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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of our first full week back to school and it's been a brilliant week! We have had our first live worship with Alec since the start of the pandemic, which included Y4, 5 and 6 walking to church, which was wonderful. We have also welcomed 20 out of the 30 children in our Reception class this week. We look forward to meeting the final group of 10 children who will be joining us on Monday.

Worship at Church for Y1, 2 and 3:

We are planning for Years 1,2 and 3 to walk to church next **Thursday 16th September**. Our plan is for the children to take turns each week, to attend church in their trio of classes. Once in church, the children will be seated in class groups away from other classes.

If you are a parent/carer in Y1,2 or 3 and have some time to help accompany the children to and from church next Thursday, we would be very grateful of your support. The children will leave school just after 9am and will be back at around 10.15am. **We ask for parent volunteers to wait at the Littlegrove entrance on Thursday morning please.** Once in church, we request that parents wear a face covering.

Barnet Public Health advice – Covid in a household:

Last week, we wrote to inform you of the latest Department for Education guidance regarding self-isolation and testing in the event of a positive case of Covid with in school or at home.

This week, Barnet Public Health have strongly advised that 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.

This recommended measure is to help protect school communities.

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.**

Wet weather:

All children will need a showerproof jacket in school **every day**. Today was wet! Unless the rain is torrential, we will be taking the children outside at playtimes, as this helps to ventilate the classrooms more fully.



Books in school:

You may recall that last year, we invited parents to donate books to our class libraries in a couple of different ways.

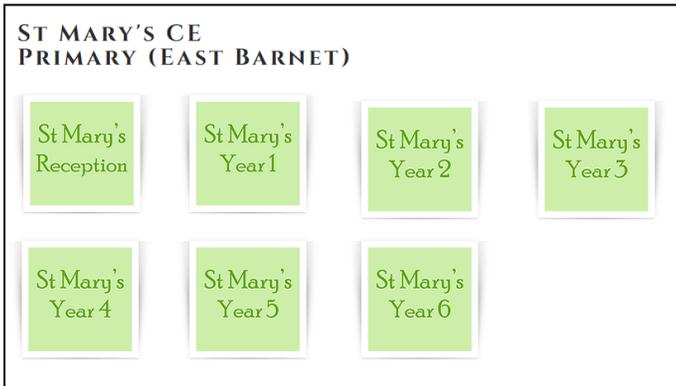
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Our Amazon Wish List can be accessed [here](#). We continue to add new books all the time. **If your child has a birthday coming up, donating a book might be a lovely way to celebrate!**



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



As an alternative to the Amazon wish list, we have also worked with the Children's Book Shop in Muswell Hill to create a collection of St Mary's class wish lists: <https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/wishlists>. Once purchases are made, The Children's Bookshop will send books to school once a week for free, labelled with the child's name and class, but parents are also welcome to go into the shop and browse if they'd rather and take it with them immediately.

Thank you to the Dominy family who have kindly made a book donation this week.

Date for your diaries:

- Reminder: 10am on Sunday 12th September – Education Sunday at St. Mary's Church

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**

