



St Mary & St Michael Catholic Primary School

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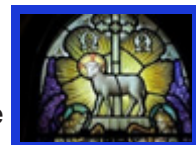
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NEWSLETTER 16

19th January 2024

Dear Parents

The Gospel this week was about the story of St Andrew's first encounter with Jesus, where they spend time getting to know one another, talking, and relaxing just as friends do. Jesus, the Lamb of God, invites us to 'Come and see'. When we see Him for who He is, we receive peace, joy and life to the full.



Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that Maria Regan is the new Parent Governor at our school. Parent Governors play an important part in the running and development of our school and are valued members of our community. They play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. Maria has two children currently at St Mary and St Michael and has a vested interest in the wellbeing of our children.

Attendance Week

Next week is attendance week ...

If you achieve 100% attendance next week (22.1.24 – 26.1.24) you will be entered into a live draw on Friday 26th January Assembly time.

Ms Hamilton will pick 22 prizes out of a hat! There will be opportunity for children to design a H.E.R.O (Here Everyday Ready On time) attendance poster to put up around the school. On Friday (26.1.24):

Save the day by being in class! Children can wear their favourite superhero shirt or outfit.



Keeping Children Safe in Online groups.

We are growing more and more concerned by children's activity in online groups which is affecting their mental health and also causing issues with their social interaction in school.

The following information was provided by Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Lead:

WhatsApp says the minimum age is 16 and 13 for Snapchat. The main risk of children being in a group is bullying followed closely by sending inappropriate images or showing violence or hatred. There is also a risk that by showing their location, they are making themselves vulnerable to being harmed or exploited by others. They can also be victims of cyberbullying, receiving spam or hoax messages, putting cyber security at risk, particularly in relation to phishing. Forwarding messages, photos and videos is easy on the platform. Any messages or photos can be screenshot and videos saved and then forwarded to others. Asking the question, 'Would I want others to see what I am about to send?' is one we should be reminding children and other adults to ask themselves.

Top Tips for Best Safeguarding Practice

- Remind children who use WhatsApp/Snapchat to keep their personal information and location private;
- Advise children to be careful about what they share, even if they set it to automatically disappear or delete after sharing it, and that anything they share may be seen and shared by other people and strangers;
- Remind children that they can exit and leave a group chat at any time;
- If a child is upset or feels uncomfortable by a message received, advise them that they can report or block at any time, and that WhatsApp/Snapchat will not tell the sender they have been blocked/reported or by whom.



Blessings
Sue-Helen Steyn

Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Teddie	Drishyana	Aida
Noah	Sara	Mason C
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Mia	Clara
Scarlett	Tehzeeb	Rafi

Foodbanks Information:

St Dunstan's Food Bank – (Open Access)

Opening times: Tuesday 11am to 3pm and Friday 11am to 3pm
St. Dunstons & All Saints Church, Stepney High St, London, E1 0NR

Ensign Youth Club – (Open Access)

Opening times: Friday 10am to 1pm

Wellclose Square, E1 8HY

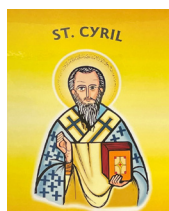
Contact: info@ensign.org.uk

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/advice_and_benefits/cost-of-living/Help-with-food.aspx

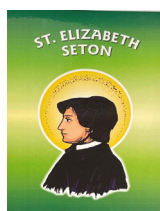
House Points

This week winning houses is
St Josephine with 170 points.

Congratulations



St Cyril (yellow)



St Elizabeth (green)



St Lawrence (red)



St Josephine (blue)

GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Vinnie	Aloniab	Medina	Asher
Arry	Jayden	Olley	Myra
	Rohan	Angel	Yunus
	Amreen	Carter	Leticia
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hannah	Callie	Pedro	Terence
Violet	Tahid	Maisie	Lizzy
Maya	Zayn	Kayden	Lilly Rose
Esmae	Elona	Jack	Olivia

BRONZE AWARDS

6K: Lilly, Claudia, Gabriel, Rafi, Guilherme, Ruby S, Zahra

2F: Adrian, Olivia, Taylor, Asher, Temitope, Mhadi, Afraj

2W: Jasmine, Nadir, Lassana, Sulaiman

Attendance Autumn Term 08/01/24-12/01/24

CP	93.2%
BF	97.7%
LB	91.8%
1A	95.6%
1P	92.6%
2F	94.0%
2W	83.1%
3A	95.2%
3F	94.0%
4A	83.0%
4G	93.6%
5A	97.2%
5B	92.1%
6D	96.2%
6K	96.6%

Overall: 93%



**Our Attendance
H.E.R.O this week:
Butterfly 97.7%**

Reminder of Forthcoming Events

Attendance Week

Monday 22nd January –	Y6 BEE Workshop in school
Tuesday 23rd January –	Y3, Y4 selected children to Ministry of Stories
Wednesday 24th January –	Y3, Y4 children Gymnastics at John Orwell centre
Thursday 25th January –	Y5, Y6 selected children to Ministry of Stories