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Friday 30th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Staffing Update:

With just under three weeks left I am writing to inform you of the staffing line up for the next academic year.

We say goodbye to a number of our well-loved staff who are moving on to other things:

Miss Fuller is moving on to a school which means a shorter commute for her. Miss Chenery, after travelling an hour each way to and from school, is going to be teaching close to home and will have a bit of a lie in each day! Miss Sherry is becoming a Learning Support Assistant at a local primary school, so hopefully we will see her now and again.

We say a fond farewell to Ms Glenister who has been teaching at St Mary's for thirteen years and is moving to another school in September. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Wainwright-Hines who has been with us for sixteen years, and to Mrs Pannell who has been so important to Reception children in Robins this year. Once you have been part of the St Mary's family, you stay part of St Mary's family, no matter where you are, so we thank them for the role they have played in making our School what it is today and we look forward to keeping in touch with them and hearing of their new adventures.

Joining the teaching team:

I am delighted to introduce to you Miss Deborah Ruth, who will become Mrs Marks over the summer. Miss Ruth is moving to Twickenham after spending the last five years in Southampton. She is looking forward to getting to know St Mary's and one of her passions is running, so she couldn't be in a lovelier area to do that. We welcome Mrs Helene Curwen, an experienced teacher who lives in the locality so knows Twickenham very well. Miss Jo Smart comes to us from Australia where she taught junior children. She has worked at St Mary's this term and loved it so much she desperately wanted to stay - we were pleased to oblige. I am also delighted to let you know that Mrs Catherine Zawada, who many of you will know when she worked at St Mary's previously, is joining the team. Mrs Amanda Harrison is a local teacher with twelve years' experience; new Reception parents met Mrs Harrison earlier in the week. Finally, we welcome Mrs Sarah McKinlay, who many of you will know as Emily's mummy.

Mrs Mitchell will be returning to us for half a term and at that stage her class will be taught by another teacher. We will keep you informed of who that will be once it has been confirmed. Mrs Mitchell plans a short maternity leave so will be back before we know it! We also see the return of Mrs Gurdenli and Mrs Neville. Mrs Long will be back in September for a few short weeks before going off to have her baby.

Miss Micallef is getting married over the summer and will return to us as Mrs Woods.



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We are fortunate that in a time of serious teacher shortages the school will be fully staffed, unlike many other schools. I am incredibly grateful to the staff staying on with us, they are a terrific bunch and incredibly loyal to St Mary's. I very much look forward to sharing next year with them.

Later today you will receive the information about teachers and class lists. Please remember that a lot of planning has gone into the organisation for next year, by a lot of people. We have listened to the children, observed and made our decisions to ensure the children get the best out of their time at St Mary's. Please trust our judgement.

A note from the Chair of Governors:

Twickenham MP Sir Vince Cable, who visited St Mary's twice last week, chose school funding as the subject for an Adjournment debate, having come top in a ballot for Adjournment debates. The debate was in the House of Commons chamber on Wednesday; Sir Vince outlined the flat or falling funds per pupil and the dramatic increase in costs faced by all schools and particularly those in London. He also said that between 2014-15 and 2019-20, which is when the new national funding formula beds in, there will have been an 8% real cut overall in English schools. Speaking of the need for local decision making, he cited the particular difficulties many local authorities, including our own, are currently facing with the funding of support for disadvantaged children and those with special needs. The Minister for School Standards Nick Gibb was there to reply and a short debate followed.

All of us at St Mary's are delighted that Sir Vince chose education funding as the topic for his maiden speech in the new Parliament. He was certainly well briefed!

Ben Driver Chair of Governors

You can see the debate using the following link:

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-06-28/debates/0D7AC732-A43F-4AA3-82B6-FB35DDC4BB90/SchoolFundingFormula\(London\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-06-28/debates/0D7AC732-A43F-4AA3-82B6-FB35DDC4BB90/SchoolFundingFormula(London))

NSPCC Fundraising:

An incredible £6,133 was raised in support of the NSPCC! This is truly wonderful and for such an important cause- thank you so much.



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Year 2 Richmond Borough Battle of the Books day 2017

A team of eight children from Year 2 participated in their 5th Richmond Borough Battle of the Books held at Queen's CE primary school where they spent the day battling against 11 other schools. The group has worked very hard both at home and at school since the beginning of the year studying the five books.

During the competition they had to answer quiz questions on all the books, create a collage to represent one of the stories and then create, improvise and perform a short drama on one of the books. Apart from knowing the books really well everything they did had to be done on the day.

The team worked incredibly well and were rewarded by a first place in the Art section and achieved an excellent 2nd place in the overall competition. Well done to all the team especially Mrs Turner for all her work with the children. A special thank you to Mrs Benton for stepping in on the day as Mrs Turner was away in France with Year 6 and to the parents for their invaluable support.

Attendance information:

Week beginning: 19th June

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	98.89	0.22	2	1
Year 1	97.33	1.67	15	6
Year 2	96.75	0.85	10	7
Year 3	97.67	0.33	3	4
Year 4	98.11	0.67	6	5
Year 5	95.89	1.11	10	3
Year 6	95.5	1.83	11	1
Total school	97.22	0.91	57	27



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Sainsbury vouchers

Thank you for your contributions, we aim to purchase gardening equipment to assist the children in caring for our lovely environment.

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:

(No awards or stars this week at the infant and junior sites due to the 6P class assembly and a special "Librarian" assembly at the infant site)

Awards

Year 2 Junipers: *Isabel Mortimore, Feodora Freienstein*

Year 2 Maples: *Chloe Pilgrim, Tai-Rhys Brown*

Year 2 Oaks: *Oscar Embleton, Skye Brasher*

Year 2 Willows: *Maria Favalessa, Daniel Tonge*

Year 3 Elms: *Lucy Hopkins, Matthew Edwards*

Year 3 Poplars: *Obi Morris, Aanya Gupta*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Max Golding, Emilia Royle*

Middle site Star of the week: **Anastasia Tymoftey**

Dear Mrs Abrahams,

I have some news, some very important news,
There is a very special star I couldn't but choose.
This star is a shining example to all,
So this is the one I had to call.

Fantastic listening and one to always offer a hand,
Their writing is exceptionally beautiful and never bland,
They are calm and caring, a remarkable friend,
All the time being someone who will care, share and lend.



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Rising to the challenge, this star will always give things a go,
This is why this star will particularly glow,
They are ambitious, setting their own bar high,
There is no stopping them, in year 4 they are set to fly!

So that leaves me to reveal this star,
A girl that is going to go so far,
So smiley and positive, **Poplars** is lucky to have you,
Anastasia, you are our star, thanks for being in our crew.

Diary dates

Monday 3rd July, Last week of school run clubs

Monday 3rd July, Moving up morning (please see letter sent to parents on 26th June)

Tuesday 4th July, Year 1 Kingfishers to Pizza Express

Tuesday 4th July, Year 2 Tesco farm to fork trip

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, Year 2 Tesco farm to fork trip

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

Tuesday 11th July, Year 2 Tesco farm to fork trip

Tuesday 11th July, Last Athletics today in lieu of missed session on 23rd May

Wednesday 12th July, Year 2 Tesco farm to fork trip

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

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

Friday 14th July, KS2 French day

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



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Monday 17th July, Last Technokids

Tuesday 18th July, Year 5 to the Para Olympics (details to follow)

Thursday 20th July, Year 6 to School of Rock (details to follow)

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*

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
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