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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."

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Dear Parents,

D-Day 80th Anniversary - The anniversary of D-Day Landings was celebrated in school on Thursday 6th June with a commemorative lunch of Fish & Chips. Your children looked amazing dressed as war veterans, servicemen, evacuees and home front workers. During the assembly we prayed that our world would become more peaceful and wars would cease.

Mass for the Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus - June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this Feast Day is celebrated on June 7th so we attended Mass today.

Values: Love – Respect -Honesty - 'Sweet Heart of Jesus' is our special hymn to the Sacred Heart. We encourage the children to have a 'sweet heart' and find ways to be kind and good friends to one another. We are working hard to establish our School Values across the school and ensure consistency in breakfast club, after school club, dining room, music room and playground as children often behave differently to different adults and in different settings.

There is now a Class Behaviour Book that any adult can access throughout the school day to record behaviour that we can monitor. We will also become more consistent with Yellow and Red behaviour cards and 'time out' sanctions.

If parents have a concern about behaviour they should speak directly to the school leadership team who will deal with the issues you raise. Please avoid speaking directly or indirectly to other parents or children about behaviour as this can cause offence. Calling out to the children who are playing safely can create a positive environment that all will eventually learn to copy.

Safeguarding - To help your children Year 2, 3 and 4 will participate in workshops from Unicorn Theatre Online of Roald Dahl's 'The Magic Finger'. These workshops will allow them to explore relationships, respecting differences and recognise and model respectful behaviour. These workshops will be led by the class teachers and will begin next week.

Year 5 and 6 will have Drama Workshop next Tuesday about 'keeping safe', please check letter from Mrs Moore given to children today.

All parents can access resources and links to guidance and advice on a range of safeguarding matters on the Parent Tab section on school website.

Good news to share - We had a special assembly after we returned from church to celebrate the Chess Club winners, well done to the Year 5 and 6 chess enthusiasts who have been attending weekly chess tournaments and ensured English Martyrs was in a winning position. We came second overall in the Stepney League, well done to all the players who have been participating in this event. Yesterday's team came out on top as the winners of the final competition and returned with a 'winners' trophy! Congratulations to all our chess players and thank you to Mr Costello who teaches them every Friday.

The Eco Warriors announced the total number of batteries collected so far by each class. Year 5 are in the lead. You have until late June to send in used batteries please.

Congratulations to Ariella and Jessica in Year 4 and Yena in Year 3 who won the Tower Hamlets Young Writers Competition and have been invited to an award ceremony at the Town Hall.

Mrs Simon's Choir from Years 4, 5 and 6 are busy preparing for their performance at the BBC Proms in The Royal Albert Hall in July. This is an amazing opportunity they will treasure.

First Holy Communion Mass - We look forward to welcoming all the children who have made their Holy Communion this year to a Mass of Celebration on Tuesday 2nd July at 9:15am. This will be followed with refreshments for parents and children. First communicants can wear their special communion clothes for the Mass and change into school uniform after.

Y6 Leavers Mass - Year 6 pupils will celebrate the end of their Primary education at English Martyrs School with Mass in school on Tuesday 23rd July 9:15am, celebrated by Fr Alex. All parents are welcome to join this celebration as we prepare to bid farewell to the Year 6 pupils and wish them a happy and successful transition to their secondary education.

Wimbledon Day - Wimbledon Fundraising Day will be held on Friday 5th July from 1:30pm in the school grounds. Entry 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/skort/skirt and trainers. Pupils must remain with their teachers during the afternoon while they play tennis, games and have refreshments. Parents are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Key Stage 1 playground. We would really appreciate donations of tea, coffee, cakes and bakes, both sweet and savoury for parents to buy.

Father's Day assembly - We will have assembly to celebrate Father's Day on Friday 14th June at 9:15am. All parents are welcome and we hope that dads will make an effort to attend.

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.

Polling Station - Thursday 4th July - Due to the school hall being used as a Polling Station on July 4th we are unable to run Breakfast club or Afterschool club on that day. School will be open for pupils. Entry to the school will be through playground gates only as the foyer will be out of bounds. Members of the public coming to vote will have no access to the classroom areas. Please provide a packed lunch for your child on that day. All pupils must be in the playground by 8:50am to access the classrooms.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Miss B Nugent

Dates for diary

Wednesday 12 th June	- Y4 Platform cricket event in Weavers Fields Bethnal Green - packed lunch required
Friday 14 th June	- Father's day assembly 9:15am
Saturday 15 th June	- English Martyrs First Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 th June	- Nursery trip to Dockland Museum - packed lunch required
Thursday 20 th June	- Reception trip to Docklands Museum - packed lunch required
Monday 24 th June	- Y5 St Michaels Catholic College Masterclass - packed lunch required
Wednesday 26 th June	- Y4, Y5 & Y6 Daily Mile event at Mile End Stadium - packed lunch required
Tuesday 2 nd July	- First Holy Communion Mass in school 9:15am
Wednesday 3 rd July	- Y5 Stansted Mountfitchet - packed lunch required
Friday 5 th July	- Wimbledon day
Sunday 7 th July	- English Martyrs Church BBQ
Tuesday 9 th July	- Sports day for Y1 to Y6 - packed lunch required
Saturday 13 th July	- Summer Fayre
Tuesday 16 th July	- Sports day for Nursery & Reception held in school
Tuesday 23 rd July	- Y6 Leavers Mass 9:15am