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Friday 23rd June 2017

Dear Parents,

Heat:

Thank you for your understanding about our late-notice decision, which offered you the chance to collect your child early on Wednesday. We checked the temperatures at the end of the day and some classrooms had risen to 34 degrees. It seems the 'heat wave' has passed, something for which we are all very grateful ☺.

Education about tragedies:

Over the term there have been a number of alarming national incidents which have given cause for teachers to talk to children about some very challenging topics. St Mary's takes its responsibility to educate its pupils in matters relating to subjects such as terrorism very seriously. Over the weeks teachers have been provided with a range of resources from experts in the field, which guide them in what to say when trying to explain what has happened.

The most important messages we try to get across are:

- The police and security services are always working to help keep everyone safe and professionals across the country are doing things to prevent violence or terrorism.
- Police have made sure there are more officers in towns and public places like train stations.
- The government and police have specially trained workers who are always finding new ways to protect the UK.

These are unprecedented times and we have a duty to talk to the children about what has taken place in ways that educate and reassure.

If you need some support in talking about these matters with your child this useful website may assist:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

In the next academic year St Mary's will be making plans to carry out an emergency scenario as advised by the LDBS (London Diocesan Board for Schools):

Lock down: where each site will simulate an emergency where all pupils and staff are required to 'make safe' inside the building. This is obviously a very delicate matter and we are going to be mindful about what we say to the children and our reasons for carrying out this exercise. We will, of course, be considering the age of the children when we explain what we are doing. You will be notified in advance of the procedure so you can support your child in their understanding too.

We also have a critical incident plan which is reviewed annually and in accordance with current issues.



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Lost Property:

We have been gathering lots of lost property over the term and really want to be able to give it back to its rightful owner. It's difficult when so much is without a name, so please do mark your child's uniform. On Friday 30th June it is sports day for Yrs 3 – 6; on this day we will display all the unclaimed property just outside the Aviary which we hope you will look through. After this we will donate uniform to FoSM and other items will go to the local charity shops.

NSPCC Fundraising:

Thank you so much for the contributions to the NSPCC fundraising effort. The final deadline for any further donations is Wednesday 28th June.

Attendance information:

Week beginning: 12th June

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	96.22%	0	0	4
Year 1	98.78	0.44	1	5
Year 2	97.61	0.51	3	8
Year 3	99.08	0	0	3
Year 4	98	0.22	1	3
Year 5	97.22	0	0	3
Year 6	99.67	0.33	1	1
Total school	97.98	0.22	6	27

Look at the fantastic figures for last week, not one class below our target. Year 6 are definitely leading the way in both attendance and lates - congratulations to them. Thank you so much for your effort to improve our attendance.



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Sainsbury vouchers

Year 6 have counted **9, 990** vouchers! Thank you to Year 6 and thank you for collecting all those vouchers which we will put to good use.

Payments:

In the run up to the end of the school year we ask that any outstanding payments for trips or visitors to school are paid onto Tucasi. Thank you.

Stars of the week:

(4M attended Reception Robins assembly this morning so there are no awards for this class today)

The Hume award for "perseverance", awarded to pupils who keep on trying (Tracy Hume was a Teaching assistant at St Mary's for a number of years)

Edward Smeeton in 4T has won the 'Hume Award for Perseverance' because he always works hard, rises to challenges, and is never deterred when he makes marvellous mistakes. Edward contributes so much to the classroom. He is positive, enthusiastic, and a loving friend to many.

