



NEWSLETTER TWO: 1st October 2012

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. The middle site is running smoothly and the children have settled into their new environment with great enthusiasm. We have welcomed 90 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.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 23rd October, 10 am at St Mary's Church. The service will be led by Year 5 and everyone is welcome. Years 1 – 6 will attend the service. We will be collecting money for the following:

Eugenie. We sponsor Eugenie through the charity "Compassion". Eugenie lives in Rwanda and money we send helps to pay for her education and medical care.

Revan. Revan is 6 years old and lives in Pandu, Indonesia. Money raised for Revan will help him to have nutritious food and medical care when he needs it.

Muspan School, Haiti: We sent money to this little primary school in Haiti in October 2010. At that time, the school was still being rebuilt and now they need furniture and other fixtures and fittings which we hope to be able to help fund.

We will be sending home a small brown envelope, marked "Harvest Service 2012" with your child/ren. Any donations you are able to send it, however small, will be gratefully received.

Thank you.



Sports news

On Wednesday 26th September, the school A and B football teams played Archdeacon Cambridge in friendly matches at Moormead Park. For many children, particularly those in the B team, it was the first time they had represented the school at football. The A team had a comprehensive victory, winning 6-1, whilst the B team came from 2-1 down at half time to win 4-2. Well done to all those involved for representing the school so well, both on and off the pitch.



Pond area at the junior site

As you know, the pond area is fully functional now and the children are using the area on a regular basis. Mandy Bullen has been in regularly both during and since it was refurbished to finish off the planting and to water; I would like to thank her for all her help and commitment with this project. The junior wildlife area, Aviary and planting alongside are looking very attractive.

School run clubs

We are very pleased to have been able to offer thirteen “school run clubs” across all three sites and delighted so many children have signed up for them. We still have spaces in Orchestra, Singing and ICT so if your child would like to join, please complete the form and return to the junior school office. If you have signed your child up but not yet paid, please send your £5 (per club) into the school office as soon as possible. We are very grateful for parental help in netball and running club; without your support, we could not offer these clubs to the children.

Term dates and diary dates

Please find attached revised and updated term and diary dates.

Please note the following changes for your diaries:

Last day of the academic year is Tuesday 23rd July and not Wednesday 24th

Individual photographs have been changed to Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November (there will be no family photographs this year, as advised in my letter to parents dated 20th July 2012)

Class photographs are now on Thursday 6th & Friday 7th June 2013

The Reception and Year 1 Nativity will be on 11th, 12th & 13th December at 10 a.m. Infant site

Years 2 & 3 “Christmas songs” will be on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December at 4 p.m. on the middle site. Parents are invited so if you would like to come, please put these dates in your diary, calendar or smart phone.

The meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the French trip should have said Monday 8th October from 7 – 8 pm in the junior site hall and not Thursday 18th October on the diary dates for parents sent out on 20th July.

These changes are highlighted on the attached document.

We will send out term dates with inset days for 2013-14 as soon as possible.

Reading mentors needed

Following on from the success of our reading mentors last year, we would like to continue this initiative after half term. We are looking for parents/carers to come into school on a regular basis as reading mentors in Years 1 – 6.

If you are able to come into school on a regular or ad hoc basis each week and listen to children read, please email me at headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Thank you.



Class trips out of school

Class trips and visits are very important for the children and enhance the curriculum in so many ways. In order for class trips to go ahead, we need a certain ratio of adults to children. For infant children, the ratio is 1:6 and for children in Years 3 – 6, the ratio is 1:10. These ratios are laid down by the local authority and we have to adhere to them. It is, therefore, very important we have enough parents volunteering to accompany classes on trips, otherwise we will have to cancel the trip completely. Thank you to all those parents who volunteer on a regular basis; we appreciate your commitment, time and help.

