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17th March 2017

Dear Parents,

Staffing Update:

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Long and her husband Aaron and Mr Murphy and his wife Jo are expecting their first babies. Both babies will join the St Mary's family in September, such lovely news and we offer them our congratulations.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Goalen this week as she and Mrs Donovan hand over the reins of 5GD to Mr Norton. Mrs Donovan will return to us working one day each week after Easter and Mrs Goalen will be a frequent visit for the remainder of the school year. We thank them both for giving 5GD such a good start to Year 5.

Science Days:

The children had a fantastic time during the science activities this week, our thanks go to Mr Sadler as our science leader and to the parents who pulled out all the stops to make the experience so exciting. Keep an eye on the website to see the photos soon.

St Mary's future – meeting

Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in attending another meeting on 21st March. Unfortunately, the response was not what we had hoped so we have put our plans for a further meeting on hold. Should anything change, we will let you know immediately.

Richmond Schools Swimming Association Championship Finals on 15th March 2017

With the sun shining down on us and with a spring in our step, nine children and I set off for the Richmond School Championship Finals. This is a very large gala with 317 children competing from Independent schools, large schools and small schools within the borough. The previous gala had included over 850 children and the fastest went forward to the finals. All our super swimmers gave 100% and I could not have been happier. We had lots of great swims, with children improving their times from the earlier heats gala. We showed great team spirit and tenacity. Our stand out star was Phoebe C who swam herself into the "Borough Final" and came 4th. Well done Phoebe and everyone who swam so well, representing St Mary's brilliantly. **Emma Beagley, Teaching Assistant & Swimming coach**

St Mary's Success in National Primary Maths Challenge 2017

Back in November, twenty five Year 5 & 6 children undertook the national Primary Maths Challenge. They were among 63,000 primary school pupils who entered from across the country. This timed maths challenge involves 25 questions at beyond mastery level and the children always enjoy tackling these questions. We also gave eight Year 4 children the experience of trying the PMC paper in their own time.



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Ten of our Year 6 children out of 1932 nationwide achieved high scores and went forward to the PMC Bonus Round in February.

We have just heard that two children achieved Gold - Eli M and Lotte F, two achieved Silver – Aneesh B and Tara S and three achieved Bronze – Yash G, Charlie S and Josh F.

We have never achieved Gold before, nor had so many who did so well.

Well done to all! **Ann Turner, Teaching Assistant Able & Talented**

Rotary Club young Writers' Competition

A number of children from St Mary's entered this competition which entailed writing a piece on the theme of "Reflection". The Rotary club received 244 entries in all and the local club's judging panel were delighted with the quality and range of the submissions, and agreed that most kept the topic of "Reflection" to the fore in striking, effective and unusual ways.

We were delighted by the news that the very lively and expressively scary fantasy story by Josh F was awarded third place. The judges commented that they fully expect to be reading and watching some of Josh's TV scripts in future years. This is great to hear. Well done to all who entered and particularly to Josh. **Ann Turner, Teaching Assistant, Able & Talented**

Assembly on the middle site: Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Please note that due to an "Eco club" assembly, there will be no celebration assembly on the middle site on Wednesday 22nd March.

Stars of the week:

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Nate Atlay & Isabela Izquierdo*
Reception Robins: *Hannah Gunn & Andrea Marcantonio*
Reception Doves: *Sebastian Broom & Alexander Arndt*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Nicholas Tapp & Millie Chadwick*
Year 1 Nightingales: *Poppy Tranter & Noah Edwards*
Year 1 Puffins: *Emma Hammons & Archibald Delecour*

Year 2 Junipers: *Joshua Warmer-Menassa, Piers Meredith*
Year 2 Maples: *Kai Williams, Thomas Logan*
Year 2 Oaks: *Theo Casey, Maia Beck*
Year 2 Willows: *Alexander Harrison, Evie Cromey*



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Year 3 Elms: *Frankie Atfield, Pippa Clark*

Year 3 Poplars: *Sorcha Hutchinson, Erika Evans*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Mabel Fickling, Sudeshna Navashanker*

Year 4I: *Jemima Osgood, Myla Kedzlie-Hunt*

Year 4M: *Lola Davis, Eloise Wedgewood*

Year 4T: *Edward Smeeton, Lee Stretton*

Year 5B: *Caitlin Rhodes, Kiana Kashefpour*

Year 5GD: *Alban Coudray, Brooke Edwards*

Year 5M: *Lucy Owen, Thomas Hopkins*

Year 6P: *Markus Fraser, Rosie Addecott*

Year 6W: *Kati Horvath, Leah Patel*

Infant site Star of the week: **Matthew Reeves, Reception Blackbirds**

The star of the week is a cheeky chappy
They stroll into school every morning with a cheery smile on their face.
They have worked so hard on their phonics and have made such improvements.
They are a hard worker in all that they do in school, making sure they visit all the activities.
But you can always find them at the tuff spot with the dinosaurs, castles and knights.
They have the most amazing imagination and can tell you all sorts of amazing facts.
This person is my knowledgeable Blackbird and now our star of the week!
This person is MATTHEW REEVES.

Middle site Star of the week: **Jax Kirkham – Year 3 Poplars**

This week my star is finally here,
Every day you fill me with **pride**,
And you're **always** on task,
You take everything in your stride.

This week my star is shining bright,
I know you'll go a long way,
With your **perseverance** and **hard work**,
Plus you'll put your hand up to have a say.

This week my star is **football** mad,
Man United are the team you support,
But that's not the only supporting you do,
Your friends can always **rely** on you.



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This week my star may be tiny in size,
But his work is bursting with **great** things,
Your handwriting has been getting better,
And your **humour** makes you win this prize.

So, this week I want to congratulate,
Someone that makes me laugh,
A hard working, **cheeky** chap,
Step forward **Jax** and admire your photograph!

Junior site Star of the week: **Floss Goatley 4T**

Always wearing a smile on her face,
She moves around school with purpose, yet grace
Unfailingly presentable, faultlessly neat
With immaculate handwriting that cannot be beat

An infectious giggle that brightens my day
So many friends with whom you can play
The outstanding effort you make in all you do
And your bubble personality always shines through,

You sing like an angel, Your talents are well known
I love being your teacher
Amazing progress you've shown
It will sad when it's time to leave, at the end of the year
You have been a fabulous role-model
You'll go far, it's clear

Home Start

If you can spare a few hours a week to help families with children under 5, local charity Home-Start can train you to support those having a difficult time in the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston. The free volunteer course runs from 27th April to 15th June on Thursdays. Please contact Angie Ahmed 0208 487 8500 or info@homestart-richmond.org.uk

Cricket and football Easter camp hosted by Teddington Cricket club

For boys and girls aged 7 – 12 (Years 2 – 7). Please contact Paul Dancy pauldancy26@gmail.com or book online at joshknappett.com/camps/easter-form/



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Important dates for the future:

Last week of school run clubs, w/c 20th March

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

Easter service, Tuesday 28th March, 10am, St Mary's Church, led by Year 5

Last day of term, Friday 31st March (School finishes ONE hour earlier)

Inset day, Tuesday 18th April

First day of summer term, Wednesday 19th April

Yours sincerely,

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