



NEWSLETTER No 1: 3rd October 2014
St Mary's CE Primary School
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Dear Parents

We have had a very positive and calm start to the autumn term. We have welcomed 120 Reception children into the school and many other new children in other classes throughout. We are very pleased to have you all here at St Mary's and welcome you all into our community.

CHURCH AND GOVERNING BODY NEWS

Governing body

The governors have been deeply engaged in the annual self evaluation of the school in order to develop the school development plan, a focused set of targets for the Headteacher and senior leadership team. These will ensure we continue to go from strength to strength. We are thrilled by the early indications that our SATs results were outstanding this year, and there will be more news on this when the official data is published.

We are also pleased to announce that Lucy MacArthur has been re-elected as our Chair, and Jonathan Jones has been re-elected as Vice Chair. The new clerk to the governors is Katharine Nepstad. We have a strong governing body team and look forward to the academic year ahead.

Please contact the governors at governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk if you would like to.

Help Needed

We are looking for a parent, or someone you know, who would be willing to help the school by auditing our small school fund account. It would require about 2-3 hours of your time, for which we are willing to pay, and would be a huge help to our school. If you, or someone you know, would be able and willing to help then please contact Simon Minty on the middle site on 020 8249 6836 or sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Message from Father Piotr

Dear Parents

We have started a new year with gratitude for our summer break. Our Collective Worship (Tuesdays/Junior Site and Thursday/Infant and Middle Site) explores the richness of our inner life, our various talents and spiritual gifts. At our moments of prayer we use lots of images and short stories to illustrate that blessed richness. In all three sites we are learning to see our life, our school and ourselves in the mirror of God's beauty. Life is full of wonder and the Reality behind that miracle is a loving and caring parent. This attitude helps us to prepare for forthcoming Harvest, while reflection on the inner richness of our life will be celebrated at Messy Church (17 October, see more on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/275413909296420/?fref=nf>). Please see our School Creed and Prayer at the end of this newsletter.

Fr Piotr

St Mary's Prayer Meeting

Every half term a group of parents meet to pray for the school. At the meeting we pray for the children and staff of the school. It takes about an hour and is very informal.

If you would like to join us, please do. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 9th October 2014 at 8pm**. The address is 33 Craneford Way, Twickenham, TW2 7SB.

For more information, please contact me at jekehilmy@yahoo.co.uk

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 21st October, 10 am at St Mary's Church. The service will be led by Year 2 and everyone is welcome. Years 1 – 6 will attend the service. We will be collecting money for the following:

Water Aid and Asha (in conjunction with St Stephen's Church. 60% will go to WaterAid and 40% will go to Asha. Please visit their websites for more information.

www.wateraid.org

www.asha-india.org

We will be sending home a small brown envelope marked "Harvest Service 2014" with your child/ren. Any donations you are able to send it, however small, will be gratefully received.

Thank you.

FoSM (Friends of St Mary's) URGENT!

As yet, no one has come forward to take up the position of Chair and Vice Chair of FoSM. Mrs van Otterdijk and Mrs Sant will be standing down on 13th October after two years. Unless someone comes forward on Monday 13th, there will be no one to lead, coordinate and organise the Quiz night or the Christmas Fair.

FoSM is an excellent way to bring together parents, staff and our local community to raise money and support the school. Without FoSM we will not be able to provide extra resources for the children, offer financial support for class trips, outings and other special events. Our pupils really enjoy the Christmas and summer fairs, as do parents, staff and the wider community. FoSM also gives parents and our local friends the opportunity to become more involved in the life of the school, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

Committee meetings are held in the local pub and give you the opportunity to not only meet parents with children in the same class as yours, but parents throughout the school. We need and welcome new faces, new ideas and new talents, not to mention opinions.

You are no doubt aware that school budgets are tighter than ever so FoSM do all they can to fund extra items for the school. The Friends of St Mary's work closely with me and our two deputy Headteachers, Tom Holmes and Verity Wasserberg, thereby ensuring that your hard earned funds are spent wisely and to the benefit of all our children.

Please consider taking over the role of Chair or Vice Chair (maybe you could persuade a friend to share the job with you?). Mrs van Otterdijk and Mrs Sant will be delighted to give you a thorough and supportive handover. There are already experienced class reps in place who will offer their time, advice and unstinting support.

Without you, FoSM will cease to exist. If you would like to explore the role(s) further or have a chat about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact me, either through my PA, Jane Tomlinson, (based at the junior site, 8892 7849 or jtomlinson@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) or via my email address:

headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.



PUPIL NEWS

Year 4 have fun at Sayers Croft!

On the morning of Monday 15th September, Year 4 set off for three days at Sayers Croft. Pupils took part in a range of team building and learning activities, including pond dipping, blindfold trails, a river study and a campfire. The weather was beautiful and all the children threw themselves into every task and returned on Wednesday tired and happy!

