



NEWSLETTER No 4: 19th November 2012

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Dear Parents

Staffing

Whilst pleased for Kate Chattaway, I am sorry to report that she has started her maternity leave earlier than expected and left school on Friday 16th November. We have arranged for Christina White to cover her two days for the rest of this term and have appointed Clare Scammell as a part-time teacher for two terms from January 2013. We wish Kate Chattaway well and look forward to welcoming Clare Scammell to St Mary's.

Katrina Laird is still in St George's Hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

Harvest Festival 2012

We enjoyed the Harvest Festival on Tuesday 23rd October, led by Year 5. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Church. The Reception children had their own special service in School.

We raised £808.58 from your Harvest donations. As you know, this money will be split between Eugenie, Revan and the Muspan School in Haiti. As always, thank you for your kind and generous donations.

"Smile" shoeboxes

Thank you very much to everyone who put together a "Smile" shoebox. 242 boxes were collected from St Mary's. We are very grateful for your support and generosity.

Sports news

Tag Rugby:

Ten children from Year 6 represented the school at the Borough Tag rugby tournament. We were amongst thirty schools competing in the tournament. In the group stage, the team played four games winning them all, scoring 23 tries and conceding 7. We then played two further games winning them both to progress through to the semi-finals. The team played very well but unfortunately ended up losing 9-8. Well done to all those involved; a fantastic achievement in such a high standard tournament.

Netball:

Seven children from Year 6 represented the school at the Borough Netball tournament. The team played some excellent netball in the morning group stage, winning four games and drawing one. In the next group stage they won one game and lost the other. Unfortunately the team lost out on a place in the semi-finals by 1 goal. An excellent performance! Many thanks to Mrs Zawada for taking the team and Mrs Monteiro for being involved with netball club.

Football:

Boys: The boys got their football league campaign off to a winning start, beating Queens 4-0. On a very small pitch away from home, the team did well to adapt their game and come away with a victory. In a friendly the A team beat St Stephens 3-1 and the B team lost 5-4.

Girls: The girls also won their first league game of the season, beating Marshgate 3-0 in a very tight game. The girls did well to take their chances and hold on for victory. For half of the team it was their first competitive football match, congratulations to them all.



Science Film Competition 2012

Once again St Mary's teams have been hard at working learning about science and making films about it. Three films have been submitted to the Science Film Competition run by the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington.

Ben Freer, Findlay Clay, Maria van de Vegt and Andrew Rhodes submitted a film called The Water Cycle – you can guess what it is about!. Caitlin Fisher, Daniel Banner, Isabel Ward and Michael Rasonyi made a film called 'Eggshilarating Ice-Cream' about thermal insulation, which has been nominated for the Best Physics award. Isla Flett, Finnan Connolly, Jasper Lyon and Maddie Monteiro submitted a film called 'The King and the Caroteers' nominated for the Best Biology category.

Well done to all film makers for some excellent work; we are eagerly awaiting the results in December.

Maths at Colet Court

During this autumn term, Joe Hill, Claudia Bridge and Martin von-Hodenberg have been attending maths sessions at Colet Court School every Friday afternoon. The maths studied includes such topics as: BIDMAS, sequences, substitution and rearranging formulae.

Kate French and Daniel Banner have also been going to maths sessions at Colet Court after school on a Thursday. They are all enjoying these opportunities as well as extending their maths skills.

Cookery on the middle site on a Friday afternoon

As you know, we have Creativity on a Friday afternoon. Every Friday, a different group of children from the junior site are sent over to the middle site to use the cooking facilities with Katie Stout. On a Tuesday we send a letter home via your child, asking you to collect your child from the middle site at **3.20** pm. Each week, children are left waiting for parents or carers. Please ensure you have made arrangements to have your child picked up from the middle site.

Hungarian/English speaking parents required please

We need Hungarian/English speaking parents or carers to support Hungarian speaking children in class. If you are able to help, please contact Corinna Gregory, SENCo via email info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or call the infant site (8892 5840). Thank you very much.

Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft

On Monday 8th October, all of year 4, with our suitcases and luggage full of new, clean clothes safely packed away, set off on our biggest adventure yet. Impatiently, we sat waiting to arrive at our destination. We finally arrived at 10.30am and were shown to our dormitories. We were also told our bunk partners. Fortunately, we discovered the food was tasty and over the week we had plenty of beautiful breakfasts, luxurious luncheons and delightful dinners.

