



**NEWSLETTER No 5: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

St Mary's CE Primary School

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[www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

Dear Parents

**STAFFING NEWS**

Mrs Samantha Evans will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March; we wish her well and look forward to hearing happy news in a month or so. As you are aware, Mrs Katy Cliffe and Mrs Julia Pannall will be teaching Year 1 Kingfishers.

**INFORMATION & REMINDERS FOR PARENTS**

**School Communicator**

I wrote to you on 24<sup>th</sup> February informing you that we intended to use a new system for communicating with parents. I know that many of you have already downloaded School Communicator to your phones, lap tops, i pads etc. Thank you.

We have been working very hard to personalise this new system to St Mary's. As from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, we will no longer be using ParentMail2 but School Communicator only.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you could make sure you have downloaded School Communicator to your various devices. Otherwise, you will miss important information regarding your child/ren.

You can download School Communicator via our school website ([www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)) from the home page (quick links) or by clicking on:

[www.schoolcommunicator.co.uk/download.php](http://www.schoolcommunicator.co.uk/download.php)

We are all looking forward to using this new system and confident you will find it easy and efficient to use. As always, we value your feedback so if you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the Admin staff. Thank you for your support.

## **Tucasi**

Parents are reminded that permission for school trips is now via Tucasi. When you have received a letter to say that your child will be going on a trip, go onto your child's account and follow these steps:

1. **See the trip details:** Click on the trip name (in green)
2. **Give permission for your child to attend:** Click the Permission box (there is sometimes also a Parent Helper option) and press Save
3. **Pay for the trip** (if required).

Please make sure that you are paying exactly the right amount of money against the right trip or event. Unfortunately it is not possible to keep your child's account in credit by overpaying on one trip and then transferring the balance at a later point.

If you have problems using Tucasi, please contact Kate Nepstad at [knepstad@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:knepstad@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) or on 0208 892 7849. If you ever have difficulty giving permission for a trip on Tucasi, you can contact the school at [info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) and give your consent by email.

## **GOVERNING BODY NEWS**

The governors met last week and welcomed new Governor, Anneliese Dixon and our local authority appointed governor. She comes highly skilled in the area of finance which will complement the skills base of the board very well. It was a fruitful meeting in which seven curriculum policies were noted, our Finance Policy & Procedures were adopted, the admissions data for September's entry confirmed, a new code of conduct adopted, the new standards for Headteachers noted, our safeguarding audit presented as well as plenty of discussion around the early years provision and new baseline assessment, following a fantastic presentation by Miss Maynard. The governors undertook the annual review of effectiveness, which will be completed before the end of the academic year. Our continued efforts have been recognised by the National Governing Body Association, who have shortlisted us for the Outstanding School Governance Award. Watch this space!

Lucy MacArthur  
Chair  
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Musical Theatre for Reception – Year 3

We would like to thank Helene Wimmer, one of our Reception parents who came and performed with her group called “Euphonic”. They came in last week and performed “Walter Whynot of Howdido Hall”. The children thoroughly enjoyed the mix of musicians, opera and actors.

Quotes from the children:

*“I really liked the Snowman Song...the piano tune to make Walter happy...when Walter was dancing because it was funny...the tune with the swan...when you travelled round the house...and I was amazed when I heard the last song - it made me feel sad. The fast piano and flute music made me feel happy.”*

*“I enjoyed the flute music....it was funny when the lady drank all of the man’s tea....when the lady said it sounded like swans – I really like it....It was funny because Walter lost his glasses..... I liked the bit where Walter blew a raspberry; it made me feel good because it was a bit loud!”*



### ArtsRichmond 2014/15 Young Writers’ Festival

First prize in the ArtsRichmond Young writers’ competition was awarded to Jasmine at the Orange Tree Theatre for her poem ‘Silence’. The writing was of a very high standard, so many congratulations go to her.



### **Coming to school on time**

May I remind parents that children need to arrive in plenty of time and ready to start school. Please ensure your children are calm and ready for school. I have my half termly meeting with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) next week. Lateness is always marked in the register and persistent lateness will be followed up. Thank you.

### **School and sports councillors**

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of our school and sports councillors. Congratulations on being selected for this important role.

### **Sainsbury's vouchers**

Please hand your vouchers into the infant site office. Thank you!