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Joshua Evans & Ashlynn Tay*

Reception Robins: *James Vivian & Astrid Collins*

Reception Doves: *Joanna Dani & Sebastian Broom*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Joseph Gear & Pippa Thompson & Miles Duffy*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Jamie Hardisty & Zachary Pritchard*

Year 1 Puffins: *Milo Viding-Rogers & Joshua Arnstein*

Year 2 Junipers: *Euan Offord, Freja Pedersen*

Year 2 Maples: *Sadie Gregory, Harrison Gilbert*

Year 2 Oaks: *Elena Van Caspel, Felix Conolly*

Year 2 Willows: *Luke Sivill, Ned Reay*

Year 3 Elms: *Eva Ritchie, Sam Hogan*

Year 3 Poplars: *Vittoria Tiraboschi, Ben Burdett*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Harrison Duke, Sammy Lindsten*



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Year 4I: *Alice Franklin, Will Wylie*

Year 4T: *Etienne Barman-Poppy, Sabi Lee*

Year 5B: *Easha Khawaja, Andwele Otenaike*

Year 5M: *Freddie Jary, Holly Davis*

Year 5N: *Amelie Lear, Lola Hubacher-Homes*

Year 6P: *Scarlett Whitfield, Trishan Bhoola*

Year 6W: *Matilda Lewis, Charlotte Dawson*

Infant site Star of the week: **James Stockley, Reception Blackbirds**

The star of the week is always so hard working

They come into school every morning with a cheeky smile on their face.

They often come in with lots of junk modelling.

They work hard in all that they do in school, making sure they visit all the activities.

However Lego construction and outdoor activities are their favourite.

They have so many friends in our class because they are always so kind and caring to all.

This person is my happy little helper and now our star of the week!

This person is JAMES STOCKLEY

Middle site Star of the week: **Jessica Gunn, 3 Sycamores**

Our star this week, is really quite unique,

Hard –working and enthusiastic, whatever the week!

You are naturally resilient and have reams of determination,

But equally you are endlessly patient.

A great thirst for knowledge and learning,

You write so much, the pages keep turning!

Thorough and detailed, you always work with a smile,

You don't mind going the extra mile.

A liking for drama and reading for fun,

You make sure your work is exciting before saying "I'm done"

You are never down-hearted if things become hard,

You see challenge as opportunity and are always on your guard.

A new face at St Mary's this year.

But this Pokémon fan showed no fear,

To Sycamores you have brought so much cheer

Jessica G – we're so glad you're here!



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Junior site: Star of the week: Felix Lyon 6P

First to have his hand up, always on point
Exceptional learner, academically strong
Likeable, never boastful or brash, just calm and confident
Impossible, fitting all the positives into your yearly report!
X has stumped me but when all is said and done, this young chap is truly number 1!

A big well done to a true shining star of the site...
Felix Lyon

Diary dates

Saturday 24th June, School Summer Fair , Middle site from 11.30am - 3pm

Tuesday 27th June, Year 5 "Build a Tudor House" (in school)

Thursday 29th June, Year 2 Junipers class assembly (link class 6W)

Friday 30th June, Class lists home to parents via email

Friday 30th June, 6P class assembly (link class Reception Blackbirds)

Friday 30th June, KS2 (years 3-6) sports day, Orleans park field, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Monday 3rd July, Last week of school run clubs

Monday 3rd July, Moving up morning (details to follow)

Tuesday 4th July, Year 1 Kingfishers to Pizza Express

Wednesday 5th July, KS1 (Reception – Year 2) sports day, Orleans park field, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Thursday 6th July, Years 2 & 3 Recorder performance for parents, 2.30 – 3.15pm, MS

Friday 7th July, 6W class assembly (link class Reception Robins)

*Friday 7th July, Year 4 Wider ops (Richmond Music Trust) concert for parents, 1.30 – 2:00pm,
School hall*

Saturday 8th July, St Margaret's fair

Monday 10th July, Reports home to parents

Monday 10th July, Years 4 – 6 Recorder performance for parents, 3.00- 3.30 pm, JS

Wednesday 12th July, Open afternoon (all three sites), 3:00 – 5:00pm

Thursday 13th July, Year 6 Greek day (in school)

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



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Tuesday 18th July, Year 5 to the Para Olympics TBC

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***

I hope to see you at the summer fair tomorrow. Vice Cable opens the Fair at 11.30; FoSM has secured a pretty St Mary's blue ribbon especially for the occasion. Unfortunately I am double-booked so I will be there for the morning only, do come and say hello to staff on the Year 2 Games stall.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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