SMSAs needed at the infant site

The infant site is **urgently** looking for SMSAs to help over the lunchtime period. If anyone is interested, please contact Beti Wyn Thomas at the middle site on 020 8249 6836. SMSAs help manage the hall, oversee the children while they eat, ensure the safety of the play areas and provide basic first aid. They will need to be on site between 11.50 - 1.05 pm.



Some reminders

Calling the school:

Please ensure you call or email the school if your child/ren are unwell, have a medical appointment etc. We would be grateful if you could call the site where your child is taught as we have no internal lines as yet.

Infant site	0208 892 5840
Middle site	0208 249 6836
Junior site	0208 892 7849

Email: info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

We are a nut free school:

We have a number of children throughout the school with severe nut allergies; please ensure that you read labels on snacks/lunch items you send into school with your child. Please ensure they are "nut free".

Infant site request:

Please bring cash/cheques and blue slips to the school office rather than in your child's school bag. They often forget to give these to their class teacher or get lost en route to school. **Please ensure cash is put in a clearly marked and sealed envelope. If you need change, this will be sent home via your child in a sealed envelope.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Governing Body

I am very pleased to report that Liz Rhodes has been re-elected as Chair of the Governing Body for this year and that Jonathan Jones has been elected as Vice-Chair.

The membership of the Governing Body for 2012-13 is as follows:

Liz Rhodes, Foundation parent governor (Chair of the GB and Chair of the Curriculum & Standards Committee)

Jonathan Jones, Foundation parent governor (Vice-Chair)

Stuart Campbell, Headteacher/staff governor

Hugo Clark, Foundation parent) governor (Chair of Admissions Committee and Premises, Health & Safety Committee)

Neil Stirling, Foundation PCC governor (Chair of Finance Committee)

Lesley Prior, Foundation Trustees governor (Chair of Ethos Committee)

Rebecca Wallis, Foundation Trustees governor (Chair Pay & Staffing Committee),

Lucy MacArthur, Elected parent governor (Chair of Pupils, Parents & Community Committee)

Jeff Hopkin Williams, Vicar of St Mary's

Tanya Allen, Foundation London Diocesan Board for Schools governor

Susan Chappell, Local authority governor

Sam Riley, Staff governor

Tom Holmes, Staff governor

Verity Wasserberg, Staff governor

Ben Driver, Elected parent governor

Robin Shute, Foundation PCC governor

Rosy Barrie, Curate, Associate member

Governors can be contacted through the school offices or by email: governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk"

Research project

As some of you may be aware, we have participated in a research project which looks at the benefits of providing Emotional Resilience Training for pupils. Lots of time and effort has gone into the study, with parents, teachers and pupils participating alongside experienced PhD students from the University of Roehampton. The aim of the project is to gain greater information about how to teach children to be emotionally aware and emotionally resilient - a key factor of ensuring our children grow into happy, healthy adults with the skills necessary to face all that comes their way. The ECST programme has shown significant benefits and the results indicate a significant link between a child's self-perception and the perception of their parents. Kati Pourseied (main investigator) is now providing some feedback on preliminary results of this study and trying to combine this with a verbal interview with parents and children who have participated in the ECST (as control or experimental group) to investigate this relationship a step further. The interview will take approximately 20-40min and no discomfort or risks are expected from participating in this study. Participation is entirely voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time without giving a reason. All data acquired will be kept in the utmost confidence and treated with anonymity. The interview will try and establish how parents and children react in certain situations and they will be held individually within the school premises on the most convenient day and time to you.

If you are interested in participating please contact Kati Pourseied directly:

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Many thanks for your support.



A new Scout Troop in Twickenham

1st Twickenham (All Hallows) Scouting has just started a Scout section. We meet at All Hallows Parish Hall at 7.15pm on a Monday evening, term times only. If your son or daughter, aged 10-14, would be interested in joining or trying a session to see if they would like to join, please contact Liz Rhodes on elizabeth.rhodes@btopenworld.com.

Liz Rhodes, Group Scout Leader, 1st Twickenham

Yours sincerely

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1st October 2012



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