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Dear Parents,

### Parent view:

Our Parentview responses rose from 167 to 170 last week, almost half way thank you! Keep logging on to register your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

### Hair adornments:

We have admired the wonderful hair bobbles, bands and bows making it into school over recent weeks; however can I please ask you to support the slight change in our expectations? In keeping with our smart school uniform can you please ensure that only navy blue, royal blue or white hair accessories are worn to school from Monday? Thank you so much for your support.

### Reading Books:

Last Monday Miss Welsh presented a really super reading inset for the teachers. There was lots of talk about our reading schemes too, which sadly are diminishing. Can I please ask that you search your book shelves, under beds, behind the sofa and anywhere else some of St Mary's books might be lurking? You can easily identify our books by the school stamp. Every book that is returned will be generously rewarded with a house point.

### Staffing update:

At the end of this half term, after almost ten years at St Mary's, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Stephens, who is moving to Bognor Regis. Mrs Stephens will be very much missed by the staff and children and we thank her for her dedication to St Mary's over the years.

In the infant site office we also have some change; Mrs Van Otterdijk is reducing her timetable to two days each week whilst Miss Price is taking up those extra days, so it shouldn't feel too different for you.

### Class assemblies

Parents, we are delighted that you attend our class and celebration assemblies. Could I please ask that once the children begin to arrive you keep the silence we try to instil in the children when joining a collective worship? Thank you for your understanding.

### Emotional Resilience Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the fascinating talk hosted by the Educational Psychologist, Dr Crane, and Integrative Therapist, Josephine Burke. There are still one or two spaces available for a 20 minute consultation with one of these professionals. If you feel you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss any concerns you have, and your child is not already being seen by the EP, please contact the School office to request a place ([info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk))



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### School Uniform:

Today the remainder of our old style jumpers were collected to begin their journey Kampala, Uganda where they will be worn by the children at Le Monde Joy Nursery & Primary School. There is something really special about knowing our uniform has been put to such good use; thank you for your donations to enable this to happen.



### Parents evening

As you are aware, we have Parent Teacher consultations coming up in March on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** from **4 -7pm**. Please note that there will be no school run clubs this week and pupils will finish *one hour* earlier on both days. You will be pleased to hear that following the success of our online booking system via Tucasi in November, you will be able to sign up and book your slot(s); more details to follow nearer the time.

### E safety evening reminder

Our E safety evening with Peter Cowley will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 – 6.30pm** in the middle site (Strafford Road) hall. Everyone is welcome to attend; please just turn up.

### **Awards**

Reception Blackbirds: *Matthew Leger, Joshua Evans*  
Reception Doves: *Sean Ladhams, Ronnie Young*  
Reception Robins: *Max Wilkinson, Neeve Chawda*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Eddie Mackernan, Harrison Edwards*  
Year 1 Nightingales: *Rose Ely, Emilio Pizzuto*  
Year 1 Puffins: *Oliver Coles, Alba Wilson*

Year 2 Junipers: *Matilda Pain & Tess Ravenscroft*  
Year 2 Maples: *Daisy McLean & Mikah Barman-Poppy*  
Year 2 Oaks: *Ethan Bole & Joshua Barrett*  
Year 2 Willows: *Gabriel Power & Luke Sivill*



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Year 3 Elms: *Oliver Madsen & Hazel Jamieson*  
Year 3 Poplars: *Billie Griffin & Noah Broughton*  
Year 3 Sycamores: *Chloe Williams & Eliza Maloney*

Year 4I: *Jasper Simmons, Ralph Reay*  
Year 4M: *Jonas Mills, Anna Ashwin-Siejowski*  
Year 4T: *Isabelle Cain, Sasha Murley*

Year 5B: *Mani Hutchinson, Nedas Valadka*  
Year 5GD: *Ksenia Yasser, Nick Bowden*  
Year 5M: *Angus Neden-Watts, Sara Fatihi Lopez-Jauregui*

Year 6P: *William Svensson, Markus Fraser*  
Year 6W: *Yash Gautam, Alfie Peters*

### Infant site Star of the week:

The star of the week is a hard working Blackbird.  
They skip in to school every morning with a cheery smile on their face.  
They work hard in all that they do in school, making sure they visit all the activities.  
They have worked hard at making new friends in our class and 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 ***Florence Gregory – Reception Blackbirds***

### Middle site Star of the week:

#### ***Sofia Fatihi Lopez-Jauregui – Year 3 Elms***

A shining star is what you are,  
Illuminate the sky.  
Already you've learnt so much this year,  
It's not surprising why.

Reading, Writing, PE, Maths,  
And lots of acting too  
You get involved,  
You work so hard, this is very true.

You try your best and always smile,  
Which brightens every day  
Mr Sadler and Elms are very proud,  
There nothing else to say.

This girl is very special everyone would agree,  
Sofia F, please stand up and accept your award from me.



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### Junior site Star of the week:

Always content and unflustered  
He is mature beyond his years  
Consistently friendly and kind,  
A gem to all his peers

When expressing himself, there is no better  
His communication is to the letter  
never missing a chance to learn  
Respect he has been quick to learn

He continues to go from strength to strength  
In all aspects of school life, he goes to great lengths  
To emulate him, we can all strive  
He is truly a star in year five

### ***Ethan Milne 5B***

### Star of the Week- Polly Devereux

Now here is a first, something not yet done,  
An adult at St Mary's, Star of the week will be won,  
A person so giving, the bar is set high  
Who can it be, come forward and oh don't be shy?

Here are the clues, listen carefully, sit still,  
As I read them, get a picture, you'll know her, you will,  
Organisation, lists, diary dates, more and more  
Reliable, flexible and generous to the core

What would it be like without her, so wise?  
Helping our school grow in resources and size  
The trees, the equipment, the climbing frames too,  
Oh 'Polly the Magnificent' what would we do without you?

We thank you so much for your wonderful flair,  
We know at times you've almost pulled out your hair,  
But teachers, support staff, children and parents all say  
What a wonder you are, enjoy your special day!



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It is hard to believe that by this time next week we will have reached exactly half way through our school year, where does time go? Here are some reminders of important dates early on next term:

*Year 3 Safe walking 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February*

*Swimming Gala heats, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm*

*Inset day, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February*

*Half term, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February*

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, E safety talk for parents, 5.30 – 6.30pm, middle site hall*

*Parent teacher consultations: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 4 – 7pm. No school run clubs this week and school finishes ONE hour earlier on both days*

*Swimming Gala finals, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm*

*Last week of school run clubs, w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter service, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10am, St Mary's Church, led by Year 5*

*Last day of term, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (School finishes ONE hour earlier)*

Yours sincerely,

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