



**NEWSLETTER No 7: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013**  
St Mary's CE Primary School  
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Dear Parents

### **Staffing news**

Mrs Macfadzean will, sadly, be leaving St Mary's at the end of the spring term to relocate to Cheltenham. We are currently interviewing for a new teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Macfadzean for all her hard work, commitment and enthusiasm and wish her and family well for the future.

### **Thank you**

I would like to say thank you, on behalf of all staff, to all the parents who give up their time, either on an ad hoc or regular basis, to help out in class, the school libraries or as reading mentors. Your support is appreciated and invaluable.



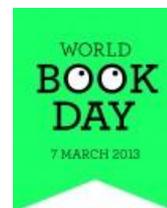
### **Help needed for "Fine motor groups" on the infant site please**

We are seeking enthusiastic parents to help run fine motor groups. These sessions aim to improve letter formation through creative activities. All training will be given. If interested and you are able to make a weekly commitment, please give your details to the office on any site.

### Red nose day and World book club day

We have decided to combine Red nose day and World book day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Children may dress up as their favourite book character and they may bring in their favourite book, should they wish to. Children will be permitted to wear a red nose to school during part of the day. Each child is asked to bring in a donation of **£1** which will go to Comic Relief.

We have junior Cross country the same day, in the afternoon for Years 3 – 6. Please ensure your child/ren has their PE kit and trainers at school. Year 3 will be brought over from the middle site to take part. **At the end of the day, all children in Year 3 need to be collected from the junior site.**



### Travel Plan Award

We have recently received a certificate for:

“Sustainable Travel Accredited & Recognised as outstanding level 2012”. Issued by Leon Daniels.

I would like to express my gratitude to Lucy Macarthur, mother of Pip and Findlay, for all her tireless and enthusiastic work in this respect.

### Sports News

*Boys Football:*

The boys have now finished their league games. They had a comprehensive victory against Archdeacon winning 10-1 at Moormead. In the final game away against Darrell, the boys knew they needed a healthy victory to top the group. Unfortunately, they came up against a very inspired and talented opposition goalkeeper. Eventually, the boys found a way through and managed to end up winning 3-0. They will now have to wait to see if they have qualified for the quarter finals.

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### *Boys Borough Football Tournament:*

On a cold Friday on 8th February, 8 boys from Y5 and Y6 represented the school at the borough football tournament. A win and two draws was enough to secure top spot in the league in the twelve minute morning pool matches. In the first round of the knock-out competition, the boys came up against a very strong East Sheen team and unfortunately that was the end of our run in the competition. As ever, the boys played with great team spirit and effort.

### *Girls Football:*

The girls have also now finished their league games. The first match of the term was a very one sided affair against Meadlands, with the girls scoring a record 17 - 0 victory. Lots of the girls got involved in the scoring and proved to be ruthless in front of goal. The next game was against St Elizabeth's with the girls proving to be equally as ruthless, recording a 5-1 victory. It was played in very tough conditions with a swirling wind and a heavy, sloping pitch. The final league game was against St Stephen's at Moorhead. In a very high quality match, played with great intensity, it was St Stephen's who emerged winners 4 - 2. The girls played some very good football and it was just a case of St Stephen's taking their chances. The girls have qualified for the quarter finals of the league as the runners up from their group.

### *Indoor Athletics:*

Twelve children from Year 6 represented the school at the Borough Sportshall Athletics event at Hampton school. The boys and girls performed in a range of field and track events. The children performed very well, although a few dropped batons didn't help their cause! They ended up finishing 7th out of 12 in the large schools event. Mrs Beagley, who accompanied the children, said how well the children behaved and enjoyed representing the school.

### *Netball:*

Unfortunately, the weather has put paid to most of the netball fixtures, with us still to fulfil some of our league fixtures. Hopefully, these will be played in the coming weeks.

### *Swimming:*

Children from Years 4 - 6 represented the school at a friendly swimming gala at Lady Eleanor Holles School. There were no scores announced so the children could experience swimming in a competitive gala. It was also a chance for some of the children who had not qualified for the borough team to represent the school. Well done to all those involved, particularly the swimming captain, Natasha Shirley.

## EPSCA Chess tournament on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

The U11 Chess team played in the EPSCA tournament on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. They ended up with 9.5 points (three won by Louis and five by Martin, and 1.5 points by our reserve fifth players who came from other schools).

The U9 results were as follows: they scored 9 in total, with the following breakdown in Board order, of five rounds:

Lysander Kahane	won 2
Joseph Williams	won 3
Awani Deshmukh	drew 1
William Sandford Morgan	won 2
Findlay Clay	won 1 and drew 1

All played very well, with great gusto, good spirits and lots of happy hand-shaking. Awani held her own when pressurised into agreeing check-mate, going on to draw. . James Coleman, Chess club teacher, said he was extremely proud of the way the children played throughout the tournament. I would like to thank Christina von Hodenberg for organising everything and Georgina Calvert Lee for her work as the U9 steward. Photos below, taken by Mrs Calvert Lee.



## ParentMail

Please log into ParentMail and make sure your mobile number(s) are registered and correct. If you have any difficulty doing this, please contact Jane Tomlinson ([jtomlinson@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:jtomlinson@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)) for help. Thank you.

