



NEWSLETTER No 3: 19th December 2014

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

Dear Parents

Staffing news

Miss Katie Stout is getting married on Saturday 20th December and will return to school as Mrs Thomas. We send Miss Stout and her future husband our very best wishes for the future.

We say goodbye to Susan Kent at the end of this term. On behalf of all staff and parents, I would like to wish Ms Kent the very best for the future.

We have appointed Ms Casey McIntosh, a short term teacher, for the Unit starting on Monday 5th January 2015. Parents of children in the Unit have been informed of staffing arrangements for the spring term.

Richard Taylor has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. Mr Taylor will be out of class on a Friday every week; his class will be taught by Mrs Margaret Kapila. Congratulations to Mr Taylor on this appointment.

Mrs Julia Pannall will continue to teach 1 Mallards until 9th January. We have appointed Ms Alexandra Houlden to teach 1 Mallards from Monday 12th January 2015 for the rest of the academic year.

Wishing you all compliments of the season

As the first term of this academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2015. As ever, I am very grateful for your support this term. The children have excelled in so many areas of school life this term.

We have enjoyed wonderful performances of "A little bird told me" and "Baubles" performed by Reception and Year 1 respectively. Years 2 & 3 performed beautifully in their "A Christmas Star" story and junior children sang and read at our Carol concert at St Mary's Church on Monday, sharing with us the meaning of Christmas.

Spring term 2015

Our first day of term is **Monday 5th January 2015**. In the event of inclement weather, may I remind you to check the “open status” on the front page of our website (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) if you are in any doubt as to whether the school is open.

School run clubs

School run clubs will start again w/c 12th January 2015. A letter will be emailed and sent home via your child/ren with information about clubs w/c 5th January 2015.

Thank you to Mrs Devereux, Mr Castillo and FoSM

I would like to thank Mrs Devereux, Mr Castillo and their team for all their hard work this term. The Christmas fair was a resounding success. We all appreciate the hard work and weeks of organisation required to make these events such a triumph and know that many parents work extremely hard beforehand and on the day. Everyone, particularly the children, enjoyed the fair and a significant amount of money was raised, which will benefit all. Thank you.

Choir news

Please see the website (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) under the news feed on the home page for news about the choir.

Sent on behalf of Robert Henderson, to whom any queries should be addressed.

Dear Headteacher

In relation to the alleged child abduction at Heathfield School last week, the Police have issued the following advice and update:

Parents should always be cautious around their children's safety, but the following should be noted.

As far as we are aware there is only one reported incident relating to allegations of attempted abduction. This alleged incident appears to be a one-off: there are no other similar reported incidents. The male in this alleged incident made no attempt to get out of the vehicle or take any physical action.

There are a number of inconsistencies regarding the detail, and while we feel that the alleged incident is likely to be less serious than first appeared, we are following every available line of enquiry to ensure that the facts are known.

Best regards

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Takeover day

Twenty one children from Years 5 & 6 were successful in their applications to become Teachers for the day. They took Collective Worship, taught lessons, did break duty and even made it into the staffrooms!



Sports news

Cross Country:

A fantastic effort was made by our school team at the borough primary school event. The girls finished 2nd and the boys 7th out of 32 schools, which gave us an overall finishing position of 3rd! Well done to the 12 children in the team.

Netball:

The netball team continued their unbeaten run, defeating Trafalgar 15 - 1 in the league.

Tag Rugby:

The team played three league matches in a round robin tournament. There were two convincing wins and one very close defeat.

Football:

A year 6 'B' & Year 5 teams played St Stephen's recently at Moormead. Both teams ended up winning their second halves in high scoring close games, but two slow starts meant we ended up losing.

Information regarding school lunches for the spring term

The amounts owing for school meals in the Spring Term 2015 will be as follows:

5th January - 13th February 2015 £67.50

(Half Term 16th - 20th February)

23rd February - 27th March 2015 £56.25

Whole Term £123.75

From now on we will send out a reminder email via ParentMail every half term. The Tucasi system will be updated on the last day of term (19th December) and will show the amount owing to the end of the first half of the term, less any credit from the previous half term.

It would be appreciated if you could remember to pay for your child's school meals at the beginning of every term/half term.

Use this link to go straight to the Tucasi login page: <https://www.scopay.com/stmarys-richmond> or go to the school website and find Tucasi under the Quick Links section on the homepage. If you need any help logging into Tucasi, please contact Kate Nepstad at the junior site (0208 892 7849) or email her at knepstad@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Half termly letters

You will receive your child's half termly letter before the end of term. It will also be available to view on the school website www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

French Trip payments, message for Year 6 parents

May I politely remind Year 6 parents that the final payment for any outstanding balance is due by the end of March 2015. Please log onto your child's Tucasi account to view your balance and to pay. We are unable to accept cash or cheques.

Should you have any queries, please contact Kate Nepstad, at the junior site (knepstad@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk).

We are required to pay the balance to Kingswood on 1st April 2014. Thank you for your co-operation.

News from Mrs Brown, feedback on her trip to Tigri Colony, Delhi 2014

Photographs and information are available on the school website
www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January 2015!

Yours sincerely



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