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# St Mary's

## Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter No. 5 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had a good week so far. We've had another busy school week! We have welcomed Reception this week for their first full days in school. They have managed so well with the new routines and we are very proud of them!

#### Harvest Festival: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

We will be supporting [Homeless Action in Barnet](#) and the [Trussell Trust at Chipping Barnet](#) Food Bank as always at Harvest time. This is a time for giving and thinking of others.

We will need to organise donations differently again this year, as children and parents cannot come into the hall as we did pre-Covid. We'd like to ask for you to **offer a donation in a plastic bag**. The children should take their plastic bags with them to class in the morning and we will arrange for them to take them to the hall to add to the harvest collection ready for collective worship.

Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) have a particular need for non-perishable food such as:

- tins of meat and fish
- pouches of rice
- pot noodles
- tea and coffee
- sugar
- men's roll on deodorant
- shaving cream
- UHT milk
- jam

The Food Bank have particular shortages of:

- long life fruit juice or squash
- cereals
- tinned pulses
- tinned or instant potatoes
- pasta sauce



To find out more please see  
HAB's [Amazon wish list](#).



*Please give what you can...*

### Y3 trip to St. Albans Cathedral:

On Wednesday this week, Y3 visited St Albans Cathedral to help enrich their learning about the Ancient Romans. This is what Y3 said about it: *"On our trip, we saw a Roman soldier, made some beautiful, patterned mosaics and did a play all about St. Alban."*

Here are just a few photos from the day. More to follow on the school website.



### School Bags: Reminder

**Please do not send your child in with a school bag, unless it is a book bag.** The children are no longer bringing PE kits/home learning folders to and from school, and we are mostly paperless with letters home to you. **Children may use a plastic bag if they'd like to bring anything in.** This helps to keep classroom cloakroom areas free of trip hazards too. As we are still living in a Covid climate we are limiting what children bring between home and school. Plastic bags are wipeable and easily and responsibly disposable if necessary.

### Coats and layers:

Please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day at school as we will take them out into the playground unless the rain is torrential. This is to allow for full ventilation of the classroom.

As temperatures drop, and windows remain open for ventilation, your child may wear/bring additional layers to wear. This could be an extra jumper or cardigan and doesn't need to be a school uniform item. **Please note that the children need to wear full uniform including sweatshirts/cardigans before they add extra layers.**

### Specials Worship:

You may have noticed the children coming home with gold stickers on a Friday if they have been mentioned for doing something wonderful in the week. As we are now able to gather in the hall for worship rather than being 'virtual' every day, we are no longer issuing 'special certificates' online.

We have continued to upload a recording of Specials Worship onto Google Classroom so the children can watch this at home too, especially if they've forgotten what they've been mentioned for! It's also a lovely way of celebrating their achievements at home.



### Youth Choir at St. Mary's Church:

Do you have a child aged 7-12 that enjoys singing?  
If so, Young Voices youth choir might be just what they're looking for!



## Young Voices of St Mary's

Do you enjoy singing?

Are you 7 – 12 years old?

**Come and sing with the youth choir of St Mary's**

**Rehearsals on Wednesdays  
4 pm – 5.30 pm in term time**

Are you interested?

Contact Alan Danson, Director of Music, for more information

[info@sounddimensionsmusic.com](mailto:info@sounddimensionsmusic.com)

[stmaryseastbarnet.org](http://stmaryseastbarnet.org)

### Books in school:

Just a reminder that our Amazon Wish List can be accessed [here](#). The link to our wish list at the Children's Book Shop in Muswell Hill can be found here: <https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/wishlists>.

**If your child has a birthday coming up, donating a book might be a lovely way to celebrate!**

**Thank you to the Green family, the Gaitchenkov family, the Kentea family, the Sorkin family and the Tillcock family for book donations over the last two week.**

These books are currently winging their way to classroom library shelves.



### Friends of St. Mary's AGM:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00-7.30pm by Zoom. The meeting details can be found in the letters from the Friends accompanying this newsletter. The meeting will be to celebrate the work of the Friends during 2020/21 and will be a chance to hear about how money you have helped to raise has and will be used.

We are so grateful for the work of the Friends which enables the school to purchase extra equipment and resources for the children.



## A Harvest Prayer:

At this time of harvest, we think about and pray for everyone particularly those involved in food production, harvesting and distribution...

*Lord God,*

*At this harvest time we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, the transport delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers. Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work both at home and in other countries. Help us to buy local produce and fairly traded goods wherever we can so that everyone can work with dignity and there will be no more poverty.*

*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

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## COVID-19 REMINDERS AND UPDATES

### Covid in a household:

All children that are a **household contact** following a case of COVID-19 should take a PCR test and **should wait for a negative result before returning to school.**

Please let us know immediately if there is a case of Covid in your household and please **do not send your child into school until you have had a negative PCR test result for them.**

### Covid Contact not in household:

If your child is a close contact of someone that has tested positive for Covid, but is **not** in your household, then please **book a PCR test for them immediately.** For example, this may be the case if your child attends a club or accesses any after school provision where another person has tested positive. **Please contact us for further advice once a PCR test has been taken.**

**These measures are all in place to help protect our school community.**