### Parking in Candler Mews

We have been contacted by the management company of Candler Mews, saying they have received complaints about parents parking when dropping off and picking up. Please respect our neighbours; this driveway is private property and should not be used by parents at the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Reminder for parents with children on the infant site

Some children are arriving very late for school. Please ensure your child arrives a few minutes before school starts to give them time to say goodbye, thereby ensuring they are ready to start the school day calmly and in good time. Thank you for your support.



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### Medicines in school

Reminder: please do not send your child into school with antibiotics, paracetamol products, cough sweets etc. We are not permitted to give children medicines and children are not allowed to self-administer. For safety reasons, children should not have medicines in school. Should your child require antibiotics or other medicine, please either come into school yourself to administer or nominate another family member or friend to help. Thank you.

### Hot drinks on school premises

Polite reminder; please do not bring hot drinks onto school premises. Thank you.



### **Boxes of tissues at the infant and middle sites please!**

The infant and middle sites are in desperate need of boxes of tissues; any donations gratefully received. Thank you.



### **Authorised and unauthorised absence**

Reminder: I am encouraged by central government and by the borough not to authorise holidays and other events taken during term time. Therefore, please note that all holiday requests will not be authorised.

### **Arts Service drop-in session for under 5s in Mortlake**

See Saw is back at the PowerStation, Mortlake. Free weekly drop-in sessions for under-5s and their parents/carers, 25 February, 4, 11 and 18 March, 10.00am-12.30pm. Learn, play and explore in multi-sensory creative sessions designed to develop skills and interaction. No booking necessary.

More information: [www.richmond.gov.uk/seesaw](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/seesaw)

## **Community Links**

Residents in the borough can find out the latest news from their local area thanks to a series of Village Newsletters.

In the 2011 All in One survey, residents were asked what they like about where they live and what could be improved. We launched the Village Newsletters to tell you what work is being done as a result of your feedback.

The newsletters focus on local activity in each village, such as regeneration plans and importantly what work is being carried out by community groups or individuals.

Please click on the following links for further information:

Village Plans: [http://www.richmond.gov.uk/village\\_plans.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/village_plans.htm)

Village News:

[http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/council\\_government\\_and\\_democracy/council/get\\_involved/all\\_in\\_one/all\\_in\\_one\\_villages\\_newsletters.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/council_government_and_democracy/council/get_involved/all_in_one/all_in_one_villages_newsletters.htm)

## **Nominate roads and footpaths for repair now!**

Residents concerned about the state of roads and footpaths in their local area can now nominate them for repair.

As part of the Council's drive to improve the environment of the borough and after listening to comments from its 'All in One' consultation, an annual community road and pavement funding pot of £35,000 has been made available for highway maintenance in each of the fourteen village areas in the borough. This sum (in total £490,000) is in addition to the maintenance work being carried out by the Council, and each year local residents will be invited to suggest how the money should be spent in their area.

If you know of a road or footpath that needs to be repaired, nominate before 1 March. If you could pass this message on to any colleagues, family or friends, via word of mouth or newsletter, we would be grateful.

To find out more, visit [www.richmond.gov.uk/fund](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/fund)

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## Swimming crash courses at half term (Pools on the Park)

Crash Courses at Half Term, **£7.00 per session**

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Diving	09:00-09:30
Gala Practice – Front Crawl	09:30-10:00
Gala Practice – Backstroke	10:00-10:30

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Diving	09:00-09:30
Gala Practice – Front Crawl	09:30-10:00

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Diving	09:00-09:30
Gala Practice – Front Crawl	09:30-10:00
Gala Practice – Breast stroke	10:00-10:30

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Diving	09:00-09:30
Gala Practice – Front Crawl	09:30-10:00

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Diving	09:00-09:30
Gala Practice – Front Crawl	09:30-10:00
Gala Practice – Butterfly	10:00-10:30

DIVING – For children aged 7 and over who can comfortably swim 100m

GALA PRACTICE – Aimed at children in year 3 upwards who are taking part in the upcoming borough galas or who hope to take part in galas in the future. Children must be able to swim a minimum of 50 metres in their chosen stroke.

Classes will only run if there are sufficient children booked & paid. Therefore we do advise you to book in advance. Lessons can be booked at reception at Pools on the Park once a medical form has been completed.

If you require any further information please email Sarah Martin (sarahm@poolsonthepark.com)

### Dates for this term: reminders

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
  
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### **HALF TERM**

SEG Polka Theatre workshop  
Orleans House Gallery  
4W to Richmond Museum  
4T to Richmond Museum  
Unit/SEG trip to Polka Theatre  
Swimming gala heats at 2 pm  
FoSM Mums night  
1 Puffins assembly, parents and 4T invited  
**NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK**  
5B to Hampton Court  
RMT Singing festival at the Rose Theatre, pm  
Parent Teacher consultations from 4 – 7 pm  
(School closes one hour earlier)  
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Red Nose and World book day  
School cross country at Marble Hill, Years 3 – 6  
**LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL RUN CLUBS**  
5B to Richmond Museum  
5G to Hampton Court  
Swimming gala finals at 2 pm  
5G to Richmond Museum  
Year 3 to the British Museum  
5B assembly, parents and 2 Willows invited  
10 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS1  
11 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS2  
**Last day of spring term, School finishes one hour earlier**

Yours sincerely



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**15<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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**RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

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