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6th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back.

Staffing update:

I am delighted to inform you that two of our teachers had baby girls before Christmas. Mrs Gurdenli gave birth to Gabriella on 16th December and Mrs Neville gave birth to Sienna Louise on the 22nd December. Although Sienna gave everyone a surprise by arriving five weeks early, she weighed in at a healthy 6lb 4oz. The baby girls and their mummies are doing very well.

Miss Stables was primed and ready to take over in Puffins and so her work with the class begins just one week earlier than initially planned. We welcome her formally to St Mary's.

Ruth Knight, Acting Assistant Headteacher, will be swapping her SENCo responsibility from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 1, as she is based primarily on the Infant Site. Ruth Anderson is moving into the role of Key Stage 2 SENCo. There are a number of exceptions to this and parents will be informed if it impacts on your child. Should you have any concerns please get in contact with the relevant member of staff.

Parent view:

Our Parentview responses rose from 152 to 157 over Christmas, thank you. We have approximately 400 discrete families...keep logging on to register your views
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent Event invitation reminder:

Josephine Burke, a professional from the Emotional Health Service, will be hosting a special coffee morning, and aiming to promote emotional resilience, by encouraging ideas for good mental health as well as explaining signs and symptoms that show when a child is struggling. Alicia Crane, our School Education Psychologist, will also be present.

Please join us at this informative coffee morning on January 12th at 9.30am at the Middle Site. Please book your space by responding to info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk indicating how many places you wish to reserve.

Christmas cards with Mary:

If you haven't yet recycled your Christmas cards please look through and send in any to the office that depict our special saint, St Mary. We have a plan for them. Thank you.



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Year 6:

Over the coming weeks we anticipate a number of pupils will be taking exams for prospective secondary schools. May I please remind you that the children are expected to be at school either before or after the exams? Thank you.

Christmas Donations:

Thank you for your generosity before Christmas in the raising of funds for our sponsored charity Compassion. As promised here are the totals collected: Middle site £484, Junior Carol Service £239.34 and the Infant Site £353.22.

Daisy Roots:

Before and After School Club (exclusive to St Mary's families) has some availability for their morning and afternoon sessions. Offering excellent Ofsted registered care from 07:30am to school start and collections from all three school sites after school until 18:30PM (breakfast and hot dinner included) all enquiries to: lauren@daisyrootstwickenham.co.uk or visit www.daisyrootstwickenham.co.uk

Rucksacks:

In discussion with teachers on the **middle and infant sites** we have decided to encourage the children to keep their rucksacks at home. PE bags and book bags are all that are required to come into school with immediate effect. Large rucksacks are causing a hazard; our cloakrooms are full to overflowing and owing to bags on the pegs coats keep falling off. Can we please ask you to support us in this request, thank you so much? For the time being we will permit the juniors to continue bringing in small rucksacks.

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Astrid Collins, Matilde Paqvalen*

Reception Doves: *Olivia Loran, Henry Maher*

Reception Robins: *Ioannis Christopoulos, Joshua Mew*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Elsie Fickling, Viola Murrar*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Jemima Tranter, Manny Alvarico*

Year 1 Puffins: *Lucas Bennell, Evie Thomas*

Year 2 Junipers: *Joshua Tay & Piers Meredith*

Year 2 Maples: *Joseph Griffin & Advait Deoras*

Year 2 Oaks: *Skye Brasher & Dexter Hyde*

Year 2 Willows: *Eloise Matthews & Rohan Khaira*

Year 3 Elms: *Seren Jenkins & Finlay Chukwu-Flanagan*

Year 3 Poplars: *Tadas Valadka & Nafsika Christopoulos*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Mabel Fickling & William Renton*



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Year 4I: *Sophie Berme Jo-Russell, Poppy Goulden White*

Year 4M: *Felix Mylet, Arjun Gautam*

Year 4T: *Sasha Murley, Tadhg Henderson Donnelly*

Year 5B: *Mark Butler Abruna, Jake Butler*

Year 5GD: *Brooke Edwards, Thomas Doherty*

Year 5M: *Lucy Pannall, Amelia Hazard*

Year 6P: *Trishan Bhoola, William Svensson*

Year 6W: *Emilia Trimble, Matilda Lewis*

Infant site Star of the week (last week of autumn term 2016):

Jingle bells, jingles bells,
Who's the Christmas star,
Shining at St Mary's?
Let's find out who you are:

Plays reindeers in the playground,
Being big and bold,
Calm in the classroom –
Always good as gold! (**his favourite colour*)

At school he is so sensible
And learning in his goal,
But at home he kicks a football,
INDOORS along the hall!

He starred in our Nativity,
Was he a shepherd of a king?
No, he was asking everyone,
For room at the inn

Our star this week is.....**Afonso Torres, Year 1 Kingfishers**



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Middle site Star of the week:

The Star of the Week is Poppy Fielding:

Deep in the heart of St Mary's School,
Where all the children learn and play,

You'll find the enchanted Middle Site,
Where many stars twinkle each day

There is one in particular; who is shining that bit more,
Leaving trails of stardust, glistening on the floor

Who is this star? You must all know.
They're one of thirty acorns with an extra special glow.

You're calm, gentle soft and kind, as we all should be.
You bring some extra happiness to Oaks' class and me.

You always participate well, sharing your ideas,
Ready to answer questions, without any fears

Has anyone guessed who the star might be?
Here's one last clue.

A young girl, a school councillor, of which you take great pride,
Listening to others and sharing your own side.

This little girl is shining bright and will really go far.
Poppy you are this week's special star – Congratulations!



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Junior site Star of the week:

Our next "Star of the week" will be chosen on Friday 20th January due to 5M's assembly next Friday 13th January.

All staff join me in thanking you for the lovely Christmas gifts, we were all greatly touched by your generosity. We look forward to another super term working alongside you.

Yours sincerely,

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