Here are some quotes from the children:

"I was really looking forward to Sayers Croft and I enjoyed it more than I imagined I would. It was awesome!" **Sienna**

"I loved the pond dipping; it was fun to discover different creatures" **Hannah**

"I thought I would be homesick, but I wasn't. It was much more fun than I thought it would be!" **Billy**

"I liked the rope course because I felt like I was flying." **Florence**

"I loved the blindfold trail. It was outstanding." **Alice**

"I had the best time of my life." **Seb**



Photoshoot for NCMP film launch

On Tuesday 9th September 2014, the NCMP film was officially launched at St Mary's. The children and parents of those who were involved were invited over to the junior site to watch the video of all their hard work. This video can be viewed on YouTube if you search: A film about the National Child Measurement Programme. The film was shot at Twickenham Studios and is designed to encourage children nationwide to get involved. All of the children had an amazing time taking part in this experience.



Charity cake sale

Three pupils in Year 5, Selena, Rebecca and Jasmine, organised a cake sale to raise funds for the Brain tumour charity and the WWF tigers on Friday 26th September. It was a great success, raising the amazing sum of **£214.74**. Well done and a big thank you to all those parents and children who baked cakes, sold and bought them!

Houses at St Mary's

As you are hopefully aware the school has set up a house system. The houses are:

- Attenborough (Green)
- Farah (Yellow)
- Twining (Red)
- Walpole (Blue).

Children voted for the names from a shortlist they were given at the end of the summer term.

The children are awarded house points for a number of reasons within school:

Their work (effort, attainment, progress), politeness, kindness and helpfulness. They won't, however, see house points in their books for completed work; these will be given out by teachers verbally before, during and after lessons.

Pupils are collecting house points for themselves and their house. Each week on each site a cup is awarded to the house which has collected the most house points. These points are then collated for a termly winner.

The children record their house points individually as well; with awards being given for 50 house points (bronze) 75 house points (silver) and 100 house points (gold) per academic year.

A boy and a girl from Year 6 have been appointed house captains for each house. Reception children will be introduced to the house system gradually.

We have already had some weekly winners:

Farah has won three times on the juniors

Attenborough has won twice on the middle site

Walpole has won once on the middle site

Farah has won once on the infant site

There will be many house competitions throughout the year involving English and Maths, Music, Art and Sport. More information will follow in due course.



SPORTS NEWS

Find my Sport

Twenty one children from St Mary's attended the first "Find my Sport" on Sunday 13th July. FoSM have received £21 for every child who attended. For further information, please visit their website www.findmysport.net

Running Festival

There were smiles all round when children from St Mary's ran one mile as part of the Richmond running festival at Old Deer Park on Sunday 21st September. The children competed with great enthusiasm and a special mention must go to Charlotte in 4T, who came a very impressive third in her race.



Football news

The boy's football teams have had a good start to the year. A Year 6 and a Year 5 team attended the Hampton Football Tournament on Saturday 6th September. The Year 6 team played 9 matches; they won 6, drew 2 and lost 1. Whilst the Year 5 team played 8 matches; they won 3, drew 4 and lost 1.

The first league match of the season was played against St Stephen's at Moormead this week. The A team came up against a very strong St Stephens team who played some fantastic football; they fell to a heavy defeat but the goalkeeper, Pip pulled off a string of very good saves. The Year 6 B team had a fantastic match against St Stephens with the score going back and forth and we managed to win, 6 - 5.

We look forward to the many sporting tournaments and leagues coming up throughout the year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

School website

We are very pleased that so many of you are using our school website on a regular basis, particularly on a Tuesday and Wednesday! Please do keep using it. It is regularly updated and has lots of useful information on it, particularly under the "For parents" tab on the home page. We also "Twitter" regularly so please follow us: @twickstmarys. Please log onto our website and have a look www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Message from Year 1

Year 1 would really appreciate some alternative reading material, e.g. comics, educational magazines. We would also like your donations of any unwanted story CDs. Thank you very much.

Term and diary dates

Amended and updated diary dates were sent out to parents on 25th September and are available to view on our website (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk). There is just one additional amendment for your information: the Harvest Festival will be led by Year 2 and not by Year 4.

Reminders

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, PE kit and proper shoes for school. Hair, if long, should be tied back. We are a NUT FREE school; please don't send your child/ren to school with products containing nuts.

ParentMail

Some parents are still experiencing problems with ParentMail. We are very sorry about this and are trying to help parents as quickly as possible if they are experiencing problems. If you need a new code, please email Emily Price (eprice@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk). For any other issues, please email ParentMail directly – jackie@parentmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Contact Sheets/Integris

As with ParentMail it is the responsibility of parents to keep this information up to date so we are able to contact you if we need to. If your address, telephone numbers, emergency contact numbers have changed, please let us know immediately, using the info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk email address. Thank you.

