



NEWSLETTER No 9: 16th July 2015
St Mary's CE Primary School
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Dear Parents

Staffing news

The end of another successful academic year

We are sorry to say goodbye to members of staff and children throughout the school; we wish them all well.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children, other new children to the school and new members of staff in September.

Thank you to all parents who contribute to school life in so many ways, whether it's helping on class visits, in the class room, Library duties, reading on a regular basis or helping with FoSM. Without your help and support St Mary's would not be the successful and happy school it is.

Our last day of term is **Friday 17th July** and each site will close **ONE** hour earlier. Please ensure you take everything home on the last day of term, including scooters, bikes, lunch boxes etc. Anything left will be disposed of over the summer holiday.

On behalf of all my staff, I hope you all have a relaxing, happy and sunny summer. We look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Term and diary dates

Term dates for 2015-16 and 2016-17 will be available in School Communicator, Resources, Category, "Diary and Term dates" by the end of term. These dates will also be available on our school website under the parent tab. All dates will be entered into the Google calendar as soon as possible.

Our diary dates for 2015-16 will also be available under the same category. These are subject to change but we will, of course, give you as much notice as possible. Please make sure you put both the term dates and diary dates in your calendars, diaries, smart phones etc.

Rugby World cup – important information

Please note that the Rugby World cup Opening Ceremony and the first game will take place on Friday 18th September. It will be busy on the roads, trains and buses and from 12.30pm there will be limited access to the Twickenham area.

Richmond Council have advised affected schools to close on the afternoon of 18 September, enabling parents and children to get home quickly and safely before the road closures begin and the majority of spectators arrive. St Mary's will, therefore, close on **Friday 18th September at the following times – 12 noon infant site, 12.15 middle site and 12.30 junior site**. There will be NO LUNCH provided on Friday 18th September. Please ensure you have this date in your diaries, smart phones etc.

SPEAR

We had an amazing response to our fundraising for SPEAR, raising an incredible **£2812.10!** Two of our pupils raised a huge amount of money individually – Sophia H in 1P and Isabella H in 5T. Well done to everyone for finding sponsorship and supporting this charity. SPEAR mentioned us on Twitter too:

SPEAR London @SPEARLondon 22h22 hours ago

Thanks @twickstmarys for raising so much at your #Rugby event helping #homeless in #Richmond and #Twickenham AMAZING!

Sports afternoons

We all enjoyed two sunny sports afternoons on Orleans Park playing field. Thank you for all your support and for coming along.

House results for KS1 sports afternoon were:

Attenborough 61

Farah 73

Walpole 75

Twining 86

House results for KS2 sports afternoon were:

Attenborough 797

Farah 782

Walpole 680

Twining 820

House Music competition

Well done to all those entered the house music competition on the juniors and to all the finalists.

Thank you to our guest judges Rebecca Gresson and Ben Driver. The winners in each year group were judged to be:

Y6: Sofia S (flute), Y5: Zara S (piano), Y4: Charlie S (cornet)

London Youth Games

On 4th & 5th July the London Youth Games 2015 come to a close. Team Richmond came second overall, staying on the podium for the second year in a row having come third last year. London Youth Games is the largest annual youth sporting event in Europe where the 33 London boroughs compete against each other in 30 different sports and 54 events.

Below is a list of pupils who participated from our school throughout the Games which started back in November 2014.

Pip W, Mini football, Ben F, Cross Country boys (18th out of 95), Matthew T, Cross Country boys (24th out of 95), Lysander K, Cycling, 45th in junior event.

For a list of the full results please go to the London Youth Games website www.londonyouthgames.org

Year 6 secondary school destinations

Christ's	1
Halliford	1
Hampton	1
Kingston Grammar	3
Radnor House	2
Richmond Park Academy	1
St Catherine's	2
St James's	1
St Paul's	1
St Richard Reynold's Catholic School	2
Tiffin Girls	1
Orleans Park	37
Turing House	1

We wish all our Year 6 children our very best for the future.

Thank you to FoSM from Year 6

Dear FoSM

Thank you for allowing us to go to the Lensbury and to see "Matilda". Kayaking at the Lensbury was a fantastic new experience, despite the river being so cold!

We all thoroughly enjoyed "Matilda" and appreciate the money you gave us which meant we could go. The acting was amazing and so was the singing!

Thank you again.

