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Friday 14th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Your cake sales:

You have raised an incredible amount this year for individual year groups and I thought you'd enjoy reading about how much has been raised and what your baking has contributed to:

Year Group	Amount	Purchased
R	£967.91	Sand tray, sand, storage boxes, Tapestry subscription, outdoor kitchen
1	£746.85	Spelling resources, additional classroom supplies
2	£1492.85	Spelling resources, Windsor Castle visit extras, Maths resource-Base Ten, Sewing resources, butterfly kit, edible consumables for DT unit
3	£1874.98	Spelling resources, Phonics resources, Maths resources, Science Fair supplies, Cooking ingredients, contribution to the St Alban's coach
4	£553.88	Spelling resources, 30 x Thesaurus, baking ingredients
5	£639.27	Spelling resources, 30 x Thesaurus, Twinkl online resource, Historic visit contribution
6	£1525.76	Spelling resources, support towards the Year 6 events and celebrations.

The teachers join me in thanking you for providing such amazing support towards our curriculum provision.

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS for the Autumn Term

1st half of the term..... £72.60

2nd half of the term..... £85.80

Whole Term..... £158.40



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Sunday 16th July 2017: Carnival against the cuts

Meet outside the Arsenal shop at 11am on Sunday 16th July (next to Finsbury Park tube), rally at Parliament Square at 1.30pm

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Attendance information:

Week beginning: 10th July

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	99.21	0	0	5
Year 1	98.78	0.44	1	3
Year 2	97.32	0	0	7
Year 3	99.33	0	0	3
Year 4	97.44	0.56	2	3
Year 5	96.67	0	0	6
Year 6	97.00	0.83	2	5
Total school	97.98	0.22	5	32

Thank you for getting the children in!

Parent surveys:

Thank you so much for your response to our parent survey. We received a total of 157 responses. Jane Tomlinson did a brilliant job of organising Survey Monkey so the admin team didn't have to sit with pen and paper counting up all the answers!



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Below are the results and a sample of the comments received. I am very happy to have conversations with any parents who made suggestions about school improvements which they would like me to follow up. This will be in September but do let me now if you would find this helpful.

Question Strongly agree/ Agree	%
My child/ren are happy at school	99.3
My child/ren feel safe at school	95.72
The school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on my children	94.23
Pupils are encouraged to develop a clear sense of right and wrong and behave well	94.88
There is a positive relationship between parents and the school	89.17
The school is well led and managed	89.75

A large proportion of the remaining percentage was parents responding with a 'don't know'.

In your opinion what are the strengths of this school?

A selection of comments:

Christian values, engagement with parents and teachers, teachers knowing each child individually and celebrating their strengths

Lovely, warm and friendly school, love the transition between the three sites

Highly motivated, capable staff. Creative activities to engage the children in learning, small school feel despite large size. Good mix of male and female staff. Good parental involvement, with excellent FoSM, kind, helpful staff in Reception

School values are strongly ingrained in children from day 1 which results in a wonderful environment. You only need to watch the children enter or leave the school to appreciate the happy, exciting atmosphere

Openness, inclusivity, strong communication, strong parent support all create a brilliant sense of community that I highly value. Quick flagging to parents of any issues, joint working between parents and teachers to aid children with any issues. The way children are actively encouraged to contribute to their learning and class community in ways that quietly grow their confidence

Quality of teaching staff, Leadership, Ethos, Parental partnership (FoSM) and community feeling

Development of Christian ethos in the children

Christian ethos and values. It's not just about good academic teaching but teaching the children to be decent human beings. A strong school community spirit. A good level of discipline



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Nurturing, caring, compassionate strong academics and great hand writing

Its inclusiveness among children of all faiths and abilities. The importance that children are kind, caring and considerate to everyone. This has always made St Mary's children stand out from other schools which is especially noticeable on school trips

Is there anything you would like to improve about St Mary's school?

Would love to see school lunches to be more exciting and the packed lunch pupils to be able to sit together rather than apart. I am sure there are practicalities but it really can't mean not having your lunch with your friend for years

Air conditioning in the classrooms to allow for better concentration in the hot weather – which they say we are to expect more of due to global warming!