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Years 3 & 4 Basketball Tournament**

Pupils from Years 3 & 4 competed in the Richmond Knights basketball tournament on Monday 2nd February at Twickenham Academy and by all accounts did the school proud.

Mr Travis Gray, a teaching assistant on the infant site, took the children for the morning as their coach. He saw a lot of talent and effort in the team and looks forward to taking them again next term. Well done to everyone who took part!

### **RISE Swimming Gala**

Three brave boys from 5TA attended the RISE Swimming Gala held at Pools on the Park on Tuesday 10th February. All swam in races with others, some of them Y6 and quite a bit bigger than them, but all swam to the best of their ability and supported each other whole heartedly. Laurence Nepstad won gold in both his freestyle and backstroke race - well done.

Everyone had such a good time that we are convinced that this will become an annual event. Congratulations to everyone involved.



## **“Large Schools” swimming gala**

After successfully completing trials, fourteen children from Years 3 - 6 were selected to represent St Mary's at the Large Schools Swimming Gala held at Pools on the Park. Competition was fierce (eighteen schools were taking part) but after breath taking heats and the first ever swim off we are taking eleven of the fourteen children through to the finals Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Well done to all those who have competed so far and the very best of luck to those of you swimming on Wednesday!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Brentford Football club**

Brentford FC CST will be starting a NEW girl's only player development centre.

The aim is to identify and engage girls with potential to provide a good football education and to sign post those without clubs onto potential exit routes, e.g. Sunday grassroots clubs.

This will be from school years 3 to year 10 and will NOT affect any of the girl's already playing for clubs.

<http://goo.gl/PQW64S>

Contact [jtompkins@brentfordfcst.com](mailto:jtompkins@brentfordfcst.com) or 08442471889.

Best regards,

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Yours sincerely

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## ST MARY'S SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2015-16

### **Year 1**

1K	Noah Robson, Isabel Scanlon
1P	Billie Griffin, Luc Raphael
1M	Sudeshna Navashanker, William Renton

### **Year 2**

Maples Oaks	Josia Belilios, Finn Britten Phoebe Chadwick, Aarush Ghule
Willows	Matilda Edwards, Jonas Mills

### **Year 3**

Elms Poplars	Thomas Hopkins, Rhiannon Salter Charlie Delecour, Lexie Towey
Sycamores	Katy Jones, Miles Matthews

### **Year 4**

4B	Thomas Gladstone, Rosie Griffin
4T	Matilda Lewis, Thomas Pugh

### **Year 5**

5M	Roger Kelly, Josephine Webb
5P	Selena Bridge, Delfina Mulaku
5T	Carys Salter, Emilia Santos-Hegland

### **Year 6**

6P	Manon Coudray, Matthew Tyas
6S	Scarlett Gladstone, Dominic Rhodes

### **Unit**

Pines/5TA	Antanas Matulaitis
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## **ST MARY'S SPORTS COUNCILLORS 2015-16**

### **Reception**

Blackbirds	William Butcher, Grace van Otterdijk
Doves	Lucy Goddin, Joshua Warmer Menassa
Robins	Jez Bowden, Charlotte Irvine
Swifts	Theo Casey, Otilie Mills

### **Year 1**

1K	Max Golding, Emilia Royle
1P	Harrison Duke, Lottie Dearle
1M	Oliver Atlay, Anastasia Tymoftey

### **Year 2**

Maples	Sabi Lee, Freddie Mair
Oaks	Jacob Sivill, Oliver Walker
Willows	Anna Ashwin-Siejkowski, Joe Stickland

### **Year 3**

Elms	Max Norman, Lucy Owens
Poplars	Amelia Lear, Nik Hilmy
Sycamores	Rory Bowell-Macmillan, Lola Hubacher-Homes

### **Year 4**

4B	Felix Lyon, Evie Witek
4T	Billy Campbell, Leah Patel

### **Year 5**

5M	Mimi Aggarwal, Edan Calway
5P	Eden Hamilton-Palmer, Archie Whelehan
5T	Isabel Hurcom, Matthew Klass

### **Year 6**

6P	Lysander Kahane, Louison Lhoste
6S	Monica Oliver, Lewis Pugh

### **Unit**

5TA	Jack Collyer
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