



NEWSLETTER: 22nd March 2016

St Mary's CE Primary School

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www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Dear Parents

THE JOY OF EASTER

On behalf of all staff, we hope you have a relaxing and happy Easter. We remember that Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the most important Christian festival, and is the one celebrated with the greatest joy.

*May Easter joy and peace
fill your life day after day.
A blessed Easter*

EASTER SERVICE

What a joy it was to welcome parents and friends to our annual Easter service, led by Year 5. We were uplifted by the energetic singing from all of the children and the Year 5 pupils in particular told the story of Easter clearly and enthusiastically.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Verity Wasserberg will be leaving St Mary's at the end of the summer term. We wish Mrs Wasserberg and her family all the very best for the future.

Miss Danielle Maynard has been appointed Acting Deputy Headteacher and will take up this post in the summer term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Maynard on her new post.

Mrs Kate Nepstad is no longer working the school office at the junior site. Mrs Nepstad is now clerking full time for our governing body and one other school, having found that she enjoyed this role and indeed is an extremely good clerk. We wish her all the best for the future too.

FoSM

I would like to thank Polly Devereux and her team for all their hard work, quietly and efficiently done, almost on a daily basis. The children loved the Easter egg hunts which took place last Friday across all three sites. Thank you to everyone involved for making them such fun and for giving up their time so willingly.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Parents

As you know our school has been inspected recently and as a Church of England school we have received the highest mark for our work with children and implementation of the Christian Ethos. This mark confirms that the spiritual growth of all our children is in the centre of education at St Mary's. As Chaplain I am delighted that we are Christian, inclusive school where each child is guided towards, just to name three, friendship, wisdom, love.

During the current term together with children we are reflecting on the value of compassion in our life. We watched some inspiring clips where children and grown up showed compassion to other people. With the little children from the Infant Side, we read the well-known story about George the Giant, again, focusing on being kind to other people. We continue to use our boxes with questions, as inquisitiveness of our children is a very important part of their journey towards maturity in faith.

I would like to invite our parents to join me on Good Friday (12-2.30) for a reflective talk "A rediscovery of Life" /St Mary's Church.

Thank you for your support and please contact me if you wish to know more about my pastoral care.

With my best wishes

Fr. Piotr

Revd Dr Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski

Assistant Priest/School Chaplain - St Mary's Twickenham

<http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/father-piotr/>

Visiting Research Fellow (King's College London):

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs/people/staff/associates/visit/ashwin-siejkowski.aspx>

PUPIL PREMIUM AWARDS

We have won a local award in the key stage 2 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2016. We were selected because we are one of the high achieving schools in the country in terms of the attainment and progress of our disadvantaged pupils since 2011. Thank you to staff, parents, pupils and governors for all your hard work and success.

CHARITY NEWS

A message from Compassion

Thank you so much for your gift, we have allocated it as follows:

Gift Type	Amount	Allocation
Contribution	£1809.96	Child Support - Yohanes
Contribution	£1809.96	Child Support - Eugenie

Donations are now easy to make online. Please visit our website to donate directly.

<https://www.compassionuk.org/sponsorship>

GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

The Governing Board have been hard at work this term, not least with the Headteacher recruitment process successfully concluded in January. Especially busy since then have been the Finance Committee, preparing next year's budget; the newly re-formed Pupils, Parents and Community (PP&C) Committee, where staff, governors and parents collaborating so well together; and the Ethos Committee, who focus on matters relating to Collective Worship and the Christian ethos at St Mary's, both found to be outstanding in the SIAMS report. I thank these and all governor committees for their tireless work in supporting and working alongside our wonderful staff.

My predecessor and fellow parent governor Lucy MacArthur is stepping down, having been on the Governing Board since 2009, including two impressive years as Chair. She has been an inspiration to work with and I thank her on behalf of you all for her brilliant governor work, particularly in her support of SEN. As Chair, Lucy built a great team of governors to support the school, and worked seamlessly with Mr Campbell in producing a period of such outstanding results and multiple accolades. She leaves with our love and best wishes.

SIAMS: compassion with excellence

I was delighted to read the SIAMS inspection report and recognised so much of the school's brilliant work in its uplifting language; it was a real paean of praise for St Mary's! The inspector John Viner was bowled over by what he saw during his short visit, describing St Mary's as a prayerful community "where Christian values, faith and belief underpin every aspect of work and life", these values being "clearly expressed by pupils, lived out by staff and appreciated by parents." He met children keen to come to school, work hard and behave impeccably; they said it was a place where "we are open to everybody, as Jesus was". He reported rich, fulfilling and trusting relationships and positive values of tolerance and respect. He hailed the inspirational Christian leadership of Mr Campbell and the shared commitment of leaders and governors and chaplain which are "sustaining a culture that blends compassion with excellence."

On behalf of the governors, I have thanked Stuart Campbell, his staff and the pupils for all the efforts they have made, and continue to make every day, for the children of Twickenham. I join you in wishing Stuart all our love and best wishes for a happy, stimulating and peaceful retirement.

Ben Driver
Chair of the governing board
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SCHOOL NEWS

Inspire days!

This term we have had two hugely successful sports inspire days to encourage the children to try a new sport or skill.

With thanks to Mr Hopson from Teddington Hockey club every child played hockey over two days. Pupils had a wonderful experience and we hope to see many joining a hockey club in the future.

We also had “skip2bfit” working with every class in the school. Every child competed in a two minute challenge. Many children were proud to beat their personal best within a lesson. The skipping ropes have been on sale and are helping to keep us all active in the playground.

Well done to all our children for their resilience and determination during both “Inspire days”.

Cost of School meals for the summer term

Payments for school meals for the **Summer Term** are as follows:-

11th April to 27th May 2016£76.50

NB Bank Holiday on 2nd May

(Half term 30th May to 3rd June)

NB Inset Day - Monday 6th June

7th June to 20th July 2016..... £72.00

Whole Term.....£148.50

You can also view this information under Resources, category “School meals” on School communicator.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO YOU ALL

I would like to express my delight at having fantastic times and super experiences these past ten years.

I have been so well supported by you all and on so many occasions. I am very appreciative of all the interest and enthusiasm you have shown in all areas of school life. I have been delighted with your willingness to take on new ideas and the subsequent support you have provided. An outstanding school needs its parents to be forward thinking and to embrace any initiatives which will enhance their child's education. This you have done throughout my time as Headteacher.

St Mary's is a successful school due to you all wanting the best education for your child. We have endeavoured to provide the best learning environment we can for all of the children. This is only been possible due our fantastic team of staff working with you. Again, your support and interest has been amazing.

The children at St Mary's school are just wonderful. They are a credit to you all. I have so enjoyed being their Headteacher. They show such an interest in school and on so many levels. They are polite, joyous and motivated. I shall really miss them.

As I take such wonderful memories with me, I would like to thank all of you.

Yours sincerely



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