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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. We have had a really wonderful autumn term so far!

Harvest Festival: Messages of thanks

Thank you so much for your donations at our Harvest Festival. As our donations have gone to the Chipping Barnet Food Bank and Homeless Action in Barnet, the children have written messages of thanks to the volunteers who give up so much of their time to help others.

Here are the children's wonderful messages. We hope that this will give the volunteers the encouragement to carry on with their wonderful work. Click on the two links below to see all of the class messages. They are really heart felt.

Messages to: [Chipping Barnet Food Bank](#)

Messages to: [Homeless Action in Barnet](#)



Just One Tree Day:

- Last Friday's fundraiser to support reforestation in areas most affected by climate change was a huge success. We have raised £275 which means that 275 new trees will be planted, which is AMAZING! Thank you 😊
- Our trees will be planted on the island of Madagascar, where only 10% of its original forests remain. It is the 4th largest island in the world and is home to over 250,000 species of plants and animals, most of which (over 80%) do not exist anywhere else on the planet.
- This reforestation project will help to support local communities to plant and manage forests, offering jobs and making their lives better, whilst protecting the biodiversity that relies on forests to survive.



Crocus Planting:

We are very grateful to the Barnet Rotary Club for their kind donation of 2,000 crocus bulbs! We will be planting these straight after half term in school. We have also been working with Barnet Council to arrange for the children to plant some bulbs in Oak Hill Park so that the whole community can enjoy these beautiful flowers in the spring time.

Online Safety – free resources:

Don't forget to sign up to get advice and support on online safety for your child.

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-mary-s-church-of-england-primary-school-3> and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to **choose**

'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

SIGN UP

Parent Governor Vacancies:

You will recall that we had 2 parent governor vacancies on our governing body at St. Mary's School. We have had 2 parent governor nominations which means that we have not had to hold elections. We warmly welcome Jonathan McWarren and Ruvinder Parmar to our governing body. Jonathan has a child in Reception and Ruvinder has a child in Year 2 at St. Mary's.

Show Racism the Red Card: Wear Something Red

This Friday, we will be showing our support for the excellent work of the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card', by **wearing something red**. The children should wear their usual school uniform (or PE kits if it's a PE day) **AND a red item** e.g. red socks, a red hair band, a red jumper etc.

Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism education charity which utilises the high profile of professional footballers as anti-racist role-models to combat racism in society. If you are able to make a donation towards their work, please visit www.theredcard.org



Other key dates:

- Friday 20th October: **Wear something red** for Show Racism the Red Card
- Friday 20th October: Y6 cake/fruit sale and final day of this half term
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October: half term
- Monday 30th October: INSET Day
- Tuesday 31st October: Children back to school
- Tuesday 31st October: Shakespeare workshop in school for KS2.
- Thursday 2nd November: Non Uniform day – details to follow from the Friends about donation.
- W/c Monday 6th November: Mental Health Week in school
- Wednesday 8th November: Flu nasal spray in school
- Friday 10th November: Remembrance in school

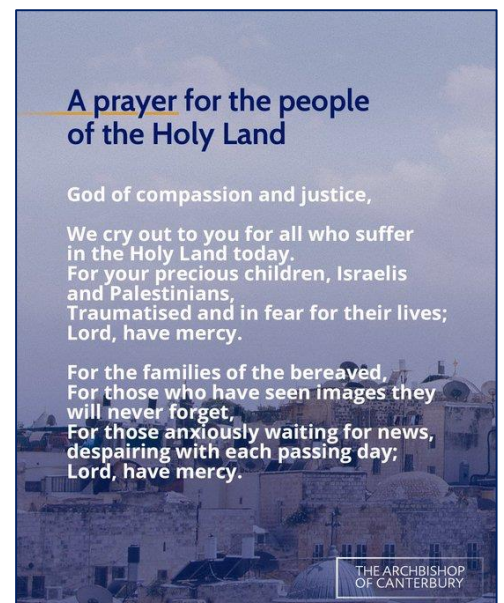


Conflict in the Holy Land:

Your child may be aware of the violence in the Middle East and they may have lots of thoughts and feelings about what they may have seen or heard in the media.

In school, we have acknowledged that this conflict is happening and have prayed for anyone affected by this unrest.

We have prayed for peace and stillness in the lives of those where there is noise and distress. We have given thanks for our own safety and security and have prayed for an end to the hurt and conflict.



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

Maria Constantinou
Headteacher