Our first activity was orienteering which I found very tricky. Over the next few days there were many more activities. For example: a night time bat walk, wood compass, a low ropes course, river studies at Cobblers Brook, climbing Pitch Hill (which was six whole miles!) and pond dipping. My favourite was the low ropes course, because I felt like I achieved something and so did many others. Our work at Cobblers Brook particularly related to our future topic on rivers. We learnt about meanders (a curve in a river) and we discovered what photosynthesis means – the sun gives energy to plants.

We all enjoyed singing songs around the campfire and it was quality time with both classes. At bed time we were read to and we were more quiet as we got more exhausted each night. As a year, we became closer and learnt we could achieve more together. The drive home was much quicker than the drive there and we spilled out of the coach with tales to tell (and lots of dirty washing). Thank you to all the teachers and staff for making the time away from our parents very enjoyable!

Scarlett Gladstone 4L



School Councillors 2012

Our School Councillors for 2012-13 are:

Year 1

1K	Maya Goodrich, Kyle Wilkins
1P	Adam Mills, Carys Newton
1M	Imogen Rendle-Elkins, Max Norman

Year 2

Oaks	Tess Benton, Billy Campbell
Willows	Alfie Peters, Florence Richardson

Year 3

Elms	Edan Calway, Isabel Hurcom
Poplars	Matthew Aiton, Alice Knight
Sycamores	Henry Bramall, Isabelle Mitchell

Year 4

4L	Apoorva Ghule, Toby Surplice
4W	Ellie Crockford, Andrew Rhodes

Year 5

5B	Caitlin Fisher, Arad Zarei
5G	Jay Aggarwal, Nyah Lear

Year 6

6HD	Claudia Bridge, Eli Zawada
6S	Freddie Conisbee, Helena Samarasinghe

SEG

Pines	Jack Collyer
6KT	Ellie Thomas

“Alight for Twickenham”

On Friday 30th November, the Christmas lights in Twickenham will be switched on. There will be “open house” at St Mary’s Church from 3.30 – 7.30 pm with all sorts of different things to do and see (Pealing Bells, a Fairtrade Christmas stall, Christmas cards, jams, gifts, Hog roast, children’s activities, Father Christmas etc). In addition, there will be Carol Singing led by St Mary’s School Choir at 4 pm. Please come along to what promises to be a magical start to the Christmas season. Further information can be found at the new St Mary’s Church website: www.stmarytwick.org.uk.

Parking at Richmond Road

Since our Caretaker, Mustafa, was told by Compass (our PFI provider) that he was no longer allowed to monitor cars driving down the driveway at the junior site, some parents are now routinely driving down to collect their children. This is not permitted. We are extremely concerned that a serious or fatal accident will occur as some parents are driving too fast and without due care and attention.

I would be very grateful if you would refrain from driving onto school premises at all. There are a large number of parents who are walking with children in buggies and/or children on scooters picking up from the junior site. Please think hard about whether you really do need to drive to school and whether you could park on the road or somewhere close by and walk. Thank you for your cooperation.

Scooters at the infant site

Please ensure scooters are named (full names please and not just initials). Please make sure you take scooters home every day as some seem to go missing overnight. Thank you.



Home Start Richmond

If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start Richmond is offering a free Preparation Course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course runs 10am-2.30pm, every Thursday for 10 weeks from 10 Jan-21 March (not half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for about 2 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie on 020 8487 8500 info@homestart-richmond.org.uk or visit www.homestart-richmond.org.uk.

Home-Start Richmond
211 Parkway House
Sheen Lane,
SW14 8LS

Registered charity no: 1108975



Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity

Grants are available to help people living in Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Teddington, Twickenham or Whitton areas.

You may qualify for help with your gas and electricity costs if any of these apply to you:

You work part time or are on a low wage

You receive state benefits

You receive help with your rent or council tax

Your children receive free school meals

Grants are paid directly to your gas and electricity companies.

Application forms are available from the school office or from the Charity's office at 15, High Street, Hampton TW12 2SA. We are always happy to advise you. Tel 020 8941 7866

Yours sincerely



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