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Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

Continuing with our safeguarding information, there is a very useful campaign on the NSPCC website which gives advice to parents on how to help young children understand the 'Pants Rule'. It's recommended for 5 year olds, but it is a good message for older primary children too. Below is the link if you are interested in finding out more about it.

Talk PANTS Parents Guide: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

Staff update:

I am delighted to let you know we have appointed a Deputy Headteacher to begin at St Mary's in September. Dan Cadman has worked in primary education for 14 years, teaching in Japan and Peru before settling back in the UK. He joins us from Ashley CofE Primary School in Walton-on-Thames, another "Outstanding" school, where he is Assistant Headteacher. Mr Cadman and his wife have a two year old son and are expecting their second child this month. Mr Cadman is passionate about education and is excited to join the St Mary's school community in September. He will be visiting us over the summer term to have a full handover from Mr Williams and I hope you will have a chance to meet him then.

Reminder: Parent Teacher consultations 7th & 8th March 2018

As you know, we have Parent Teacher consultations coming up on Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th March. Please look out for a letter which will be emailed to you on Monday 5th February, giving you details of how to sign up via Tucasi. School finishes one hour earlier on both days to allow teachers to prepare for their meetings.

World Thinking Day:

On the 22nd February Girl guiding members are permitted to wear non-uniform to school, to celebrate World Thinking Day.

Road safety:

We are pleased to have heard from Richmond's Principle Traffic Engineer this week, who informed us that we have been allocated an area engineer who will look into our concerns about traffic around the middle and infant sites. We are setting up a meeting to look at the potential measures required to make our local roads safer. I will keep you up to date as and when I have any further information.



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School Meals Supervisor:

We are currently recruiting for a meal supervisor. If you would like to find out more about joining the team and working for a few hours each day, please contact Simon Minty at sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

LEH Swimming gala

Ten super swimmers travelled to Lady Eleanor Holles School for their annual swimming gala. After some amazing swims we managed to have a representative in four of the seven finals. There were notable performances from all, but a special mention must go to Charlie, Lucy, Rhiannon and Theo.

We now look forward to the Borough Gala Heats next Thursday after our warm up! Thank you to parents for your support and encouragement.

Emma Beagley, Swimming coach

Attendance data between Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February 2018

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	95.89	0.22	2	2
Year 1	96.78	0	0	4
Year 2	95.11	0	0	6
Year 3	98.30	0.18	2	6
Year 4	96.86	0	0	1
Year 5	97.22	0	0	0
Year 6	96.67	0	0	0
Total school	96.74	0.06	4	18



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Celebration children

There was no Celebration assembly at the junior site this week due to the Year 5 Viking workshops.

Reception Blackbirds: *Heidi K*

Reception Doves: *Arianne B*

Reception Robins: *Zac W*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Maisie J*

Year 1 Puffins: *Andrea M*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Joanna D*

Year 2 Junipers: *Lilly A*

Year 2 Oaks: *Samira A*

Year 2 Willows: *Tay M*

Year 3 Elms: *Theo C*

Year 3 Maples: *Gloria M*

Year 3 Poplars: *Daniel T*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Archie B*

Stars of the week:

Infant site "Star of the week" – Freya K, Year 1 Nightingales

Another week, a shining star,

This girl will definitely go far,

She's bright like the sun,

Always so full of fun,

Each day she's kind, polite and a friend to all,

This girl can certainly stand tall!

A gymnast, a mathematician, a scientist too!

What do you think? Could it be you?

She's great with numbers and she loves learning about the body,

Making things is her greatest hobby,

Have you guessed who it is yet?

She's in Year One,

A Nightingale through and through,

Freya – it's you!



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Middle site "Star of the week" – Ivi A, Year 3 Poplars

I want you to know that I don't know why,
This person hasn't yet been Star of the Site!

The work they do is meticulously planned,
And the way it is presented is particularly grand.

Their artwork is also a sight to behold,
It is so amazing it could even be sold.

Her impeccable manners are a wondrous thing,
And you should hear her beautiful voice when she sings!

A friend to all with a gentle, kind heart,
When we're in class, she really takes part.

The time has now come for us to find out
Who this poem has been all about.

Her name is one that begins with I,
At the end of the year, I'll be sad to say goodbye.

This wonderful girl is in Year 3,
From Poplars Class, of course, it's Ivi!

Class points competition

Congratulations to 5T who have won the class points competition this week, ending on 9/100. The class points are awarded and/or deducted by house captains, class councillors and any adults. Good luck for next week! Charlie Thomas

Diary dates

w/c 5th February

Monday 5th February

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February

Thursday 8th February

Thursday 8th February

Thursday 8th February

12th – 16th February

Monday 19th February

Monday 19th February

Year 3 safe walking

Year 1 cake sale

Year 2 Scooter training

Borough swimming gala heats, 2pm, Pools on the Park

"Shine online" for all parents and staff, The Shack

7.30 – 9.00pm

Swimming gala heats, Pools on the Park, 2pm

Half term

INSET DAY

Mental Health Symposium for parents at Meadlands School,
Ham 7.30 – 9.00pm



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Monday 26 th February	Year 6 cake sale
Thursday 1 st March	Reception Robins Parent Teacher meetings
Thursday 1 st March	Year 1 Nightingales assembly (link class 4W)
Friday 2 nd March	Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop
Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th March	Year 3 safe walking
w/c Monday 5 th March	NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS (Parent Teacher consultations)
Monday 5 th March	Year 3 cake sale
Wednesday 7 th March	Parent Teacher consultations, 4 – 7pm
	SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER
Wednesday 7 th March	NPL football tournament
Thursday 8 th March	Parent Teacher consultations, 4 – 7pm
	SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER
Monday 12 th March	Year 6 Junior Citizen, Holly Lodge
Monday 12 th March	Reception cake sale
Wednesday 14 th March	Whole school Science day
Wednesday 14 th March	Swimming gala finals, Pools on the Park, 2pm
Thursday 15 th March	5T class assembly (link class Year 1 Puffins)
Friday 16 th March	Whole school French day
w/c 19 th March	LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL RUN CLUBS
Monday 19 th March	Year 4 cake sale
Friday 23 rd March	Year 3 Maples class assembly (link class 6PG)
Monday 26 th March	Whole school Diversity day
Tuesday 27 th March	Easter service, 10am, St Mary's Church
Thursday 29 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM (SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER)

The 13th Twickenham (St Mary's) Scout group

We are looking for two new leaders for our Scouts and Cubs sections plus an assistant leader for our Beavers section. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please pass this on. For further information please contact Maggie Vivian on 07967 597757 or maggie.vivian@hotmail.co.uk



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Koosa Kids

Holiday activities for children aged 4-13. 12th – 16th February 2018. To find out more or to book please call 0845 094 2322 or visit www.koosakids.co.uk

The Elms Holiday Camps at The Russell Primary School

For all details (and to book) please call 0208 954 8787 or visit www.elmsholidaycamps.co.uk

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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