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# St Mary's C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd first like to say thank you for your generosity in various forms. We have what can only be described as a river of donations for the food bank this morning. These will make a significant difference to families that our help.

### Sports Day:

Thank you for your encouraging applause, and help with setting up and clearing away on our wonderful Sports Day last week. We were so pleased with how the event went. The children all had a brilliant time!

[Here are a few photos from the afternoon.](#)

### Summer Fayre:

Thank you for coming along to our Summer Fayre, for all of the hours of time that went into sorting items, preparing prizes, moving tables, BBQing, sweeping and finally spending your money! We are waiting for the final confirmation of the total raised. We do know that the charity stall, featuring crochet creations made by Mrs. Stevenson and also by Mrs. Chapman's crochet club as well as homemade bracelets made by Georgiana in Y4, raised £217.50 for North London Hospice, which is AMAZING!



North London Hospice is a charity close the heart of many. This charity provided support, love and care to one our families that have since moved away from Barnet.

We will forever be grateful for the incredible work that they do and hope that our donation contributes to supporting more families in need.



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### Miss Goringe won an award!

Our Y1 teacher Miss Caroline Goringe was nominated for a Religious Education Award and she won! Mrs Constantinou serves on the Barnet SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) board and put Miss Goringe forward for her creative and innovative approach to teaching RE at St. Mary's.

Miss Goringe was given her award by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr. Tony Vourou, who was very complimentary and thanked Miss Goringe for her service and hard work.



### Caretaker update:

You'll have seen that Mr. Loveday hasn't been in school for the last couple of weeks. He was due to retire at the end of term, but has chosen to start his retirement earlier than planned for personal reasons. We wish him well in the future.

We are hoping that you'll get to meet our new caretaker, Mr. Shaun Church, by the end of next week.

### Collective Worship:

Over the past year, we have been reflecting on what it means to have a Heart for the Earth. We are very excited to welcome a film crew into school on Thursday this week. Please see the email sent on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June for details.



### East Barnet Festival:

It was lovely to see so many school families at the East Barbet Festival over the weekend. Many thanks to the children in the choir who were able to sing as part of a church service yesterday. This was a really wonderful occasion bringing the school community together with St. Mary's Church and Brookside Methodist Church congregations.

### Online prayer and reflection page:

We are in the process of setting up a page on our website that allows for prayers and reflections to be uploaded for us to see. We can then share these (unless they are private) with our parent prayer group who meet every month. Our next and last meeting of the year is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** in the school library. Once the page goes live, we will share the information. For now, watch this (prayer!) space...

**With LOTS happening over the next few weeks, here is a list of all the major events in school. There will be more details to follow in the next few weeks, with regard to some of these:**

- Film crew in school – Heart for the Earth: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July
- YR educational visit: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- YR and Y1 cake and fruit sale: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Communion service in school: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July am. **Please let us consent has changed since the last communion service last term.**
- Y5 and 6 end of year production: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm
- Summer music concert: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6pm
- Fun day in school: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (children come in sporty non uniform)
- Leavers' service: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July



***Thank you as always for your continued support,***  
*Maria Constantinou*  
*Headteacher*

