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St Mary's CE Primary School
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Dear Parents

Staffing news

Congratulations go to Miss Stout on her engagement over the Easter break.

Mrs Gurdenli is expecting her first baby in October. Many congratulations go to Mrs Gurdenli

Class lists and “moving up” morning

September Class lists will be sent home to parents on **Friday 4th July**. Please note, children may be mixed up in all year groups. Children will spend the morning in their new class on Monday 7th July. We will send out further information nearer the time.

School Reports

Your child will bring home their school report on **Friday 11th July**.

Year 2 and the chicks

As part of our life-cycle studies, we welcomed an incubator of eggs that hatched into nine healthy chicks. We cared for them for two weeks, ensuring they were safe, sheltered and fed. They have now gone to live on a farm where they will hopefully produce more eggs as they continue their life-cycle.



Year 5 and the street artist “Stik”

Year 5 sent some examples of their cross-curricular Art/English work inspired by the street artist 'Stik' to the man himself who replied: “This fills me with joy and happiness. Both abstract nouns. May I include these in my book which will be published next year?”



PE Kit

There has been a decline in the amount of children wearing correct and appropriate school PE kit for PE lessons, particularly footwear. If your child misses a PE lesson due to not having their kit, a letter will be sent home. After two warnings we will follow the school's behaviour management system and yellow and red cards will be issued.

St Mary's Prayer group

Every half term a prayer meeting takes place, where we pray for the children, staff and school. Please feel free to come along, it is open to anyone who would like to pray for the school. The next prayer meeting will take place on **Monday, 9th June** at 8pm, 33 Craneford Way. If you would like some more information, please contact Ieke Hilmy on 07799 803 749.

Message from Father Piotr

Dear Parents

It has been yet another fascinating term full of events as well as moments of prayer. Our Collective Worship (Tuesdays and Thursdays) focused on the story of Creation. I visited all classes on the middle and junior sites and children asked me a great number of questions about God, the Bible, Jesus, faith and last but not least Heaven... I am delighted to offer my pastoral care to such intelligent, inquisitive and open minded children. Recently we had our "Celebration of Life" service at St Mary's Church and our most creative Messy Church (please see some photos below). Our next Messy Church will be **on Friday 11th July**.

Message from Father Piotr (continued)

WE NEED SOME PARENTS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER HELP IN ORGANISING MESSY CHURCH NEXT YEAR! PLEASE do contact me if you wish to help.

Out Facebook web-page: Messy Church at St Mary's Twickenham, or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/275413909296420/>

With my kind regards, Father Piotr



Message from Lucy Macarthur, Chair of GB

It's been a very busy time for the sixteen governors on our governing body. We have been fully occupied working on multiple projects to benefit the school. It's at times like this that it's great to have some support around us, and as Chair I am incredibly fortunate to be working with so many talented and hard-working governors, teachers, trustees and clergy. There are eight committees on the governing body, each with its own Chair, all working hard continuously for the good of the school, in areas such as admissions, the curriculum, staffing, health & safety and finance. The committee chairs have been meeting with me regularly to put our heads together, so all the governing body leaders know what is going on. Similarly, I, along with the vice-chair of the governing body, have been meeting with Mr Campbell and the senior leadership team to keep abreast of strategic school issues.

This collaborative approach has led to a very strong team ethic. The staff and governors all working together towards the same strategic goals gives the school confident foundations. This strong team ethic guides us through the more difficult decisions we have to make, and ensures that after healthy debate we come out the other side stronger and united.

Thank you to all of the governors who work so tirelessly, and to all the staff and Father Piotr, our wonderful Chaplain, for their unwavering support. I would also like to thank the parents too, because your children motivate us to drive school improvement. Importantly, in choosing St Mary's for your child, we recognise you have entrusted us to continually strive to ensure the best outcomes for every single child.

Assemblies

We have enjoyed wonderful assemblies from Year 1 Puffins and Mallards recently.

World cup Football card swapping

Whilst swapping cards is perfectly acceptable outside school, there have been instances of money changing hands. Please do not allow your child/ren to bring football cards into school. Thank you for your support.

Cancer Research UK

After hearing about Cancer Research UK in a school assembly, Ines and Ellie, 3 Poplars decided to bake some cakes and raise some money! They then spent a Saturday afternoon baking away and on Sunday afternoon they set up their cake stall outside Ellie's house. They sold cakes to friends, neighbours and passers-by, raising £83.13. This is an amazing achievement – well done girls.



E-Safety evening for all parents

The ICT and e-Safety adviser for the Boroughs of Kingston and Richmond will be visiting us on: **Wednesday 11th June, 7 - 8pm, Middle Site Hall**

E-Safety encompasses not only Internet technologies, but also electronic communications via mobile phones, games consoles and wireless technology. It highlights the need to educate children and young people about the benefits, risks and responsibilities of using information technology. This evening will be an invaluable opportunity for you to hear more around the subject and also to ask any questions you may have. As a school, we take very seriously our responsibility to ensure children use technology safely and so we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this event. RSVP to info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Network Rail

Message from Network Rail: The renovation of the railway bridge connecting Mary's Terrace with Cole Park Road will start on 12th May until 27th October. There will, therefore, be no access on the bridge during this time. For any questions please visit www.networkrail.co.uk or call 08457 11 41 41.

