



10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good first week back and I'm pleased many of our staff are well enough to return after a short absence too. We still need to keep safe and we've updated our website to inform you of the most recent Covid-19 guidance.

Last week the Early Years had a visit from the Fire Service and the nursery had a wonderful time, however the fire engine was suddenly called out to an emergency and dashed off before Reception had got their coats on! Which was very disappointing, but Ms Cooper is arranging for them to come back soon.

Other events coming up are

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January – EYFS have a visit from a Doctor linking to their topic of People who help us. (Thank you Georgie's Dad.)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Year Five take part in a workshop *Show Racism the Red Card*.

This week's collective worship is from the Bible **Isaiah 43:1-7**, our school value of **Creation** and Article **29: Children's right to an education**. Today in our whole school assembly zoom we shared three words that would most describe ourselves, and the identity and baptism of Jesus. The children were open and honest describing themselves and their teachers as kind, funny, curious and beautiful which was a lovely uplifting start to the week.  
**What three words would you choose to describe yourself?**

Best wishes

**Fran Sorapure**  
Head of School.



### **Supporting our school and community**

Friday Foodbank Collection will be every week from 8.50am in the **TOP PLAYGROUND**. Demand for the food bank is up by 450% and our Friday collections make a huge difference to Ringcross Community Centre food bank. They are now "supporting over **500 households**, helping to feed **900 adults** and almost **500 children**", in comparison to **6-15 families a day** before the pandemic. In order to ensure that we are continuing to generously support Ringcross Community Centre food bank we propose that each child/household brings ONE item for the food bank collection every Friday. As we deliver on the same day, the food bank are always grateful for fresh items such as fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, eggs and dairy products. As they are struggling to keep up with demand, we strive to ensure that St Michael's support is constant and generous. We are always looking for drivers on a Friday morning to deliver down to Islington, a 45 minute round trip. Should you be available from 9am on a Friday to deliver or help in any way, please can Awen or Christina on email [awen@duggin.co.uk](mailto:awen@duggin.co.uk) or [1mrschang@gmail.com](mailto:1mrschang@gmail.com)

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