



NEWSLETTER No 3: 15th October 2012

St Mary's CE Primary School
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Dear Parents

Staffing

Esme Uprichard, who has worked at St Mary's for over ten years, is relocating to Scotland at Christmas. We are very sad to see Mrs Uprichard leave our school; she has been an outstanding teacher and colleague. Her contributions have been invaluable. Danielle Maynard, who is returning from maternity leave, will teach Year 3 Elms from January. Miss Maynard will teach the class for four days (Monday – Thursday) and Katy Cliffe will teach Year 3 Elms on a Friday.

Sayers Croft

Year 4 have returned from a highly successful, enjoyable trip to Sayers Croft. I would like to thank the staff members who accompanied the children: Katy Cliffe, Katy Welsh, Katrina Laird, Bev Stephens, Ann Turner, Leanne Collyer and Sue Goodall. They worked extremely hard looking after the children, ensuring the trip was educational, safe and enjoyable.

Next October, our current Year 3 children, will be going to Sayers Croft for two nights and three days. Dates will be confirmed in due course.



Harvest Festival Reminder

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. Reception will have their own Harvest Celebration in the school hall with their class teachers. We will be sending home an envelope with your child on Tuesday; we are 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.

Thank you.



"Smile" shoeboxes

Children will be bringing home a leaflet regarding "Smile" shoeboxes for children in need in Africa, Asia or Europe. Shoeboxes are given to children at Christmas regardless of their gender, race, nationality or religious beliefs. If you and your children would like to put together a shoebox or shoeboxes over the half term holiday, we would be very grateful for your support. All information is on the leaflet and self-explanatory (www.smileinternational.org). Please return your shoeboxes to the MIDDLE SITE on Strafford Road; this will help enormously with the collection. Thank you very much.



Class assemblies and link classes

Further to the email sent home to parents on 9th October, I am writing to clarify the information given.

Each class has their own class assembly once a year. Each assembly usually lasts for approximately 20 – 30 minutes, is related to a class topic, a class visit or a residential trip. Parents are warmly invited to attend their child's class assembly. The assemblies take place in the school hall and start at 9 am. You will be sent a reminder nearer the time.

As we are one school, but geographically split across three separate sites, we are keen to maintain the ethos of one school. Therefore, we have link classes throughout the school. Your child will attend the assembly of their link class on the list. Please look at the right hand column headed Link Class and make a note of the date. Again, you will be sent a reminder nearer the time, but you will be required to take your child to either the infant site in Amyand Park Road, middle site in Strafford Road or to the junior site in Richmond Road on the morning of their link class assembly, where they will be met by their class teacher. Reception and Year 1 are based at the infant site, Years 2 & 3 at the middle site and Years 4 – 6 at the junior site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Wasserberg or Mr Holmes. A copy of the list for this academic year is at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you.

Reminder: Open morning on Thursday 25th October

You are very welcome to visit the school on Thursday 25th October between 10.00 am and 12 noon. You will be taken around the school on each site by a group of children; please wait at the school office where someone will arrange for children to escort you around the school.

Years 2 & 3 Christmas songs: Middle site

Please note the dates and times have changed for this:

Wednesday 5th December, 10 am, middle site

Thursday 6th December, 10 am, middle site

Reception Parent tours

I would like to thank the Year 5 children for taking prospective parents around the infant site over the last few weeks. They were polite, helpful, and knowledgeable. They were a great credit to the school.

Middle site Special Educational Group (SEG)/Unit

The Special Educational Group/ Unit moved into their new block on the 1st October. Staff and pupils are very happy with the super new facilities and rooms which include a garden area. The children are thoroughly enjoying joining the mainstream classes and using their resources too. Here are some comments from the children

“I like the Hall and the fans.” Thomas

“I like Pines’ playground” Jack C

“I like the Tin-Tin books and table in Elms” Laurence.

“I like the music in the Hall” Amber.

“I like to play football with friends on the big playground” Antanas.

Jack W likes story time in Pines class.



Reception children: Heights and weights

Please remember to return your form in respect of your child being weighed and measured by the School Nurse on Wednesday 24th October. Please return your signed form by Thursday 18th October, latest.

Thank you.

