



NEWSLETTER No 6: 21st January 2013

St Mary's CE Primary School
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www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Dear Parents

Welcome back

Happy New Year and welcome back. Please find attached updated diary and term dates for 2012-13 and 2013-14. Please ensure you put all relevant dates in your diaries, calendars and smart phones. These dates are regularly updated on the school website too (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk).

Parents' evenings will be held on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March** from 4 – 7 pm. You will receive a letter nearer the time and a copy via email. You will be able to see your class teacher for ten minutes and also look at your child's work.

Parents of children in Year 3 Elms (Danielle Maynard & Katy Cliffe) and 4T (Charlotte Thomas) are invited into school to meet their class teachers on: **Tuesday 29th January**, straight after school. This meeting will last for no more than ten minutes.

Parents of children in Reception Robins (Verity Wasserberg & Clare Scammell) are invited into school to meet Miss Scammell on Thursday 31st January, straight after school. This meeting will last no more than ten minutes.

Open Check

In the event of inclement weather, if you are in any doubt as to whether the school is open, please remember to check "Open Check" (map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck) or look at the "open status" on the front page of our website (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk). We will aim to update this by 7.30 am if there is any change to the school's status and will also send you a text if the school is closed. Please log into ParentMail and make sure your mobile number(s) are correct. Thank you.

Drop in sessions with the Headteacher

I would like to give parents the opportunity to come in and talk to me without having to make an appointment on the following dates:

Monday 4 th February	Junior site	9.15 – 10.30 am
Tuesday 5 th February	Infant site	9.15 – 10.30 am
Wednesday 6 th February	Middle site	9.15 – 10.30 am

Please sign in at the school office when you arrive.



Reminder for parents with children on the infant and middle sites

May I please remind parents, on the Infant and Middle Sites in particular, that they are responsible for their children before the start of the school day – until staff enter the playground to take the pupils to their classrooms.

The gates are open 15 minutes before the school starts, but we do not have the cover required at this time of day to monitor the playground. As the school gates are open at these times, and in order to ensure the pupils' safety, I would ask parents to wait with their children until staff come on duty - 8.30 am on the Infant site and 8.35 am on the Middle site.



Dates for this term: reminders

Thursday 24th January

Friday 25th January

Friday 1st February

Monday 4th February

Thursday 7th February

w/c 11th February

Friday 15th February

Friday 15th February

18th – 22nd February

Tuesday 26th February

Wednesday 27th February

Friday 1st March

Friday 8th March

w/c 11th March

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 12th March

Wednesday 13th March

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

Monday 18th March

Monday 18th March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 22nd March

Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Year 1 trip to “Look out Centre”, Bracknell

3 Sycamores assembly, parents and 1K invited

3 Poplars assembly, parents and 1P invited

Reception to Twickenham Library

Roman soldier visiting Year 4 all day

Year 3 “Safe walking” all week

1 Mallards assembly, parents and 4W invited

RMT Singing festival workshop at the Mall, pm

HALF TERM

4W to Richmond Museum

4T to Richmond Museum

5G assembly, parents and 3 Elms invited

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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School cross country at Marble Hill, Years 3 – 6

5B to Richmond Museum

5G to Hampton Court

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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



Spare clothes for infant children

The infant site would be very grateful for any donations of boys & girls socks, girls' tights, boys & girls trousers (grey), dresses and tracksuit bottoms. Please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you very much.

School uniform and other belongings

Please ensure that all items of clothing and other belongings are all CLEARLY named or labelled appropriately. Thank you.

"Smile" shoeboxes

Please see below a letter from Ruth Doubleday, Director of "Smile":

Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you very much for supporting our Smile International Christmas Shoebox programme and for the lovely donation of 240 shoeboxes from St Mary's CE Primary School. Please do thank all the staff, children and parents who donated a shoebox and who also gave a monetary donation, totalling £154.50. We really appreciate your support in helping to put a smile on children's faces at Christmas.

I am sorry we have not been able to acknowledge this before now but as you can imagine with the thousands of shoeboxes that we deal with each year, the administration side of the programme takes a considerable amount of time to work through. I do hope you will forgive the delay.

We are delighted that our lorry full of Christmas shoeboxes left for Kosova on Saturday, 1 December. It was a freezing, cold morning but our team of enthusiastic volunteers braved the elements and worked very hard to get the shoeboxes on and send the lorry on its way. I am pleased to say that our lorry was unloaded in Gjakove, Kosova on Saturday, 8 December, but our staff in Kosova also had to brave even tougher conditions due to heavy snowfall. Our team of volunteers flew out to Kosova to distribute the shoeboxes and they really enjoyed seeing the children's faces light up as they opened their shoebox full of gifts.

Thank you again for making a difference to children in need.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Doubleday
Director

Do Something Different this February Half Term

Have fun, make friends, and explore with The Chill out Zone

We are a small, friendly holiday club for 7 - 14 year olds.

We offer a mixture of full day activities from crafts to cooking, and bowling to the Bank of England Museum.

Here the activities are designed in consultation with the children, for older children, so they can have the holiday they enjoy.

Main session 8.30am-5.30pm, £35.75. Extended hours between 8am and 6pm available on request.

Please call Emma on 0208 894 1154 for more information, or take a look at our Website www.thestudyzone.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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