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Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

The excitement of Christmas is building and by next week, the Christmas lunch will top it all!

Great poetry recital

Reception and Year 1 parents raised a massive £ 2236.82 by sponsoring their children to learn a poem. The children then wowed their parents at a poetry recital and now, because of this, we will be able to renew and upgrade our reading book schemes for those children. Thank you so much. We hope to roll this idea out across the school in spring.

Year 4 entrepreneurs:

This week some of our Year 4 children held a table top sale to raise money for St Mary's School and The Brain Tumour Charity. A whopping **£269.15** was achieved through the sale of brownies and slime, amongst other things!

Thanks to them and their families for the terrific effort and to those who brought money in and purchased the goodies. We are so proud of this wonderful achievement.



Staffing update:

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Williams will be retiring from St Mary's at the end of this academic year. He plans to travel the world, spend more time with his family, diversify into some lecturing and put his feet up occasionally! We hope we may even be able to persuade him to come back and teach on the odd occasion. Mr Williams has been such a big part of the school and its success. He has a unique history with St Mary's; as a parent, Teaching Assistant, student, teacher, governor and Deputy Head twice, he truly is an all-round stakeholder!



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We will very much miss his humour, creativity, hardworking nature, generosity of spirit and so much more; he will be sorely missed by all of us.

I know that you will want me to thank him on your behalf for the care and consideration he has lavished upon your children year after year. For the pupils here he has really been the St Mary's male version of Miss Honey.

Reminder from Father Piotr:

Dear Parents,

Our next joyful event at St Mary's Church will be Christingle on Sunday 10th of December, 16.00. All welcome!

Fr. Piotr

piotrashwin@btinternet.com

Revd. Dr Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski

Assistant Priest/School Chaplain - St Mary's Twickenham

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2019

We would like to make parents aware that the Governing Board is currently determining proposed admissions arrangements for entry to the school in September 2019. As determined by the School Admissions Code and The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, we are required to consult with you.

You can access all of the relevant information either on our website at <http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/admissions/> or on School Communicator within Resources: Admissions Consultation.

If you have any comments on the proposed changes to our admission arrangements, please use the consultation response form or write to the Chair of Admissions, Hugo Clark, at the school or email governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk by Friday 26th January 2018 so that we can determine our arrangements. Many thanks.

Class points competition

Congratulations to 5T who have won the class points competition this week, ending on 99/100. The class points are awarded and/or deducted by house captains, class councillors and any adults. Good luck for next week!



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Celebration children:

Reception Blackbirds: *Leo W*
Reception Doves: *Tay H*
Reception Robins: *Emilie Grace L*
Year 1 Nightingales: *Matilde P*
Year 1 Puffins: *Eliza K*
Year 1 Kingfishers: *Amelia E*
Year 2 Junipers: *Erica Z*
Year 2 Oaks, *Zara B*
Year 2 Willows, *Eva R*
Year 3 Elms, *Thomas S*
Year 3 Maples, *Piers M*
Year 3 Poplars, *Luke S*
Year 3 Sycamores, *William B*
Year 4S: *Frankie A*
Year 4T: *Aliks M*
Year 4W: *Hazel J*
Year 5M: *Charlotte P*
Year 5N: *Visiting the Wetland Centre today*
Year 5T: *Olivia P-E*
Year 6B: *Louis G*
Year 6PG: *George P*
Year 6S: *Jake B*

Stars of the week:

Infant Site Star of the Week: *Arianne B, Reception Doves*

To guess this star of the week you will have to listen carefully
The clue is in the poem!

A is for attentive
R is for responsible
I is for imaginative
A is for appreciative
N is for neat
N is for nice
E is for Enthusiastic
Have you figured it out?
Arianne B from Doves!



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Middle site Star of the Week: Ben T, Year 2 Willows

Can you see what's happening here?
We're really faced with greatness, and it's big
You don't even know who it is
It's exciting!
Well, it's nice to see that humans can be kind

Open your eyes, let's begin
Yes, he's really here, it's him: breathe it in!
I know it's a lot: the grin, the humour!
When this child is not a rumour!

What can I say except you're awesome
You are fun, polite and cool

Hey, it is you, it's you
You're welcome
You're not an ordinary kind of child!

Who has two sisters that play for fun?
When his piano practice is done?
This un!

When he counts in French,
He's really really good you know,
He's in here, yo!

Oh, also he tries really hard,
Where is he?
He's never had a yellow card

Also he has lots of friends,
Where is he?
This is where our lyric ends

So what can I say except you're welcome
To Maui from Willows class,
This week you're the star, the star, you're welcome
Come up and collect your prize!
You're welcome, you're welcome and thank you!!



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Junior site Star of the Week: Harrison D 4W

He is an enthusiastic learner
Always polite and considerate
Ready to start each new day with a smile
Reliable and resilient
indisputably an industrious worker
Sincere in his friendships with others.
Outstanding attitude in all he does.
No question: Harrison is a shining star.

Attendance data between 27.11.17 – 1.12.17

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	97.22	0.22	2	6
Year 1	97.22	0	0	5
Year 2	99	0.22	2	7
Year 3	97.79	0	0	12
Year 4	97	0.33	3	5
Year 5	97.78	0.11	1	2
Year 6	97.56	0.11	1	5
Total school	97.66	0.15	9	42

Help support Kingston education project Anstee Bridge

Kingston's Anstee Bridge Choir features on a new charity album by a number of choirs from around the country, including Britain's Got Talent finalists the Missing People Choir. 'Stand Together' is available to pre-order on Amazon and will be release on 15 December.

The single 'We all Stand Together' is out now and available to buy as a download: <http://smarturl.it/WeAllStandTogether>

Proceeds from sales will be shared between the choirs' organisations.



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Anstee Bridge is a project run by Achieving for Children that helps young people aged 15-16 to build confidence and resilience and re-engage with education through creativity. You can find out more at ansteebridge.co.uk

Information from other organisations

Place2Be Being is Believing event

On Thursday 7 December, Place2Be will host a Being is Believing event at Heathmere Primary School in Wandsworth.

A Being is Believing event is a visit to an existing Place2Be school project that allows attendees to get a detailed insight into the work carried out by Place2Be.

More information

Diary dates

Please note there are no further Celebration assemblies this year

Saturday 9th December, FoSM Christmas fair, middle site, 11.30am – 3.00pm

Sunday 10th December, St Mary's Church Christingle service, 4.00 – 5.00pm

Monday 11th December, Years 2 & 3 Christmas performance, middle site, 9.30am

Tuesday 12th December, Years 2 & 3 Christmas performance, middle site, 9.30am

Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th December, Infant Nativity, 9.30am, infant site

Tuesday 12th December, Swimming gala trials for pupils in Years 3 – 6, 4.00 – 5.30pm Pools on the Park

Wednesday 13th December, Year 4 Ancient Egyptian exploration show (junior site hall)

Friday 15th December, Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December, junior carol service, St Mary's Church, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Thursday 21st December, Last day of term, School closes **ONE** hour earlier



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Thursday 4th January 2018, First day of the spring term

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th January 2018, Year 6 visiting the Poppy Factory (one class per day to be confirmed)

w/c 15th January, School run clubs start

Wednesday 17th January, Reception trip to Orleans Gallery (one class tbc)

Thursday 18th January, Reception trip to Orleans Gallery (one class tbc)

Thursday 18th January, 5M class assembly (link class Year 3 Sycamores)

I look forward to seeing you all the FoSM Christmas fair tomorrow!

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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