



**NEWSLETTER No 9: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**  
St Mary's CE Primary School  
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Dear Parents

### Staffing news

Mrs Verity Wasserberg is expecting her first baby in August. We send her and her husband heartfelt congratulations. Mrs Wasserberg starts her maternity leave at the end of the summer term.

### Reminders

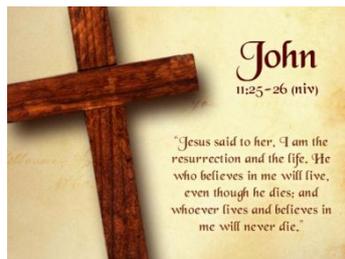
As you know, there will be two separate Easter services on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The first service at **10.00** am will be led by **Year 2** and involves Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

The second service at **11.00** am will be led by **Year 3** and involves Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Parents are warmly invited to attend one or both services.

Our last day of term is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. School will finish one hour earlier on all three sites. We return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. I hope you all have a restful and happy Easter break.



### **Parent volunteers needed!**

We **urgently** need a parent or two to take over our **School Travel Plan**. Training will be provided. You will probably need to spend around one hour per week on our STP, which is extremely beneficial and important to our school, children and parents. Please contact me at the junior site or Lucy Macarthur via email ([lucymacarthur@virginmedia.com](mailto:lucymacarthur@virginmedia.com)) or by phone 07962 948037 for further information. Thank you very much.

We would like to run a gardening and cooking club after school at the middle site one day a week, which may be open to Years 2 – 6. The school council are very keen to find parents to run these clubs. If you might be interested in either running a club or running this club with another parent(s), please contact me directly: [headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **School run clubs**

A new timetable, letter and booking form will be sent home during the first week of the summer term. School run clubs will start w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April and finish w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

### **Sports news**

#### *Football:*

Congratulations go to the girls' football team again; this time for progressing through to the semi-finals of the Richmond Schools League Cup. They beat St Edmunds 5-2 in a thoroughly deserved victory. The girls now move onto the semi-finals against East Sheen after Easter. We wish the girls all the best when representing Richmond borough at the London School Games on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The boys had a very tough match against St James's in their quarter final, losing 3-2. The boys played with great determination and were pushing hard for an equaliser in the last five minutes, but could not quite score. Well done to them for a successful season.

Two mixed Year 6 teams took part in the Motive8 tournament at Collis School. The matches were "9 a side", so a total of 21 children represented the school. Unfortunately, one of our teams got knocked out in the quarter finals. However, the other team progressed through a nery penalty shoot-out in the semi-finals to make the final. They managed to hold onto their lead and became champions, thereby retaining the trophy from last year (see pictures below).

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*Football (continued)...*

The Year 5 football team started off on their football journey for the school, beating St Stephens 6-5. On a very boggy pitch, the boys scored some great goals and thoroughly deserved their victory.

A mixed Year 6 A/B team lost against St Stephens A team on the same day. The boys played with great determination and congratulations to Stephan on his first goal for the school.



*Swimming:*

Well done to all those who represented the school in the finals afternoon at the borough gala. The children were very supportive of each other and all the children swam faster times than in the qualifying heats. Unfortunately, this wasn't quite good enough to make the borough finals in any of the events. Thank you once more to Mrs Beagley and Lisa Graham for taking the children.

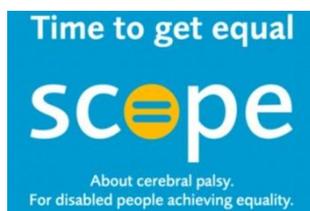
*Netball:*

The remaining fixtures will be played next week, with the team hoping to qualify out of their league.

Next term we look forward to fixtures in boys/girls cricket, borough sports and rounders.

## Lost Property

Please remember to take home PE kit, coats, hats, shoes, lunch boxes, bikes and scooters. All three sites are cleaned thoroughly over the holiday and any belongings left in school will be donated to "Scope" in Twickenham.



## Red nose day and World book day

We had some very imaginative and original characters in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for all your efforts and support. We raised a total of **£430.03** which will be sent to Comic Relief. In addition, we are very proud of **Indi Jones** (5G), **Lottie Jones** (Swifts) and **Chiana Bhoola** (5G) who sold sweets at Twickenham station and raised **£50.65**.



## Singing Festival at the Rose Theatre, Kingston

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, children from the Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir attended the Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival. They had been working very hard learning songs on the theme 'Heroes' since January. The songs included 'Naughty' from the recent musical Matilda and 'Search for the Hero'; an uplifting song about finding the hero in themselves, which they sang with Orleans Primary. They sang beautifully with a lot of enthusiasm and smiles!



### Year 5 visited Hampton Court

Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace where they were coached by the Master of the Revels to perform masques (short plays) to Henry VIII in the Great Hall. They divided into two groups. Each had to perform to its best ability to gain the King's approval. Inevitably, he tended to prefer the masque which presented him in a better light!



### Polite reminder

If your child has had diarrhea or vomiting s/he should not return to school until 48 hours **after the last episode**. This precaution protects everyone from contracting the bug, particularly young children. We follow local and government guidelines regarding medical matters and appreciate your support.

### Parking at the junior site (Richmond Road)

Please do not drive down after school, unless you have permission from me. There are only two cars permitted to drive onto school premises. If you need to drive down to collect your child/ren, please email me directly, citing your reason for doing so. I would ask you to refrain from being verbally unpleasant to the caretaker on duty at the gates. The safety of our children is of paramount importance. Thank you.

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### **Arts activities for Easter holidays**

The Arts Service has a wide range of activities on offer for children and families throughout the Easter holidays. Fill your holidays with creativity! Visit Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham for exhibitions; work with professional artists specialising in a range of different art-forms.

More information and online booking at  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/art\\_clubs\\_and\\_holiday\\_activities](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/art_clubs_and_holiday_activities)

### **Message from London borough Richmond upon Thames**

#### **Green Deal Energy Efficiency Scheme**

Richmond Council is promoting the government's new 'Green Deal' scheme as an easy to use and convenient way of making your home cheaper to run. This scheme allows you to install insulation, upgrade boilers and windows, even put in solar panels, for no up-front costs, as they are paid for through the savings made on your energy bills. Repayments will be no more than what a typical household should save in energy costs.

Early adopters could also receive up to £1000 cash back incentive, whether you choose to pay for the improvements through your own savings or through Green Deal finance.

To find out more and to register for one of **200 free Green Deal Assessments** (on a first come, first serve basis) go to [www.richmond.gov.uk/green\\_deal](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/green_deal) or contact us on 08456 122 660.

#### **Big London Energy Switch**

The Big London Energy Switch uses the collective purchasing power of residents all over London to offer a lower energy tariff for most households who sign up.

The scheme appoints a Switching Provider to run an energy auction, so all energy companies will be invited to offer their best prices to everyone registered. Previous schemes have saved households £60 to £200 per household on energy bills.

See the Go Green website for more information:  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/collective\\_energy\\_switching](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/collective_energy_switching)

### Request from Asquith Nursery

If your child is normally collected from school by Asquith and you occasionally make alternative arrangements for your child/ren, please ensure you let Asquith know. There have been many occasions when Asquith have arrived to collect children and have then had to wait for up to twenty minutes, while the child's whereabouts is determined.

### Dates for this term: reminders

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

10 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS1

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

11 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS2

**Last day of spring term, School finishes one hour earlier**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**INSET DAY**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**

Yours sincerely



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