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# St Mary's

## Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter No. 29 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,  
We hope you continue to be safe and well. It's been another productive week in school and it's been wonderful watching the children grow in confidence as they rehearse their May Day dancing.

#### May Day 2021: Filming Consent

Thank you so much to the many families that have completed the online consent form so that we can film all of the dances this year. **If you've not already done so already**, please respond once by following the link that you have been sent by text.

#### Naming school uniform:

As the weather gets warmer, children are increasingly taking off jumpers and cardigans which can be left in different locations in the school. Many of these items are unnamed making it very difficult to reunite them with their owners! **PLEASE ensure that your child's school uniform is clearly marked with their name, especially jumpers and cardigans.** Sharpie pens are great as they often withstand washing too!

#### Handwashing:

We all know the importance of handwashing, particularly during this period. The liquid soap used in school is very gentle, however, in order for children to avoid sore skin, please remind them to carefully wash off the soap, as any residue can leave skin feeling dry and chapped.



#### Secondary Transfer – Year 5:

Children in Year 5 will be making secondary school choices next term. Once we have got all of the information from the Local Authority, we will be writing to Year 5 parents and carers to invite them to a zoom meeting after half term to explain the secondary school application process.

#### News from St. Mary's Church: A Message from Rev Dr Alec Corio

##### Christian Aid Week

*'April was a very dry month in Barnet. Imagine what our lives here would be like if that one month without rain, had become a year or more of drought - and if we were growing our own food... This is the reality of life in East Africa, and the focus of our fundraising for **Christian Aid Week** this year.*



On **Sunday 9 May** Kathy Childress from Christian Aid, will be speaking at our **10am Parish Eucharist** about the charity's important work to combat drought, poverty and disease. She will also be happy to talk individually about the effect that a regular donation to help the work of Christian Aid can have on real lives.

On **Saturday 15 May from 12 noon till 4pm** we will be holding a house and garden **Plant Sale** in St Mary's churchyard to raise funds for this year's Christian Aid Week appeal.

Due to the effect of Covid-19 it is not possible to carry out a door to door or street collection, so one-off donation envelopes will be available in church during our services and when the building is open for personal prayer.

We have also set up a [Just Giving page](#) for anyone who prefers to donate online. You can visit that page by clicking the link above, or use a smartphone to scan this QR code.'



There will be an All Age Eucharist at 4pm at church on Sunday. This will be on the second Sunday of the month for the foreseeable future as a service focusing on children and families.

#### Amazon Wish List: Books

Two weeks ago, we launched our Wish List on Amazon, which enables parents to make a donation of a book to the school. We are looking to further diversify the children's reading diets in class, and have added a wider range of books by authors from different cultures, and books that include characters and references to people that represent our community. Among others, there are also books about class topics, books about people who have achieved remarkable things, despite their own challenges, and books about exploring feelings in order to further promote good mental health.



**Thank you to the following families that have already kindly made donations that we have received so far this week:**

The Hobley Family  
The Gokcek Family  
The Gomes Family  
The Fisher Family  
The Robson Family  
The Eldrett Family  
The Evans Family  
The Hollett Family  
The Swift Family  
The Johnson Family

Steven Hicks (Governor)

The Wish List that we keep adding to, can be accessed [here](#).



If parents would like to donate a book, and they leave us a message on the Amazon page, then we will include a sticker inside the book to note who has made the donation.

That book will go to the corresponding class library where it will be enjoyed now and in time to come!

**Focus Value: Service**

This half term, we have been exploring the value 'service' in daily collective worship. This week, we have been reflecting on how Jesus did not put any conditions on the way He served; His love was the greatest gift he could give. The children have been encouraged to reflect on how they might quietly be of service to others without expecting reward.

Please continue with this conversation at home too to help the children to see the value of service. For example, giving their time to help with tasks around home, or to demonstrate an act of kindness to a friend, relative or neighbour.

**Our School Prayer:**

This is our school,  
Where we are inspired by Christian values,  
Excited by our learning,  
Proud of our achievements,  
Determined to best we can be, and caring for all of God's creation.  
Let peace dwell here,  
Let each room be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here.  
Love of one another,  
Love of people everywhere,  
Love of life itself,  
And love of God.  
Let us remember  
That as many hands build a house,  
So many hearts build a school  
And may God bless and keep each one of us.  
May God make His light to shine upon us and be gracious to us.  
May God give us His peace.  
Amen

**From all of us at St Mary's primary school, stay safe, stay well and our love and prayers be with you as always.**

**Maria Constantinou and Mel Adams  
Headteachers**



# COVID-19 Information and Updates: Here is a reminder of the latest guidance regarding current restrictions in England as of 12<sup>th</sup> April.


HM Government


## COVID-19: Restrictions in England

From 12 April

STEP 2

<p><b>MEETING OTHERS</b> </p> <p>You must not socialise indoors except with your household or support bubble. You can meet outdoors, including in gardens, in groups of six people or two households.</p>	<p><b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> </p> <p>Domestic overnight stays are allowed, but you must only stay with members of your household or support bubble.</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION</b> </p> <p>Early years settings, schools and colleges are open for all students. Students on practical university courses can return. Students and staff will be regularly tested. Other Higher Education students should continue to learn remotely.</p>	<p><b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> </p> <p>You should work from home if you can.</p>
<p><b>RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE</b> </p> <p>All retail open. Hairdressers, beauty and nail salons open.</p>	<p><b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> </p> <p>Open outdoors for groups of six people or two households. Those that serve alcohol must provide table service. Closed indoors.</p>	<p><b>ACCOMMODATION</b> </p> <p>Campsites and self-contained holiday accommodation open for visits with your household or support bubble only. Hotels, hostels and B&amp;Bs closed.</p>	<p><b>LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES</b> </p> <p>Gyms, indoor sports facilities and spas open for use on your own or with your own household or support bubble. Saunas and steam rooms closed.</p>
<p><b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> </p> <p>Outdoor settings and attractions, such as zoos and theme parks open for visits of two households, or in a group of up to six people. Drive-in-events open for visits with your household or support bubble. Indoor entertainment closed.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b> </p> <p>Libraries and community centres open.</p>	<p><b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> </p> <p>People who live in a care home in England will be allowed two named regular indoor visitors.</p>	<p><b>SHIELDING</b> </p> <p>Clinically extremely vulnerable people in England are no longer advised to shield, but should continue taking extra precautions such as minimising social interactions and shopping at quieter times of the day.</p>
<p><b>DOMESTIC TRAVEL</b> </p> <p>You should minimise travel as much as possible. Avoid the busiest times and routes - plan your journey and what you need at your destination ahead of time.</p>	<p><b>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</b> </p> <p>You must not go on holiday abroad. You could be fined £5,000 for travelling abroad without a legally permitted reason.</p>	<p><b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> </p> <p>Places of worship open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix indoors with anyone outside your household or support bubble.</p>	<p><b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> </p> <p>Funerals can continue with up to 30 attendees. Weddings, outdoor receptions, and commemorative events such as wakes can take place with up to 15 attendees (in premises that are permitted to open).</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

COVID-19  
Let's take this next step, safely.



### Free lateral flow testing

A reminder that adults in the same household as school aged children can collect free lateral flow testing kits. These tests help to identify people not showing any Covid-19 symptoms. For more information look at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> regarding rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff. A new national website page showing testing sites has also gone live: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>