

5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful Christmas with your families. As we start a new year I wanted to keep you informed of some of the upcoming events this half term.

Sunday 21st January is the Feast day of St. Agnes, and we will be celebrating St. Agnes' Day on **Friday 19th January.** This is our chance to show how diverse and varied our school is and we would like the children to come dressed in a costume associated with their family background. Children can come in traditional dress or the colours of their country's national flag, or costumes associated with their country (e.g. England – Beefeater, Spain – Flamenco dancer etc) However, children are **not** allowed to come in wearing football kits.

On **7**th **February** the Metropolitan Police will be hosting a Knife Crime and County Lines presentation at 9am for parents of Years 4, 5 & 6, followed by workshops for the Year 4, 5 & 6 classes. On the same day, the London Fire Brigade will be in to deliver fire safety workshops to Years 2 & 4.

Years 1 & 2 will take part in the VOCES8 foundation singing project again this term which was thoroughly enjoyed last year. Two singing leaders will come in every other week to sing with each class, practising songs that they will perform in a concert at the end of the project.

Parents Evening will be held on **Tuesday 23rd January** from 2.00-5.45pm in the main hall. Parents will be given a progress report for their child/ren on Friday 19th January; the open evening will be an opportunity to discuss the report. Further information to follow nearer the time regarding booking of appointments.

After School Clubs will not resume next week (Art, Sports, Classics). Further information to follow as to when clubs will re-start and which clubs will be running. Breakfast Club and After School Club (wraparound care) will re-open from Monday 8th January.

As you will be aware, we kindly ask parents of St. Agnes to help support the school by making a contribution of £22.50 to the Westminster building fund per year, per family. Payments can be made in full, or partial payments of £7.50 can also be made each term via ParentMail. These payments help go towards repairing and maintaining the school premises. If you haven't made payment yet for this year, your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

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A reminder that if you wish to apply for a place in our Reception class for September, please ensure applications are completed and returned by **15th January 2024**, including the Tower Hamlets E-Admission. The deadline for Nursery applications is **16th February 2024**. Application forms can be found on the school website, however if you need a printed copy please speak to the office. If you have any questions regarding the application process or need assistance with completing the application, please contact the office.

Lastly, a reminder that the office is closed every Tuesday afternoon from 12pm. Should you need to contact the office during this time, please email info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk as the inbox will be checked regularly.

Yours sincerely,

Ms B. McDaid Headteacher