Parking outside the infant and middle sites

Please show consideration for our near neighbours by not parking across driveways or other entrances/exits where people require access. Thank you for your support.

Governing Body Membership

The Governing Body comprises a number of Foundation governors, who are appointed according to their category.

LDBS – appointed by the London Diocesan Board of Schools;

Trustee – appointed by the Trustees

PCC – appointed by St Mary's PCC

Parent, Foundation – elected by the remaining Foundation governors;

Vacancies periodically arise for each of these roles and it would be useful to have a register of people interested in becoming a Foundation governor to enable these roles to be filled appropriately and swiftly. If you think you may be interested in joining St Mary's governing body as a Foundation governor, please would you let our Clerk know your name, contact details and the name and year group of any children at the school at governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk. A brief summary of your relevant experience, motivation and skills you have to offer would be very helpful.

St Mary's Church Eco Group

The St Mary's Eco Group has arranged for bulbs to be planted in the borders of the church yard after the 09.30 service on Sunday, 21st October. It would be helpful to have an idea of how many children and parents many may turn up, so we have the right number of bulbs. Please email the school (info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) if you are able to come along. Donations on the day will be gratefully received and all monies collected will go towards church funds.

Yours sincerely



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15th October 2012



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

Class assemblies for academic year 2012-13

Class	Date	“Link” Class
Robins	24 th May	6S
Blackbirds	14 th June	6HD
Swifts	28 th June	5G
Kingfishers	26 th April	5B
Puffins	8 th March	4L
Mallards	15 th February	4W
Oaks	7 th December	Blackbirds
Willows	21 st June	Robins
Elms	3 rd May	Swifts
Sycamores	25 th January	Kingfishers
Poplars	1 st February	Puffins
4L	23 rd November	Mallards
4W	26 th October	Oaks
5B	22 nd March	Willows
5G	1 st March	Elms
6HD	12 th July	Poplars
6S	5 th July	Sycamores

Autumn Activities for Children and Young People Orleans House Gallery

Orleans House Gallery offers a range of fun, inspiring and creative activities to keep you busy creating. Visit our website to find out more about what is happening each day.

Booking essential: Please call 020 8831 6000 or visit our website where you can book online at: www.richmond.gov.uk/arts

Coach House Club for 6 – 9 Year Olds

10am – 3pm. £25 per day. Please bring a packed lunch.

Home Sweet Home: **Tuesday 30 October**

With artist Dawn Smithers, use mixed media techniques to create your own model of a room in a house. Make a table, bed or whatever you'd like to go inside and don't forget to add the curtains!

Crazy Kitchen: **Wednesday 31 October**

Work with artist Megan Dowsett to find strange and crazy ways to put together ordinary kitchen objects and make something new. Use modroc to make a completely unusual item for your kitchen.

CH2 for 9 - 14 Year Olds

10am – 3pm. £25 per day. Please bring a packed lunch.

Home Sweet Home: **Tuesday 30 October**

Inspired by Tracey Emin work with artist Imogen Luddy to interpret the traditional 'Home Sweet Home' sampler. Combine different media to make a collaged hanging. Please bring photographs of your house to the workshop.

Crazy Kitchen: **Wednesday 31 October**

Inspired by the Cutting Edge design exhibition, work with artist Rachel Craddock to combine and experiment with objects and 3D media. Construct your own invention and create the stories of how it is used. Bring something from home to start you off, and finish by creating an advert for your design.

Short Workshops

£10 per workshop

Monoprinting for 4-5 year olds: **Monday 29 October**

10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm

Learn how to mono-print with artist Dawn Smithers. Inspired by autumn, use different colours to print in different ways, before putting your work together as a wall-hanging.

Making Paper: **Thursday 1 November**

10am – 12pm (4-7 years), 2pm – 4pm (7-10 years)

Join artist Megan Dowsett to make a colourful mush from newspaper before sculpting it into vessels and figures

Drawing and Painting Skills Day for 10 – 15 Year Olds

Monday 29 October 10am – 3pm.. £25. Please bring a packed lunch.

With artist Caroline Jones, focus on working with inks both as a drawing tool and as a painting medium. Look at Chinese landscapes and botanical illustrations and work from a live model to create work inspired by Marlene Dumas.