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10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

### Parent Teacher consultations

Thank you for your attendance at parents' evenings, we hope you found the information shared helpful.

### St Mary's Future - meeting

If you missed the last meeting there is another opportunity to hear the presentation at 7:30pm on March 21<sup>st</sup> in the middle site hall. Please sign up as we will proceed once we have at least 50 attendees. Mr Minty's address to respond to [sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

### Dress up days:

We raised £406.17 for our class libraries through World Book Day, thank you so much.

Victorian morning was such a success and your creativity shone through again, such terrific outfits which helped to bring an authenticity to the teaching taking place 'Victorian style'!

We recognise that we have asked a lot of you recently in terms of dressing your children up, thank you for your patience and we promise to make sure they aren't any others which are planned so closely together in future. Red nose day on the 24<sup>th</sup> can be minimal, if you wish your child to join in they can have a red nose or simply adorn their uniform with something red....this can even be their socks, in return for a donation to Comic Relief!

### Revised term dates for the next academic year:

Last Christmas, our break from school felt ludicrously short. With coughs and colds abound it seemed that the holiday wasn't long enough to recoup and rid the school of germs, so term started as it finished.

In an effort to prevent this from happening again we have looked closely at the dates for next year. Worryingly our next Christmas break is even shorter than last year so we have made an attempt to make this a little better by changing our dates. We thought it was important to get them to you as soon as possible. By moving an Inset day in October we have increased the holiday from 12 days to 13 and although this isn't a huge change, it is the best we can manage. We hope you'll agree even one day more is better than it was. The Google calendar via the website has been updated to reflect this change and you can view the document in Resources, "Diary and term dates"



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### Orleans Park Spring concert

Orleans Park are holding their spring concert for primary school children and their families on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm** (The Attenborough Hall, Orleans Park, Richmond Road TW1 3BB). Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For more information please contact Carrie van Essen: [cvanessen@orleanspark.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:cvanessen@orleanspark.richmond.sch.uk)

### Mtech:

This week some children experienced the wonders of Mtech- making music digitally. The children really enjoyed the workshops and parents are invited to sign their child up for a club if they wish to. However, the reason we agreed to permit Mtech to visit is because, if parents do sign up, the company leaves its equipment with us long term which we can then use for all children and all classes. We will let you know if enough sign ups have taken place to enable this to happen.

### FoSM:

FoSM makes such a terrific difference to the resources at St Mary's that we can't thank you enough for all that takes place to raise funds. As you know Polly and Julia are looking for enthusiastic parents to replace them and their important roles. Looking ahead to the new school year it would be wonderful to find a Chair and Vice Chair, or a team, to work alongside me to help realise the school's vision. If you would like to find out more about the role please get in touch with Polly or Julia: [Chair.fosm@googlemail.com](mailto:Chair.fosm@googlemail.com)

### This week's awards

#### **w/c 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (apologies for the incorrect names in last week's newsletter)**

Reception Blackbirds: *Henry Maher & Paulos Ouzounoglou*  
Reception Robins: *Emily Vincent & Nieve Marshall*  
Reception Doves: *Jack Fielding & Erik Hammer*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Joshua Cain & Anoushka Saha*  
Year 1 Nightingales: *Miriam Fatih-Lopez Jauregui*  
Year 1 Puffins: *Benjamin Kredl & Tasmin Moore*

#### **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Reception Blackbirds: *Lotta Gebhardt & Eloise Morton*  
Reception Robins: *Ines Golding & Kelsey Awaekpo*  
Reception Doves: *Lucy Irvine & Lottie Salcedo*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Bibi Atfield & Olivia Lacko*  
Year 1 Nightingales: *Sam Devereux & Miriam Fatih-Lopez Jauregui*  
Year 1 Puffins: *Alba Wilson & Oscar Haller*



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Year 2 Junipers: *Evan Walters, Freya Barlow*  
Year 2 Maples: *Joshua Tomlinson, Advait Deoras*  
Year 2 Oaks: *Leela Chawda, Sienna Dane*  
Year 2 Willows: *Joshy Green, Rohan Khan*

Year 3 Elms: *Oliver Bonnett, Evie Morris*  
Year 3 Poplars: *Tadas Valadka, Ollie Bates*  
Year 3 Sycamores: *Noa Bennett, Georgie Bennell*

Year 4I: *Olivia Walker, Layla Campbell*  
Year 4M: *Lottie Jones, James Moore*  
Year 4T: *Theo Chukwu-Flanagan, Freddie Mair*

Year 5B: *Alice Ely, Zoe Maida*  
Year 5GD: *Nick Bowden, Carys Newton*  
Year 5M: *Gemma Davis, Lilly Thompson*

Year 6P: *Aneesh Bhandari, Will Trimble*  
Year 6W: *Thomas Pugh, Andrey Rudnevskiy*

### Stars of the week:

#### Infant site Star of the week: Oliver Coles Year 1 Puffins

This week's star  
Is a super-duper reader  
Is popular in class  
And likes to help the teacher

Is a writing whiz  
And is good at mathematics  
Always tries his best  
Goes to French and gymnastics

Skis on his holidays  
Has a younger brother  
Supports Tottenham Hotspurs  
And gives his time to help others

Have you worked it out yet?  
Beyond any doubt?  
This star shines in Puffins  
Oliver Coles please come out!



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### Middle site Star of the week: **Clemmie Jessop, Year 3, Sycamores**

The star this week, might at first appear meek,  
But don't let first impressions be deceiving,  
Otherwise, this award, they wouldn't be receiving.

She is able to focus on the job at hand,  
And works hard to achieve the lesson planned,  
She's grown in confidence across the year,  
And now tackles anything without fear.

She listens intently and always tries her best,  
You're happy to put yourself to the test,  
Here at St Mary's we couldn't ask for more  
Carry on this way and your learning will soar.

A gentle nature and a winning smile,  
This hard-working Sycamore goes the extra mile,  
Whilst she may come across as a little shy  
That certainly won't stop her aiming high.

Well done to this week's star – Clemmie Jessop, Sycamores

### Junior site Star of the week: **Laurence Butcher 4M**

A wonderful writer, a talented footballer,  
A cheerful person and one you can trust.  
He quietly gets the job done  
He will never make a fuss

An excellent listener, a calming influence  
A generous person and caring friend  
His work is immaculate, every single time  
And he's a learning partner we would all recommend

A dedicated worker, a delight to teach  
A person who will always help when you call  
He's used many handwriting pens for his work in 4M  
Because Laurence is a person who gives his all



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### Marble Hill open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017

During March 2017 Historic England archaeologists will be exploring the original layout of Henrietta Howard's garden. They are digging several trenches to look for garden features shown on a plan of 1752.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March we are offering multiple tours of the excavation and archaeology talks by industry professionals.

Everyone is welcome to come down and have a look.

You can also find out more about the dig on <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/marblehill>

### Important dates for the future:

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Science fair day for junior and middle sites*

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Science fair day for infant site*

*Swimming Gala finals, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm*

*Last week of school run clubs, w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March*

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, The future of St Mary's, middle site hall, 7.30pm (TO BE CONFIRMED)*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Red Nose day (pupils may wear a red nose or a red piece of clothing in exchange for a £1)*

*Easter service, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10am, St Mary's Church, led by Year 5*

*Last day of term, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (School finishes ONE hour earlier)*

*Inset day: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April*

*First day of summer term: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April*

Yours sincerely,

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