Everyone in Year 6

Fundraising by members of staff

Four members of staff (Emma Beagley, Richard Taylor, Ben Egan and Clare Cronin) completed the British 10k run for Cancer Research Fund and the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund on Sunday 12th July. If you would like to donate to either of these very worthy causes, please click on the links below. Thank you.

www.justgiving.com/Ben-Egan2

www.justgiving.com/Emma-Beagley2

Message from Father Piotr

Dear Parents,

The end of the academic year gives me the opportunity to say that I have enjoyed my pastoral ministry among our children very much. They are the most attentive and inspiring audience.

As you might have seen at our Summer Fair, our children made the most amazing, colourful and personal images (icons) of our patron: Saint Mary. These pictures were displayed in the hall (Middle Site). Throughout the year I have noted a depth of children's spirituality. The fact that they are little does not mean that their hearts are not attracted by the mystery of life and God. Last couple of months during our Collective Worship I have introduced children to a short meditative (silent) prayer. Now as a parent I know how "mobile" children can be, however it is very impressive that they can pray and focus in total silence...

I wish you all a happy holiday. Come back refreshed! Thinking of Year 6 (parents and children) I keep you in my prayers and this Thursday at our Leavers service, I shall offer you my best wishes and blessing.

Fr. Piotr

Revd Dr Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski

Wonderful people - great charity:

<https://www.crowdshed.com/projects/me-too-and-co-childrens-charity>

Reminders

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

School lunches

If you wish to stop your child/ren's school lunches in September, you need to inform Doreen Maxted as soon as possible. Likewise, if you would like your child to start having school lunch in September, please fill in the correct form and send into the school office. Alternatively, please email info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk.

The price of a school meal from September 2015 will remain the same as **£2.25**. The cost for the first half of the autumn term will be **£83.25**, the second half of the term **£76.50** and the cost for the whole term will be **£149.75**. These amounts will not be implemented on Tucasi until September as the updating does not take place until after the end of this term. Please note payments are required at the beginning of each term/half term. Thank you.

Message from Chair of the governing body

Dear Governors

Last year our SATs results were the best we had ever had, and there was some caution about what would happen this year, as it was felt that we could never repeat last year's success. Well... **we were wrong!**

Headlines:

Level 4 has been achieved by 100% across all subjects
97% Level 5 in GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling)
91% Level 5 Reading
81% Level 5 Maths and ... a whopping 41% achieved Level 6 Maths (our previous record was 25%)

*Expected attainment is Level 4. In previous years we usually have between 93-98% achieve this. National average is usually between 76%-89%

2015 All results:

Reading L4 100% L5 91%

GPS L4 100% L5 97% L6 21%

Maths L4 100% L5 81% L6 41%

Please note that all results are provisional and subject to change.

Lucy MacArthur, Chair of GB

KS1 results

KS1:

Reading:

L2+: 96%

L3+: 45%

Writing:

L2+: 97%

L3+: 31%

Maths:

L2+: 98%

L3+: 44%

EYFS (Early Year's Foundation Stage)

All the children in Reception have worked very hard this year and this has been reflected in their results with 74% of children achieving expected or exceeding in their Early Learning Goals.

This is higher than both the national and borough average.

Contact Sheets/Integris

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

St Margaret's Fair

FoSM are very grateful for all the volunteers who picked up litter all day. St Margaret's Fair Committee members reported that Moormead was "the cleanest they had ever seen it" on the day after the fair, thanks to the hard work of the St Mary's volunteers. The Bric a Brac stall, run by a team of parents led by Cat Hutton, was busy throughout the day, with good profits made for the Fair. St Mary's will benefit from a proportion of the Fair's takings, later in the year.

Congratulations to our Year 6 football team who reached the final of the football tournament. The Year 5 team just missed out, but played some great football during the group stage. Well done to our girls who were left with no opposition; they played, however, valiantly against the boys' teams.

Message from Laura Leeming:

On Saturday 11th July the Year 4 boys played a football tournament at the St Margaret's fair. The boys won all their games and went straight into the finals instead of playing NPL twice. We played very defensively and at the end of the 15 minutes it was goalless. We went into extra time, consisting of two minute halves. At the end of these nail biting 4 minutes, we went into the dreaded penalties; our Captain Markus chose us to shoot first. We got the first goal and after a few attempts by our opponents we were 2-1 up. Sadly, the other team scored another 2 goals.

A fantastic performance by all the boys; I am very proud and you all should be too!

Summer holiday activities

- [Summer holiday activities at Orleans House Gallery - 28 July to 14 August](#)
- [Summer Projects at Heatham House - Urban Art Stories](#)

Autumn term 2015

Inset days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September, Monday 2nd November

First day of autumn term: Thursday 3rd September

Happy summer holidays!

Yours sincerely



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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