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Dear Parents,

Staffing news

I am delighted to let you know that we appointed Mrs Ruth Knight as our new Assistant Headteacher, covering Ms Maynard's maternity leave. Mrs Knight will be in post from Monday 13th November but will still be carrying out elements of her SENCo role for some time. If you have appointments with her these will go ahead, don't worry. Mrs Robinson will also be returning after Christmas to her SENCo role, with Mrs Anderson still in post.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Sue Goodall who has been at St Mary's since April 2010 and known affectionately to the children as "Mrs Cuddles". Mrs Goodall moved to Guildford two years ago but continued to commute to St Mary's every day. After such dedication we wish her well in her new job and a much easier commute!

We also say goodbye soon to Mrs Jane Legg who has decided to take a break from teaching for a while, and to Mrs Karin Pointon who will be leaving to focus on family commitments. We thank them both for their service to the school and wish them well for the future.

A big thank you to the Calway family

Morven, Niamh and Edan Calway all attended St Mary's before moving onto secondary school and beyond. Edan left St Mary's last summer and is now at Orleans Park. The family have very generously donated sportswear to the school as a parting gift. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

Parent view

Our Parentview responses rose from 107 to 120 this week. Please keep logging on to register your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> ideally we would like to have at least 50% of parents logging on.

Celebration Assemblies:

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our celebration assemblies, thank you for joining us. This is a weekly event so if you haven't had the chance to come along yet the times are as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00 - 9:30: Infant site
- Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30: Middle site
- Friday 9:10 - 9:30: Junior site

Read all about our stars of the week at the end of the newsletter. Please remember only those parents whose children are the 'star' may take photos of their child at the end.



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Clowns in the press:

I am sure you will have read of the worrying incidents involving so called 'clowns'. We have taken advice from the local authority as a number of our pupils have been talking about them. We frequently talk to the children at school about general safety, but we have been advised to sign post you to the NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/creepy-clowns-trend-terrifying-children-in-the-uk/>) which has a small section on this issue. Please let us know if you need any support.

Planting:

Those visiting the junior site may have seen the small improvements to our planting areas. It's amazing what a difference a few winter Pansies and Cyclamen can make! However, there is work to be done right across the school and I need your help. I am inviting you to **'Pick up a Plant for Parents' Evening'**. This initiative involves you coming along to parents' evening brandishing a plant for either inside the building or outside- we don't mind which! We will even gratefully accept bulbs which the children can help to plant. If only 50% of our families brought a plant we could completely transform our school into verdant oasis! We really hope you can support this idea.

The Pond:

Now that our wonderful new classrooms are complete on the junior site, (not yet signed off unfortunately) and the builders have departed, our pond area is accessible once more. It needs a little love and attention and I wondered if we have any parents with some time to spare to assist us in getting it up and running once more. If so, do please speak to the office and let us know how to get in touch with you.

SOS:

Over the summer holidays one of the brick pillars on the middle site was knocked by a passing lorry, unfortunately we didn't get their details. We planned for it to be repaired over half term but we were been badly let down by a contractor leaving us with the existing problem. If by any chance you know of a highly competent brick layer could you please let me have their contact details? In the meantime my search goes on.

Celebration Awards this week

Reception Blackbirds: *Emily Hill & Henry Thomas*
Reception Doves: *Joshua Mew & Lottie Salcedo*
Reception Robins: *Rupert Barlow & Joseph Dean*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Olivia Lacko & Ellie Mountford*
Year 1 Nightingales: *Lucas Bennell, Orla Moran*
Year 1 Puffins: *Heidi Baker, Henry Clee & Tasmin Moore*

Year 2 Junipers: *Imogen Collins & Arabella Malcolm*
Year 2 Maples: *Daisy Mclean & Gus Wilson*



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Year 2 Oaks: *Joshua Barrett & Louis Mair*

Year 2 Willows: *Marco Gonzalez & Oscar Money*

Year 3 Elms: *Jack Mew & Kristian Nepstad*

Year 3 Poplars: *Will Cronin & Lauren Mackernan*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Jess Cornell & Sudeshna Navashanker*

Year 4I: *Sofija Trunceite & Jay Whiting*

Year 4M: *Isabella Maggio & Joe Stickland*

Year 4T: *Oscar Clee & Sabi Lee*

Year 5B: *Mark Butler-Abruna & Kiana Kashefpour*

Year 5M: *Rohan Bassi & Alex Cooper*

Year 6P: *Brume Anaughe & Jasper Ravaux*

Year 6W: *Ruby Davies-Hawtree, Andrey Rudnevskiy*

Infant Site Star of the Week: *Elizabeth Nortje* (1 Kingfishers)

You'll see her sunny smile from far,
She'll give you happy hugs.
She likes to dig around outside,
Collecting leaves and bugs.

She dreams of fairies in the sky,
Writes magical adventures.
She is saving up for Pinky Pie
And draws amazing pictures.

Can you guess just who this is?
She reads about princesses.
She leaves a trail of hairclips
And loves the sound of Mummy's kisses.

This little ray of sunshine is....
Elizabeth Nortje

Middle Site Star of the Week: *William Butcher* (2 Maples)

This week you are the star,
You're trying your best and you're getting so far!

Although this site is new,
You still come dressed in blue,

You always try your best,
And the school feels very blessed,



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To have you here is a joy,
You really are a marvellous little boy!

Now for the real clue,
Really try hard and think it through....

Your English table is capital letter,
And every day you are getting better,

W begins your name,
And this is the start of your fame,

As Miss Page helps you along your way,
William, you lighten up our site, each and every day!

Junior Site Star of the Week: *Miles Matthews* (5B)

Everyone who has come into contact with Miles (adult or child) has nothing but extremely positive things to say about him.

He always has wonderful manners and always sets a high example. Whether it be in class, in the playground or at a club, 'Marvellous Miles' as he has even been known, has been outstanding in terms of his attitude and performance.

Miles' work across the curriculum is exemplary, indeed it has been offered to other classes as an example of what they might aim to achieve.

Message from Mrs Knight, SENCo

"Managing anger" is one of the Autism seminars for families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children and young people with autism. Families can book up to two places on a "Managing anger" seminar for £20 on Thursday 9th February 2017, 9.30 – 2.30, Grand Avenue Primary School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton KT5 9HU, which includes a full resource pack. To book a place contact Jane Pidduck at jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk or call 0208 399 5344.



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Tucasi and signing up for Parent Teacher consultations

You will receive an email about signing up before the end of the day. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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