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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week we took part in a teaching and learning review, carried out by the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS). Two link advisors observed lessons in all 22 classes. At the end of the two days, feedback was provided on how far the school has travelled since the review of November 2016. Many strengths in teaching were noted:

- Behaviour for learning
- Transitions between lessons
- Quality of explanations and instructions
- Effective questions
- Consistency in planning and appropriate shaping of learning activities to meet needs
- Support for SEND and inclusion
- Improved quality of work and presentation
- Powerful pupil voice

We are delighted with the outcome and wanted to share it with you.

### Science Day - April 2018

We have started plans for our annual Science Fair and this year's theme will be 'Science & Creativity'. It will take place in mid-April and we would love to gather a team of parent helpers to design and run the fair with us. If you use science in your work (architects, engineers, medical professionals, etc) or you are particularly creative (artistic, musical, dance, sing) we would love to hear from you! It is not essential that you have both a science and creative background; either /or will be perfect! For those that have been involved before, we would love it if you can join us again, and for those new to the event, we would love to hear from you too! If you think you might be interested, send Deirdre Walters (mum to Evan in Maples and Ciara in Puffins) an email on [deidreawalters@gmail.com](mailto:deidreawalters@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support - Deirdre Walters and Mr Sadler

### Friendship week:

During the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January St Mary's will be celebrating "Friendship Week". Some schools call this anti-bullying week but we prefer to use more positive language, however, the content is similar. Teachers will be planning a variety of activities and challenges for the children which they will hopefully share with you at home.



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### Engine idling:

May I please remind you, once again, about turning your engines off whilst waiting outside school? The cold weather requiring the heating to be turned on seems to have exacerbated this situation of late. Thank you for your understanding.

### Birthday books:

There are now suggested books for each year group on the website, for those of you who would like to gift a book on your child's birthday. Thank you to those who have been filling our class library shelves already.

### School lunches

Payment is **now due** for this half of the term.

Please make your payments on Tucasi.

A week's notice is required if you wish to **stop** or **start** school meals

### Attendance data between 4.1.17 – 12.1.17

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	96.11	1.11	14	8
Year 1	96.11	1.43	18	6
Year 2	93.49	0.16	2	5
Year 3	96.04	1.28	20	7
Year 4	98.23	0.48	6	6
Year 5	96.59	1.19	15	6
Year 6	96.67	0.48	6	1
<b>Total school</b>	<b>96.17</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>39</b>



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### Class points competition

Congratulations to 4S who have won the class points competition this week, ending on 110/100. The class points are awarded and/or deducted by house captains, class councillors and any adults. Good luck for next week!

Charlie Thomas 5T class teacher

### Celebration children

Reception Blackbirds: *Eva M*  
Reception Doves: *Zoe G-D*  
Reception Robins: *Isobel V*  
Year 1 Nightingales: *Aida-Maria C*  
Year 1 Puffins: *Florence G*  
Year 1 Kingfishers: *Henry T*  
Year 2 Junipers: *Mila C*  
Year 2 Oaks: *Anoushka S*  
Year 2 Willows: *Sam D*  
Year 3 Elms: *Sebi W*  
Year 3 Maples: *Euan O*  
Year 3 Poplars: *Maria F*  
Year 3 Sycamores: *Zahid G*  
Year 4S: *Lucy H*  
Year 4T: *Obi M*  
Year 4W: *Billie G*  
Year 5M: *Iker G-S*  
Year 5T: *Finley U*  
Year 5W: *Lilly R*  
Year 6B: *Lucy P*  
Year 6PG: *Zaara K*  
Year 6S: *Alice E*

**Stars of the week (please note there was no "Star of the week" at the infant site this week)**

*The infant site Celebration assembly is cancelled on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** (as we have "Perform" drama workshops in the hall that day)*



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### Middle Star of the week – Mikah B-P, Year 3 Sycamores

**M**ature and diligent, you set the bar high.  
No matter the topic, you are always willing to try.

**I**nterested and thorough, you always give your best.  
Your creative writing this year has really impressed.

**K**ind and thoughtful, you are such a good friend.  
Your ideas and advice you're always willing to lend.

**A** great attitude you bring to all things in Year Three.  
In Sycamores we see you as being the best that you can be.

**H**ard-working and conscientious, your future shines bright.  
Mikah, you are this week's star of the Middle Site

### Junior site star of the week: Olivia P-E, 5T

After receiving a high volume of responses to the following job advertisement, I have managed to employ the perfect pupil.

Can you guess who got the job?

You must:

- Approach every task with enthusiasm and excitement  
Be a role model to all  
Support and be kind to others  
Cooperate well with other children in Year 5  
Start and finish every day with a gorgeous smile

You could:

- Love lemonade and almond croissants  
Appreciate the colour turquoise  
Enjoy watching Holby City  
Bake scrumptious Swiss rolls!

You got the job Olivia P-E in 5T!



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## Information for parents from the London borough of Richmond

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Terms and conditions apply.

### Information from other organisations

#### Man and Boy Spring Camp

Man and Boy will be taking new referrals from the start of this term for the Spring Camp 9-11 March 2018. Please see [here](#) for information on how referrals can be made with consent from the family involved. [Man and Boy Flyer](#)

#### Papyrus School Pack

We have been asked to share this information with you: Papyrus, the young people's suicide prevention charity, has produced a suicide prevention toolkit. Please see [here](#) for more information.



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### Diary dates

w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Maples swimming this term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	School run clubs start
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Doves to Orleans Gallery
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Robins to Orleans Gallery
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Blackbirds to Orleans Gallery
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5M class assembly (link class Year 3 Sycamores)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 Planetarium visit
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 cake sale
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Reception, Year 1 & 2 "perform" workshops
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception, Year 1 & 2 "perform" workshops
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Puffins class assembly (link class 5T)
w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> January	"Friendship" week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 cake sale
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 Sycamores class assembly (link class 5M)
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 safe walking
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 cake sale
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Borough swimming gala heats, 2pm, Pools on the Park

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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