



# St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020  
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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



Dear Parents and carers,  
Welcome back after the half-term break. We are looking forward to a busy half term. Please look at key dates to save in your calendar on the other side of this newsletter. This week was Equality Week. The children learnt about many of the important issues surrounding racial and gender equality, social justice (including votes for women and the Suffragette movement) and British Values. Children learnt about inspirational people who 'Go, shine in the world', including Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzal, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Nelson Mandela. Best wishes from Mr Webb and Mrs Jackson

### After school childcare

We can confirm that with the new national restrictions, we are continuing the provision of our after school childcare which is run by Fit For Sport, an external provider.



Due to increasingly low numbers booking places, the school is now paying towards the staffing cost to keep this provision going. It is crucial for working parents that this provision is in place.

We would ask parents to consider that, even if you are now working from home, you continue to make regular use in order to support the provider in the long term. Otherwise, you may find that after this lockdown, when you return to working away from home, there is no after school childcare.

If you would like to book your child in for a place and have not used the service before, please ask at the school office or visit our school website and look at 'Information for parents —>Before and after school clubs'.

### The playground on Quex Road

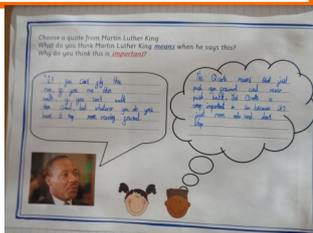
We have received some complaints from parents who are very worried about other parents and children gathering in the public playground on Quex Road before and particularly after school. The playground is very small and the volume of parents and children in there means there is much close contact and social distancing isn't possible. These are children and parents from different classes.

As you know, we are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of transmission through staggering our start and end times, keeping classes to consistent bubbles, staggering break times and lunch times to avoid mixing of bubbles etc. This helps to keep children, parents and staff as safe as possible by reducing contacts.

We understand that outdoor space and play is very important for children's physical and mental wellbeing. We provide this daily in school to all children. We want parents to take their children for outdoor play too.

We ask parents to take their children to other nearby parks after school or consider coming back at a different time to diffuse the concentration in any one space. We believe this strikes the right balance between using public play spaces and reducing the risk of transmission.

It is important to recognise that some parents are very worried for their family's care by children from different classes mixing in close contact in the playground after school.



### Learning about Equality

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :) Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

## Important dates for your diary.....



**Tuesday 10th November** - Visitor in school—Year 2 Great Fire of London history workshop

**Friday 13th November—9.30—10.15**—Parents Information coffee morning - How we teach equality and diversity (via Zoom—invites will be sent by text the day before)

**Friday 13th November**—Visitor in school—Year 3 Camden Computing Centre workshop

**Monday 16th November—Friday 20th November**— Anti-bullying week

**Tuesday 17th November**—Class and individual photographs taken in school

**Friday 18th December** - Last day of term

## **Hot lunches are back!**

Children have enjoyed eating hot school lunches in our new washable and reusable food trays.

If your child brings a packed lunch, they cannot change to school lunches on some days. Children need to have a school lunch or packed lunch for the half term.



## **Work of the Week...**

**Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).**

Nursery have been learning about different modes of transport. They read the story 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke and 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne.



Alicja used 2D shapes to print a picture of a train and bus. She also made puppets of all the characters. She painted a bowl of fruit just like Handa's. **Well done Alicja!**



## **Person of the Week!**

Reception - Lily  
Year 1 - Mostafa  
Year 2 - Vikram  
Year 3 - Tara  
Year 4 - Ledri  
Year 5 - Kwadwo  
Year 6 - Adam O

## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus**

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Head of school with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result.

Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
- 3) Please let the Head of School (Mr Webb) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0207 372 6565**
- 4) If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
- 5) If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## **Our prayer...**

This week's Gospel assembly was based from the gospel of St Matthew 23:1-12

*Loving Father,*

*Teach us your loving ways*

*And help us to serve you and one another according to your commandments of love.*

*We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*