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Friday 9th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Staffing Update:

Regrettably, due to funding pressures, from September we are having to make changes to the staffing structure involving our PPA teachers (our PPA staff provide cover for teachers during their weekly planning periods). The staff have been consulted and those affected have been offered the opportunity to apply for other roles within the school.

Going forward, and in line with St Mary's vision to 'grow our own', a number of our teaching assistants, or Higher Level Teaching Assistants, will be covering the teachers' planning time. We will be arranging the curriculum so the children will be having specific Music and PHSCE (personal, social, health, citizenship and emotional) lessons during these planning sessions. We will also be providing the TAs with full and extensive training to ensure the successful teaching and learning of these two aspects of the curriculum. We feel this move supports an important step in our TAs on-going professional development, helping us foster the next generation of teachers for our school.

St Mary's Fund:

Please look out for a letter in your child's bag today regarding the St Mary's Fund.

Visits:

Now that the threat level has been returned to severe we aim to continue with our class visits, however, these will be assessed on a case by case basis and we will keep you fully informed ahead of the event.

Half Term Work:

Our trees on the middle site were pruned over the holidays, an Eagle kite is still to be erected to discourage any other birds from making our playground their residence! Thank you FoSM for your assistance as always.

Non-Uniform Day:

On 23rd June pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform. In return for this FoSM has requested they bring a bottle for the Summer Fair. No fancy dress or football kit please!



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Attendance information:

I long for the days when I don't have to bring us all down to earth with a groan but here goes: Our attendance record is a worry and this is because of the sheer number of holidays taken- some requested and others not. Given that our expectation for each and every pupil is 95% and for our school over 96% or above please see below why we need to make some changes.

Percentages from the last day of last half term:

Year Group	Overall percentage	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
Reception	91.58%	3.16%	5.27%
Year 1	88.54%	4.17%	7.29%
Year 2	81.82%	13.83%	6.07%
Year 3	87.50%	7.30%	5.21%
Year 4	84.6%	8.16%	7.14%
Year 5	92.55%	4.26%	3.19%
Year 6	87.50%	9.38%	3.13%

Now for some great news!

Team and Individual Success at Borough Sports:

Congratulations to the 16 children from Years 4 to 6 who competed in Wednesday's Borough Sports. Every child performed admirably across the four events (sprint, standing long jump, vortex throw and longer distance run) and it was great to see them all push themselves for every point in their quest to score as many as possible for the school.

In the Large Schools category, St Mary's finished 3rd which was a great team achievement.

Particular praise must go to Evie Witek who won the gold medal for the girl with the highest overall points from the four events combined in the Large Schools competition; Evie was second overall. Also deserving of a special mention are Charlotte Dawson, who finished 7th overall in the Year 6 girls competition, and Charlie Delecour, who finished 16th overall in the Year 4 & 5 boys competition. Well done to all who took part - a real team effort!

School meals

The payment due for the 2nd half of this term is **£74.80**.
(£11 less needed for Year 6 - French Trip)

Please make your payment on Tucasi school meals as soon as possible.



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Stars of the week:

Awards

There was no Celebration assembly at the infant site this week due to the NSPCC assembly.

Year 2 Junipers: *Amaya Maqsood, Imogen Collins*

Year 2 Maples: *Mikah Barman-Poppy, Sadie Gregory*

Year 2 Oaks: *Lakshmi Bassi, Jez Bowden*

Year 2 Willows: *Daniel Tonge, Eloise Matthews*

Year 3 Elms: *Sam Hogan, Orlando Warmer-Menassa*

Year 3 Poplars: *Felix Clark & Ollie Bates*

Year 3 Sycamores: *William Renton, Jessica Cornell*

Year 4I: *Olivia Parker-Elms, Aarush Ghule*

Year 4M: *Rishi Saha, James Wilson*

Year 4T: *Oscar Richardson, Floss Goatley*

Year 5B: *Nik Hilmy, Phoebe Davis*

Year 5M: *Sara Fatihi Lopez-Jauregui, Angus Neden-Watts*

Year 5N: *George Peters, Charlotte Parker*

Year 6P: *Allira Johnson, Woody Lee*

Year 6W: *Yash Gautam, Antanas Matulaitis*

Middle site Star of the week: **Lucy Goddin – 2 Oaks**

Many children,
Many stars,
Here are some clues to who you are.

A little girl blonde and bright,
Teaching her is a pure delight.

Your thoughtful and attentive ways,
Fill our classroom every day.

She used to be so quiet and shy,
But now her confidence is soaring high.

Reading and writing you always take part,
You're especially wonderful when we do art.



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Polite and friendly to all she meets,
Having her in school really is a treat.

Here is just one last clue,
She likes to play the recorder too.

This star shines in Oaks,
Lucy it's you! Stand up for the folks.
Congratulations!

Diary dates

w/c 12th – 16th June, Year 6 to France

Monday 12th June, Year 3 to Orange tree theatre

Wednesday 14th June, Year 5 Orange tree theatre workshop (in school)

Thursday 15th June, Year 5 Orange tree theatre workshop (in school)

Friday 16th June, Years 5M & 5N to Hampton Court Palace

Saturday 17th June, St Mary's Church fair

Monday 19th June, 4T to the Tower of London

*Tuesday 20th June, **Sayers Croft meeting for Year 3 parents, JS hall, 3.45pm***

Tuesday 20th June, 4M to the Tower of London

Wednesday 21st June, 4I to the Tower of London

Saturday 24th June, School Summer Fair , Middle site from 11.30am - 3pm

Thursday 22nd June, Year 3 Roman day

Friday 23rd June, Reception Robins class assembly (link class 4M)

Tuesday 27th June, Year 5 "Build a Tudor House" (in school)

Thursday 29th June, Year 2 Junipers class assembly (link class 6W)

Friday 30th June, Class lists home to parents via email

Friday 30th June, 6P class assembly (link class Reception Blackbirds)

Friday 30th June, KS2 (years 3-6) sports day, Orleans park field, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Monday 3rd July, Last week of school run clubs

Monday 3rd July, Moving up morning (details to follow)

Tuesday 4th July, Year 1 Kingfishers to Pizza Express



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Wednesday 5th July, KS1 (Reception – Year 2) sports day, Orleans park field, 1:30 – 3:00pm

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

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

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

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

Tuesday 18th July, Year 5 to the Para Olympics

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***

Have a good weekend, the sun is expected to return.

Yours sincerely,

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