impressed with how your children demonstrate such excellent attitudes to their learning and are making good progress. They really have worked so hard and I hope you will be as proud of their achievements as their teachers are. It will be necessary for some children who are still 'working towards' or 'below' standards to practise basic skills through the summer to keep up to speed.

Reading Books - Please return ALL reading books by Wednesday 17th July, however, we would like the children to continue writing in their reading record throughout the summer and then return them to their new class in September. This will encourage the continuation of good reading habits and inform your new child's class teacher about their reading level. Children can read books from home (including newspapers/magazines/audiobooks/kindles etc) OR if possible, they could participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by clicking [here](#).

Holiday Childcare Scheme - The Summer Holiday Childcare Scheme will be held in St Mary & St Michael School, Sutton Street, E1 OBD from Monday 29th July until Friday 23rd August. For more details please click [here](#).

End of term - Please be reminded that school will close at 2:00pm on Wednesday 24th July. School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent

Dates for diary

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| Friday 5 th July | - Wimbledon day |
| Sunday 7 th July | - English Martyrs Church BBQ |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - Sports day for Y1 to Y6 Wapping Flower Garden - packed lunch required |
| Saturday 13 th July | - Summer Fayre held in school |
| Tuesday 16 th July | - Sports day for Nursery & Reception held in school |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | - Y6 Leavers Mass in school 9:15am |