



**Dear parents:** .... October 9th, the birthday of John Lennon in 1940 in Liverpool and also the day Che Guevara was killed in Bolivia and it's also my brother's birthday so I always remember it. I hope everyone managed to have a phone or online conversation with their child's class teacher. This is the first time we have trialled this and a few people did show up at the gates but figures show that the take up was very high in most classes. Statistics next week. We will be holding more of these until we are allowed face to face meetings.

I did send out a text on Monday confirming that there are NO - ZERO - confirmed cases of Covid-19 recorded for any of our pupils since March 23rd when lockdown started. the rumour mill, Whats App groups and plain old gossip at the gate. I will notify you the same day if we have a confirmed case with clear instructions on what to do provided by Public Health England. All procedures are on our website as I like transparency and clear protocols. There are cases in Hackney primary schools and things change quickly and I am informed via PHE every Thursday via my headteachers NAHT work. One primary school closed this week and one Nursery class in a local school. Rates in Hackney rose slightly last week. I can do nothing about rumours etc apart from a new FAQs V4 on our website about rumours, gossip and truth in a pandemic. **Truth shall set you free.** You will be kept informed at all times rest assured. I also quote Pope Francis recently talking about gossip have a look under Parents Info. **HAPPY LATE NEWS** ..congrats to Ms Claire Walshe who gave birth to her first child baby - Clara Hazel on Wednesday both doing well !

## WDES Prayer for Black History Month

The Diocese of Westminster have asked us to share another prayer with you for October and Black History Month

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me

Open unto me, light for my darkness  
Open unto me, courage for my fear  
Open unto me, hope for my despair  
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil  
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow  
Open unto me, strength for my weakness  
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion  
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins  
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness  
Open unto me, love for my hates  
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself  
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

- Howard Thurman, from "Meditations of the Heart"

## Pics of the week:

Clockwise .. Variety Watches @ 76 Ridley Road my hero of the week- Mohammed been there 40 years ...great character and so honest and decent. Got robbed in another repair shop recently. Loves talking and cannot recommend highly enough, gifted at his craft, on the right as you go down. He even brews his own free coffee .....others in the world much worse off such as the people of Venezuela and the brand new 100,000 Bolivar worth 18p and inflation at 2,400%. Poor long suffering people and a rotten regime .... Year 1 in phonics hats ...Year 3 display of 'This Moose belongs to me' by Oliver Jeffers and Year 2 in The Tiger who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr.

## School news ... next week

Monday - Year 3 having a virtual tour of The Jewish Museum

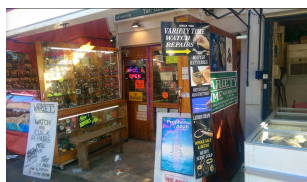
Tuesday - school nurse in

Wednesday - new SIP virtual introduction 2.00pm

Live and virtual governors meetings 6.30pm onwards

Friday - Speech and Language therapist in half day.

**N.B. Heads Up about the roads ...neighbours been telling me that very soon no right turn from Balls Pond Road into Culford Road ... watch out for this.**



**RIP....** Mrs Mary King beloved mother of our Admin and Attendance Officer Mrs Kathy Glass. who died peacefully aged 87 on Tuesday in St Ann's Home. Rest in eternal peace. Prayers also for baby granddaughter of Mrs Sonia Aquilina (TA in our school)... born this week and now critically ill in hospital in Cambridge.

and finally ... looking at my cooker couple of weekends ago, I have to use matches to light gas rings and oven, temperature drop off in the oven it's a Parkinson Cowan ?? who stopped making cookers in 1995. Suddenly realised I bought it in 1990. So Sunday a new Beko cooker (my fridge is Beko) is being installed and I will wave goodbye to an iconic item..... cooked my last ever Sunday lunch on it ... vegans look away now .. Veal Osso Bucco a la Milanese with saffron risotto rice ..... was as good as 30 years ago when I first cooked it ... some recommendations Netflix - An American Murder is compelling real life documentary filmed on police body cams .. my current book is 1666 Plague, War and Hellfire by Rebecca Rideal. Just the ticket for these times .... you think we have it bad nothing on the plagues, wars, catastrophes and of course fires of 1666 in London. Incredible how the powers that be are using similar methods to the 17th century. Bubonic plague was nastier than Covid and the Anglo-Dutch naval wars the same years put our Brexit disputes over fishing rights into context ..... amazing football last Sunday with Spurs, Villa and of course West Ham winning handsomely ....must be the lack of fans ... bet Pochettino is sitting with his mobile on . sign of the times that the star of the Vice-Presidential debate in America was a flv !... more lockdowns surely on the way ... so roll on 2021 and happier days.