Event - Special Educational Needs and Disability - A new Act, a new approach

The Children and Families Act 2014, with the new SEN Code of Practice to be issued shortly, will change the way education, health and social care services are provided. This is the biggest set of reforms for a generation for children with a special educational need or disability. A number of local events have been arranged so you can learn about the changes, how they will be implemented in Richmond and Kingston, and for you to give us your views. For more information and to book a place at one of the events, please go to: www.richmond.gov.uk/about_send

Sports news

Basketball

Congratulations to those boys and girls who represented the school at the borough basketball tournament last Friday. Both teams (one from Year 4 and one from Year 6) won more than half of their matches and finished a very credible fourth out of eight teams in their tournaments. Thank you to Mr Gayle and Mr Shurlock for taking the children.

National Quiz club General Knowledge Semi-final 2014

What a tense afternoon!

St Mary's team of four including Daniel, Lysander, Mia and Eli battled against 10 other schools in the Quiz club semi-final held in Guildford. An excellent attitude, great team-work and a sustained effort right to the very last question was rewarded with second place and only by a mere 5 marks. The team not only had to confer over their answers, but work out the best answering strategy for each question and in only 30 seconds.

Mrs Turner commented that the children were a fantastic team, listening to and supporting each other. "My heart was in my mouth!" she said at the end of the competition. Many thanks to parents who came to support the team, some of whom were pleased that they weren't the ones answering some very difficult questions.



We wait to hear whether St Mary's will be good enough as the highest scoring loser to attend the final in Oxford later this term.

Glue sticks, tissues and Sainsbury vouchers

We are in desperate need of glue sticks and tissues in all classes. If you are able to donate glue sticks and/or tissues to your class or other classes, we would be very grateful. Please send in your Sainsbury vouchers to school as soon as possible. As ever, thank you for your support.

Richmond Lawn Tennis Club

Keen to learn to play tennis, introduce your children to the game or just brush up on rusty racquet skills? Then come along to Richmond Lawn Tennis Club, Kew Road, TW9 2AZ (part of the London Welsh Rugby Ground) on the weekend of May 17 and 18 between 10am and 5pm and play for free. There will be classes for little ones, family sessions and also free coaching for adults. Check out what's on offer at www.greatbritishtennisweekend.com or contact Lee on 07712 168548. Bring the family along and try one of the many classes or just get on court and play for free!

Message from PCSO Lindsay Spratley

My name is Lindsay Spratley-Way and I am a PCSO on Richmond's Safer Transport Team.

I have organised a Cycling Awareness Day in Richmond Park this summer and I thought that it may be of interest to you.

The aim of the day is to increase knowledge, understanding and confidence surrounding cycling on London's road network. We will also provide cyclists with the opportunity to feed back their personal experiences in order for us to improve the level of service we provide.

The day will have input from:

The Cycle Task Force - providing security marking for pedal cycles

Richmond Upon Thames Council - cycling proficiency scheme info

Dr Bike Service - cycle maintenance and safety

Exchanging places Team - visibility / blind spot issues demonstrated with a HGV

Our Police Cadets - building rapport with the younger future generation of cyclists

Richmond Safer Transport Team - offering advice on pedal cycle security and best practice

Whilst aimed at all Londoners with advertising on radio stations/Twitter, the local newspapers and retailers will also carry advertisements on the borough of Richmond.

We are fortunate to have two fantastic Royal Parks on Richmond borough and we welcome as many visitors this summer as we can safely accommodate.

The event is to be held on Saturday 21st June between 11.00 and 15.00 in Richmond Park (Roehampton Gate entrance).

Summer term reminders and dates for your diaries

W/c 12th May	SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 16th May	Reception Swifts assembly (5B attending)
Friday 23rd May	3 Poplars assembly (1 Puffins attending)
26th – 30th May	Half term
Monday 2nd June	Inset day
Wednesday 4th June	Borough sports day (St Mary's College)
Thursday 5th June:	Class photographs IS & MS
Thursday 5th June:	Sayers Croft meeting for current Year 3 parents, 3.45 – 4.15 pm, junior site hall, (children will be looked after in Yr 4 classrooms by the Headteacher)
Friday 6th June:	Class photographs JS
Friday 13th June:	2 Willows assembly (Reception Blackbirds attending)
Saturday 14th June:	FoSM fair 11.30 – 3 pm, MS
16th – 20th June	Year 6 to France
Friday 27th June:	Reception Blackbirds assembly (6P attending)
Tuesday 1st July	KS1 sports afternoon (Orleans Park field, 1.30 onwards)
Friday 4th July	6P assembly (3 Elms attending) Class lists home to parents
Monday 7th July	Moving up morning (children will spend the morning in their new class and/or new site; Year 6 children to their secondary School)
7th, 8th, 9th & 10th July	Junior musical production, "Fiddler on the Roof" 7 pm, JS hall <i>Cast A on 7th, B on 8th, A on 9th, B on 10th</i>
Wednesday 9th July	KS2 sports afternoon (Orleans Park field, 1.30 onwards)
Friday 11th July:	Reports home to parents
Saturday 12th July	St Margaret's Fair, Moormead Park

Summer term reminders and dates for your diaries (continued)

W/c 14th July
Thursday 17th July:

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL RUN CLUBS
Open afternoon for parents and children. At the Infant site between 3.15 – 4 pm, middle 3.30 – 4 pm and junior site from 3.35 – 4.30 pm. Children are encouraged to take their parents, grandparents and siblings to their classroom to show them their work.

Friday 18th July
Tuesday 22nd July
Wednesday 23rd July:

6S assembly (3 Poplars attending)
Leavers' service at St Mary's Church, 10 a m
Last day of summer term. **School finishes one hour earlier.**

Yours sincerely



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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