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St Mary's News

St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School
Barn Street, Stoke Newington,

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been lovely to hear the children singing Christmas songs this week and getting into the festive spirit. We are looking forward to our Christmas tree being delivered shortly and decorating the hall. A couple of people have donated some decorations, these will come in really helpful, thank you. I am very grateful to the St Mary's staff team who are working hard to ensure our school Christmas 2020 will be a great one. They are busy creating a video of the nativity and songs that will be placed on the website for families to watch and are preparing to bring elements of the Christmas fair to St Mary's for a day of fun.

Here are some key dates for you to remember.

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas service (in bubbles) at St Mary's Church

Unfortunately this will only be for the children and staff. No parents can attend.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Please ensure your child wears a Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

Thursday 17th December

A day of festive fun for all classes.

On this Christmas note, we have now had many of the letters back with regards to permission for filming, so thank you. However we still have some that have not been returned. Unfortunately, the filming of the nativity (Y2 only) and songs (the rest of the school) will start next week and if we do not have a slip returned with permission for your child to be filmed, they will not be able to participate. Unfortunately due to data protection laws, we are unable to allow children to be filmed without your permission.

I am now able to confirm the dates for **parents evening** for years 1 – 6. These will take place on Monday 7th December and Tuesday 8th December between 3.45 and 6.30pm.

These will all be taking place remotely so you will need access to a device at home.

Appointments will be bookable online and will be on a first come first served basis.

Each appointment time is 10 minutes long and you will need to book your appointment slot online.

Booking is easy to do and instructions will be sent out today (Friday).

The booking system will open tomorrow (Saturday 28th November) at 9am.

Staff have noticed the number of parents now wearing masks at the school gates, thank you for this small gesture that helps us be safer and makes others feel more comfortable.

I'm sure like me you will now be thinking about the Christmas period, what you will be doing, who you will be seeing and trying to make it as special as it can be. Whatever your plans remember, Christmas is not cancelled, it's just going to be little different from other years. I hope everyone is well and staying safe.

Have a lovely, albeit chilly weekend!

Mrs O'Brien

Rosie and Caitlin living out our ‘spiritual values’!

Everything we do at St Mary’s is based on our spiritual values. Our hope is that the whole school community will adopt these and ‘live out’ the values in their lives.

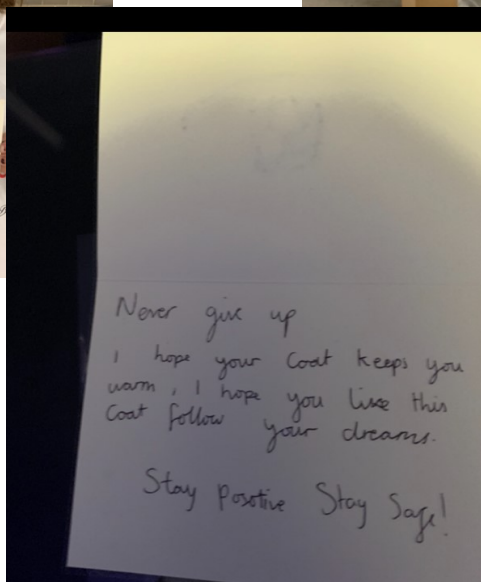
Today I am proud to share a fantastic example of stewardship, that demonstrates **courage** to do what is right and make a positive change, growing **hope**, being **true** to yourself, treating others with **kindness** and spreading **love**.

Rosie and Caitlin in Year 5 have been volunteering for a charity called ‘Wrap up London’ over the past couple of weekends. This charity collects coats and distributes them with positive messages in the pockets for the homeless, elderly and others in need. I couldn’t think of a nicer way to help people this winter.

Both girls sorted coats and then designed and made cards that they placed in the pocket for the new owner to find and read. At a time when some people are finding there is not much to look forward to because of coronavirus and not being able to see people like we normally do, these messages of hope will be a welcome boost and may make the difference between someone having a sad or happy day.

How brilliant is this, giving up your time to help others in need. I’m sure you will join me in saying a big well done to Rosie and Caitlin and I hope that this story inspires everyone to do something, however small, to make someone have a better day!

Ask your children to tell you, how we have been thinking about ‘filling buckets’! How can you help fill someone’s bucket today? A kind gesture, a smile, a helping hand.....



Sickness and testing

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS THEY MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL OR IF THEY DEVELOP THEM IN SCHOOL, WILL BE SENT HOME. SIBLINGS SHOULD STAY AT HOME TOO.

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms -If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

School are happy to support you with booking a test online however, it is extremely difficult to book online at the moment. If you or your child needs to have a test we have been advised that the following places have walk in centres.

Bentley Road - Walk in	Bentley Road car park, Dalston, N1 4DB	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Hackney Central - Walk in	340 Mare St, E8 1HA	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Sandford Court - walk in	Bethune Rd, N16 5BB	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Stamford Hill - Walk & drive through	Yesodey Hatorah School, Egerton Road, N16 6UB	10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: November: 22, 29 December: 6, 13, 20, 27 Dec
Hackney Marshes - Walk & drive through	Hackney Marshes Leisure Centre, Homerton Rd, LE9 5PF	10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: November: 20, 23, 26, 30 Nov December: 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Dec

Prayer and reflection

This week we have been learning about **compassion**.

Compassion is when you show concern for the suffering or misfortunes of others.

We talked about Marcus Rashford, the footballer who demonstrated compassion when he pushed the government into helping families to receive meals for their children during difficult times. What an amazing role model!



When did you last show compassion?

Lord

Bless my eyes to see goodness

Bless my words to speak kindness

Bless my heart to feel compassion

CELEBRATION

STAR OF THE WEEK	
N	AKIYON
R	DAGI
YR 1	AMELIA
YR 2	TESSA
YR 3	ABBIGAIL
YR 4	MAX
YR 5	AALIYAH
YR 6	JAYSEAN

Headteachers' stars of the week are given to pupils who have demonstrated that they are living out our school values



MUSIC	Princess Shadia—YR 2
PE	Mya—Yr 6
SPANISH	N/A

CELEBRATION—ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

NURSERY

100%



PUNCTUALITY WINNERS

NURSERY

100%



“ Good attendance and punctuality is a large factor in positive outcomes for children. Lets all aim to be here every day and on time.

Class	Attendance %	Rank	Number of lates (punctuality)	Rank
N	100%	1st	0	1st
R	98.51%	2nd	4	7th
1	92.05	8th	2	2nd
2	97.78	5th	2	2nd
3	96.67%	7th	3	5th
4	98.46%	3rd	4	7th
5	98.10%	4th	3	5th
6	97.37	6th	2	2nd