



Dear parents: the first week of February is always special in our school. We celebrate the end of January, the Feast of St Blaise and also the Presentation in the Temple on February 3rd and of course Groundhog Day. February 2nd. St Blaise is the patron saint of among other things throats and the voice box. Very important for teachers. No blessing this year but remembered anyway. No two days in school are alike since last March but over the Winter months and during self isolation Groundhog Day is something many of us have experienced. Anyway looks very likely we will be back in some form March 8th, two weeks after half-term and I'm sure most of you agree it cannot come quick enough. Will keep you all posted. Vaccines seem to be rolling out well but still waiting for mine. Yes I tick lots of the key boxes for gender, age, occupation, medical / asthma (no not weight... cheeky !!!) I'm still fighting fit weight and weigh the same as when I was aged 30) but not heard anything yet. Glad the cops are cracking down on the dangerous anti-vaxxers and the illegal weddings, open pubs and raves, well done to Hackney police. Big headlines snow forecast and blizzards this weekend ... small print reads in the NE of Scotland. 25% of children now attending our school some days. Not quite the 100% in the Orthodox Jewish schools in Stamford Hill but ... have a lovely Feb weekend.

School news ... lots of photos in Special Newsletter 1184 also week of February 5th

.... thank you for the emails this week supporting staff who are either in mourning or about to lose loved ones. It is not easy for so many just now and we really are down on staffing just now. With this in mind please do collect work photocopied and requested and be on time collecting it is a lot of work to get ready and then for it not be collected is Term Dates for 2021 - 2022 now on our website and will not change hopefully.

Pics of the week:

Lots of day to day pics in Newsletter 1184 these are just some moments that have motivated and kept me going this week. One day at a time ... anyway Groundhog day .. St Blaise ... RIP Captain Tom of Burma fame and Au Sang Su Kyi also of Burma imprisoned this week... I still admire her as a brave fighter ... fascinating forgotten place Burma ... and The GOAT vs Mahomes + my prediction last week of Jesse Lingard being a disaster came true NOT!! he was amazing and the League Table 2021.



Pos		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	21	14	5	2	26	47
2	Manchester United	22	13	5	4	19	44
3	Leicester City	22	13	3	6	14	42
4	Liverpool	22	11	7	4	18	40
5	West Ham United	22	11	5	6	6	38
6	Everton	20	11	3	6	6	36
7	Tottenham Hotspur	20	9	6	5	13	33
8	Chelsea	21	9	6	6	12	33
9	Aston Villa	20	10	2	8	11	32
10	Arsenal	22	9	4	9	5	31
11	Leeds United	21	9	2	10	-2	29
12	Southampton	21	8	5	8	-7	29
13	Crystal Palace	22	8	5	9	-10	29
14	Wolverhampton Wanderers	22	7	5	10	-8	26
15	Brighton and Hove Albion	22	5	9	8	-5	24
16	Newcastle United	22	6	4	12	-14	22
17	Burnley	21	6	4	11	-15	22
18	Fulham	21	2	8	11	-14	14
19	West Bromwich Albion	22	2	6	14	-34	12
20	Sheffield United	22	3	2	17	-21	11

and finally hope everyone is as well as can be expected .. when people ask me how I am doing I must stop using the expression: 'Surviving'. love Superbowl weekend and the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) Tom Brady v the Young Pretender Patrick Mahomes ... Calcutta Kolkata? Cup used to love it in years gone by got my lucky white England rugby shirt ready game now sadly used to stir up ancient grievances by some nationalist politicians Hammers at London's prettiest ground Craven Cottage and lots of early kick offs watched two powerful films recently 'In Darkness' and the 'Courageous Heart of Irene Sendler' first one is dubbed from Polish and is amazing both based on incredible true stories and centred around the Holocaust in Poland and heroic, but flawed ordinary men and women risking their lives to save Jewish families highly recommended and on Amazon Prime might make some Zurek (Polish soup) this weekend now thinking about these films ... whatever you do be happy, count your blessings and stay safe !!