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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 May 2024

Dear Parents,

We missed the opportunity to attend Mass for the Feast of the English Martyrs which was on Saturday 4th May. Tomorrow we will attend Mass at 9:30am in English Martyrs Church to celebrate the Feast of The Ascension. All are welcome to join us.

May is traditionally the ‘Month of Mary, Monday 13th May is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and Year 1 and 2 pupils will present an assembly during which we will crown Our Lady ‘Queen of Heaven’ with a crown of fresh flowers. Donations of flowers for the May altar in the hall would be much appreciated. All parents are welcome to attend the assembly on Monday at 2:45 pm. Pupils and parents are welcome to come to pray at the May altar before school each day.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have been praying The Angelus during Advent and Lent to honour Mary and to their credit they have chosen to continue this prayer habit each day at 12 noon.

Year 3 will present an assembly on Friday 17th May at 9:15 am to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, parents are welcome to attend.

We wish our First Communicants and their families a very happy and holy day on Saturday as they make their First Holy Communion in St Patrick’s Church.

Year 6 parents have been invited to celebrate Mass in the Year 6 classroom on Friday to pray for blessings for their talents to shine during the week of their SATS tests.

Healthy Friendships- Pupils experience many emotions during their time in school. These can sometimes damage friendships. Our aim in school is for all to be safe and happy and pupils are reminded constantly to let the adults know when they do not feel safe or happy so we can help solve problems.

Always ask your child first if they told an adult in school and if they haven’t please let us know so we can sort out issues between children. Please make sure as parents that you keep positive relationships towards each other to set a good example for your children.

We have ‘drama workshops’ planned for pupils later this term which will help pupils understand the importance of maintaining good relationships and friendships.

Summer term assessments -Year 6 will have their End of Key Stage 2 assessments during the week of May 13th. Year 2 SATS this year are optional. Mrs Patterson is planning to assess Year 2 in June using the 2024 assessments provided.

Year 1 will be assessed on their phonics knowledge using the 2024 Phonics Screening assessment.

Year 4 will be assessed on their speed and knowledge of the ‘times tables’ using the Multiplication Tables Checker.

Reception Class will be assessed according to the Foundation Stage Profiles.

Fundraising during Lent - Thank you for your donations for ‘Lenten Alms Giving’ for the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal. The total raised before Easter in KS 2 was £276.45. The final total including the £182 from Year 1 and 2 Spelling Challenge is £458.10. Thank you for your generosity

Fundraising for School - The Book Bingo reading challenge was an opportunity for children to inject fun and adventure into their reading activity which I hope you were able to encourage. It’s still not too late! Please return the Book Bingo sponsorship money by the half term.

Parent Governor - We still have a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor, please encourage a parent to come forward for this position or nominate yourself. Information on the role can be found in the booklet 'Role of the Elected Parent Governor', which is on the school website in the 'Governor Profiles' section. I am also available to discuss the role of a governor if any parent wishes.

Holiday Childcare Scheme – The half term holiday childcare scheme is now open for bookings. It will be held in St Anne's and Guardian Angels Primary School, Underwood Road, London E1 5AW. More information can be found [here](#).

Sports Day - Sports Day for Years 1-6 will be in Wapping Park on Tuesday 9th July. As in previous years teachers will bring their classes from school and arrive at the park at 9:45 am where they will meet up with families who have made their own way to the park. Children in the park should be accompanied by an adult until staff arrive at 9:45am. Children should not be left in the park unaccompanied. Teachers will leave the park at 2:30pm to return to school.

Thanking you all for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Nugent