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St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all safe and well. Today's newsletter includes a celebration of last week's Number Day in addition to providing an update on Covid control measure and some information about up and coming events after half term.

NSPCC Number Day:

We had a brilliant day having fun with numbers on Friday last week, whilst learning more about the valuable work of the NSPCC. Click [here to see a web post](#) about the day. **Thank you so much for your immense generosity.** We set ourselves a target of £400 and up to today, our fundraising total is an amazing £914 with £174 in Gift Aid! Our Just Giving page remains live until the end of March.

100% of this money will go directly towards funding the NSPCC's vital services to help protect children.



Covid Control Measures Update:

As you may be aware, Covid cases in school have continued to rise over recent weeks.

Barnet Public Health have advised that we continue with current measures for at least a week after half term. I will be working with Public Health towards the end of the first week back so to review how soon we might be able to relax any of the measures.

The Deputy Director for Barnet Public Health has advised that we share the following:

Parents should think carefully about how children socialise during half term. They should consider meeting with smaller groups, meeting for shorter periods, and where possible socialising outdoors. This will help to reduce transmission while the children are out of school and help to lead the school to being able to relax current control measures sooner.

Over half term, we recommend that you support your child to do a lateral flow test **at least twice a week unless you prefer to do this daily**. If your child has a positive result over half term, please notify the school:

- On Thursday 10th February via office@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net
- From Friday 11th until Sunday 20th February via contacthead@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net

Coming Up Next Half Term: There's lots going on!

- We are looking forward to World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March** and British Science Week on **11th-20th March**. Watch out for information about these two events that celebrate learning!
- We have organised an Online Safety workshop for parents which will take place via Zoom at 6pm on **Tuesday 22nd March**. **Save the date!** Children in Y5 and Y6 will also have an Online Safety workshop in person on that day too. Details to follow...
- Teachers in Years 2 to Year 6 will be writing annual reports to share with you. These reports will highlight how your child is attaining at school in addition to providing areas for further development. Your child will also have an opportunity to comment on their year so far as a feature of the report. Reception and Year 1 reports will be shared in the Summer Term towards the end of the academic year.
- Parent consultations will take place for all classes in the final week before Easter. Further details to follow.



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!

(If you'd like to donate a book, please arrange for a delivery to school after half term)

Children's Mental Health Week:

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us all to grow and adapt. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out some [free resources for families here](#).



Important dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 9th February – BREAK UP FOR SPRING HALF TERM**
- Thursday 10th February – INSET day
- Friday 11th February – school closed in lieu of Bank Holiday in June
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th February - Half term
- Monday 21st February – Back to school

Children's Prayers:

Over the last few weeks, some of the children have written prayers of thanks in response to what they have heard in our daily acts of collective worship. Here are a few of their beautiful words, shared with permission:

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing life to Earth. Let us share your love to benefit others. Help us to be understanding and caring for your beautiful Earth, and to always help bring peace. Help all those who are scared, sad or alone.

Almighty God, fill us with your holy love and bless us with your light.

Amen.

Katy Y6

Dear God,

Thank you for your lovely world.

Amen

Georgie Y1

Dear God,

Thank you for your great creation.

Thank you loving God for Jesus, your son.

Amen

Georgiana Y2

Dear God,

Thank you for your creation. Please look after my great grandpa in Heaven.

Lead us into peace and love here on Earth.

I'm sorry that I sometimes fight with my brother

Amen

Y2 pupil

Dear God,

Thank you for keeping your promise when you made the rainbow all those years ago when you flooded the world.

Please help us to stop wars and help people be kind to one another.

Help us to clean up the world so it's like Heaven.

Amen

Isabelle Y6

Dear God,

I pray for the world to become better and that those in need get the help they need. I am thankful for the NHS and how much they have helped our country.

Amen

Kaylin Y6

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

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