I would like to see more extra-curricular activities with more variation

Homework to be consistent

Communication with parents regarding pupils' performance. Class size of 30-32 is very big. More homework is required so that parents are able to help and keep well up to date with what is taught at school

I would value more "train the trainer" type sessions or information sheets to support children in their homework and learning. I struggle to explain the maths as I don't know how the kids are taught it

Increase initiatives to reduce the need of the parents to finance the school

Less dress up

More opportunities for creativity

No more bulge years; small playgrounds cannot accommodate



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Stars of the week:

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Henry Thomas & Isabela Izquierdo*
Reception Robins: *Robbie Price & Emily Vincent*
Reception Doves: *Adam Hamam & Douglas Neden-Watts*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Rose Ely & George Vincent*
Year 1 Puffins: *Henry Clee & Bethan Owen*
Year 1 Kingfishers: *Lorelei Winterfrost & Jake Hyde*

Year 2 Junipers: *Alba Morrison, Joshua Tay*
Year 2 Maples: *Joshua Tomlinson, Charlotte Irvine*
Year 2 Oaks: *On a trip – missed Celebration Assembly*
Year 2 Willows: *Lusi Bezati, Ella Dean*

Year 3 Elms: *Kristian Nepstad, Ruby Burn*
Year 3 Poplars: *Isabel Scanlon, Aanya Gupta*
Year 3 Sycamores: *Bella Devereux, Mabel Heffernan*

Year 4I: *Jasper Simmons, Sophie Bermejo-Russell*
Year 4M: *Lilly Ross Nedjah, Jack Partridge Lee*
Year 4T: *Daisy Montero, Elif Bolgil-Miller*

Year 5B: *Zoe Maida, Harry Bowers*
Year 5M: *Aman Khaira, Lexie Towey*
Year 5N: *Megan Vivian, Felix Karakand*

Year 6P: *Oscar Kelly, Markus Fraser*
Year 6W: *Ateev Shrestha, Lilly Burn*

Infant site Star of the week: **Lorion Frost, Reception Robins**

Our star of the week enters the classroom with a huge smile and cheerful

“Good morning.”

Always seen at the construction area, building and creating is what he enjoys.

Busy and industrious,

Always working hard,

Has amazing ideas,

And produces detailed drawings and plans.

He's an animal expert.

Has a beautiful singing voice

“Come and play” he loves to say

“What is our star going to be when he grows up?”



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A builder,
A designer,
An artist,
A singer
Or even perhaps a helicopter pilot just like Daddy.
Which nest is he from?
Can you guess which Robin it is?
Lorion Frost you are our super star of the week!

Middle site Star of the week: **Federico Prenovost Year 2 Junipers**

On this site you will find,
A star on generous, funny and kind,
In everything, he gives his best,
He'll make you laugh, that's my guess.

First, second, third, even last,
He'll see the positive and have a blast.
With politeness, always asking a question,
'Excuse me' you say in every session.

This tall blond boy will make you giggle,
Fall on the floor and then you'll wriggle.
This he did while running a race,
The sack was possibly not your place.

But even so, your smile was proud,
Chuckles and claps came from the crowd.
So everyone, please make way,
This week's star, it's you Fede!

Junior site: Star of the week: **Kitty Conisbee 6W**

Star-of-the-week: (*sta ov the wi:k*) noun

1. a person full of energy 2. to smile all the time and to always have fun 3. to be very popular, e.g., everyone wants to be her friend 4. a hard worker and deep thinker 5. to be quiet but not 6. a delight to have in class 7. a unique girl 8. denoting or relating to a very special person
9. Kitty Conisbee



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Diary dates

Saturday 15th July - Summer Party 8pm (ticketed event)

Monday 17th July, Last Technokids

Tuesday 18th July, Year 5 to the Para Athletics

Thursday 20th July, Year 6 to School of Rock

Friday 21st July, Year 6 Leavers Service, 10am, St Mary's Church

*Friday 21st July, LAST DAY OF TERM – PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL FINISHES **ONE HOUR EARLIER ON ALL THREE SITES***

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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