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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this finds you all safe and well. Whilst it's been lovely to have had so much sunshine, the rain has brought some welcome relief today!

Please make sure that your child has a rain coat with them; do keep an eye on the forecast. It's so important for us to get the children outside so they get some fresh air, and also for us to ventilate and clean classrooms.



Class Sports Events:

We are sadly unable to have our traditional sports day in Oak Hill Park this year, as the Department for Education regulations require audiences at such events to have capped numbers with social distancing, which will be very difficult to control in a space

open to the public. In addition, we do not have sufficient staff that would be required to put these measures in place, whilst supervising the children. Instead, the children will participate in bubble based sporting events in school, mostly on the days that the children usually have coached PE. The events, coordinated by Mr Kerr, our PE coach, will be competitive, fun events that we'd usually include in our Sports Day. The children will be representing their 'house' or 'team' as we usually do each year. Further details to follow.

Tummy Bugs:

We have had some children absent from school with upset tummies this week despite increased hand washing and cleaning.

It's essential that everybody follows Public Health guidelines that state that children should remain at home for **48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.**

If you need to report your child absent, please leave a message on the office voicemail and then follow this up with an email into absence@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net NOT the usual office email inbox please.

Amazon Wish List: Books

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

The Johnson Family
The Nyugi Family
The Man family

The Wish List can be accessed [here](#). We continue to add new books almost daily!



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. We are also in the process of exploring <https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/> as another route to getting books into school. Watch this space!

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 Reminders:

It's important that we all play our part to help keep school open for all children and staff. Whilst some restrictions have been lifted, it's essential that we continue to be mindful of risk.

Things parents and carers could do to minimise risks:

- Maintain social distancing on the front playground
- Wear a face covering (unless exempt) on the front playground
- Keep children off school if they/someone in the household is unwell with Covid symptoms
- Take the opportunity for adults in the household to take twice weekly **free** lateral flow tests which identify people not showing any 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 national website page showing testing sites is available to view here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

In addition, we'd like to remind parents and carers to refrain from using mobile phones on the playground.

Thank you for your co-operation