Tucasi

Thank you to all parents for supporting us as we move over to a cashless system. To date, it is working extremely well, is much more efficient and less time consuming for admin staff. Please make sure you log in to secure your child's place in their school run club. Should you experience any problems, please contact Kate Nepstad on the junior site 0208 892 7849 or email her at knepstad@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Threat levels: trips into central London

As you know, St Mary's School embrace and encourage school trips into London and our surrounding area. The children benefit enormously from these trips both educationally and culturally. Teaching staff undertake risk assessments for every trip. All trips are sanctioned by me and our Chair of the governing body. We are, however, always mindful of the possibility of a terrorist attack and regularly check the government/M15 website for information. This issue was discussed in depth at our governing body meeting on Monday 22nd September. The governing body unanimously voted that all scheduled trips into London should go ahead as planned but we will, of course, assess every trip on an ongoing basis. The information below has been taken from the Security Service M15 website (<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/home/the-threats/terrorism/threat-levels.html>)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Twickenham Scratch Orchestra

Do you play an orchestral instrument? Maybe, like mine, it rarely sees the light of day? If so, come along to the fun and informal Twickenham Scratch Orchestra. It takes place locally, once a term - we play through some pieces from scratch for a couple of hours and then go to the pub / go home! It is ad hoc for fun, for adults and pretty flexible on standard (maybe about grade 5 minimum as a rough guide). You bring your instrument, music stand and a few £'s to cover cost of venue only. Daniel Meyer (who plays violin for BBC symphony orchestra) kindly conducts us and makes the event as fun and musical as possible.

Feel free to ask Caroline Freer (Y1, Y4 and Y6 parent) if you have any questions or please contact Tim Elliott (Tim.Elliott@virginmedia.co.uk / 07976 532 756) if you fancy it! We need to know numbers in advance to ensure we have the correct music.

St Margaret's Fair

St Mary's plays an important part in the organising, planning and running of the St Margaret's Fair at Moormead Park each year. This very special community event has been part of our fundraising events calendar for over 35 years.

Each year over £10,000 is given to the four local schools and nominated local charities. The event continues to grow and is one of the most popular dates for locals, stall holders and visitors to the area in the summer diary.

The Fair Committee now has urgent need of people willing to commit to short term help with office work or practical tasks (including the position of Secretary and Site Manager) during the year leading up to next year's Fair on **Saturday 11 July 2015**.

If you, or a friend or neighbour, are interested (and it's fun!) please contact juliamkirkpatrick@hotmail.com for more details.

LBRUT - Wraparound care

Reminder for parents/carers who may be looking for wraparound care that Ofsted registered childcare can be found on the links below:

[London Borough of Richmond Childcare](#) | [Royal Borough of Kingston Childcare](#)

The NPL Youth Football Club are looking for girls!

The NPL Youth Football Club - a sub-section of the NPL Sports & Social Club - are actively looking for girls to build more teams. We are keen to build teams for girls in years 4, 5 & 6 onwards if we can find enough girls who are interested.

If you have a daughter of your own, or know of someone else who has a daughter, who would be interested in taking up this opportunity please contact me.

Coaching

All NPLYFC coaches are DBS (previously called CRB) checked and FA qualified. As a club we are enthusiastically looking for girls to build a number of teams and this forms a key part of our club's long-term development plan for youth football.

Our Club Grounds

We play our home matches within the grounds of the National Physical Laboratories (NPL), Queens Road, Teddington, where we have various pitches for different age groups, catering for 5v5, 7v7, 9v9 & 11v11 format games. There is also a club house that serves hot and cold drinks, as well as food, to keep you going while you're on the touchline, or celebrating after a successful match!

Girl's Football and the FA

The FA have what they call the Girls' England Talent Pathway (<http://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/england-talent-pathway>), which they have put in place to help promote and develop female talent, which has led to the England Ladies reaching the quarter finals in the last 2 world cups and to qualifying for the next world cup. Ladies football is growing and your daughter could be a star of the future!

Building a healthy lifestyle

Football is an excellent way to maintain fitness and helping teach skills such as teamwork and forming strong friendships, as well as, discipline, dedication and perseverance, all while having fun!

Many thanks for your time!

Regards
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you can help with FoSM. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

St Mary's CE School is a member of the RFU Education Partnership

School Creed

This is St Mary's school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let rooms be full of harmony,
Let love abide here,
Love of one another,
Love of humankind,
Love of life itself, and love of God,
Let us remember,
That as many hands build a home,
As many hearts make a school.

School Prayer

Send your Spirit on our school O Lord,
Teach us how to live and learn.

May we see you in everyone
And always think of others before ourselves.
Renew our minds and fill our hearts,
Your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Send us out into the world to share your love with others.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord,

AMEN