



NEWSLETTER No 7: 22nd May 2015

St Mary's CE Primary School

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www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Dear Parents

STAFFING NEWS

Rachel Robinson has started her maternity leave. Rebecca May Robinson arrived today. Many congratulations to Mrs Robinson and her family. Ruth Anderson will be covering Mrs Robinson's maternity leave from half term and will be based on the infant and middle sites.

Verity Wasserberg will be starting her maternity sometime after half term (date to be confirmed). We will let you know when she has given birth to her second child.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Half term and our Inset day

We wish you all a relaxing and sunny week. Please remember we have an Inset day on **Monday 1st June** so look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 2nd June.

School Nurse

We have a new school nurse called Sarah Stone. Her contact number is 0208 614 5300. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health e.g. diet, nutrition or other worries, please call Sarah Stone directly or contact Ruth Knight, SENCo, for a referral. Please email Mrs Knight at info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Parents

We are about to finish yet another busy, creative and joyful term in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about my recent pastoral ministry to all our children. Our Collective Worship on all three sides has reflected on our prayers and the image of God. We have learnt that our God is like a loving Parent, the best Mum and Dad who enjoys seeing us when we are kind to others and when we care for the nature of the world. We also have learnt about the value of a silent (meditative) prayer when we can whisper to God words without a sound.

We had a splendid "Celebration of Life" service at St Mary's Church and we have improved the web-page of "Our Ethos" (please have a look: <http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/ethos-statement-2/>).

I have managed to be present on all three sides and answer another hundred of the most amazing questions about God, Jesus, Mary and the Bible.

In brief, I am delighted and privileged to continue my ministry among our children, such inspiring teachers and the staff from St Mary's school.

Have a nice break!

Fr. Piotr

Revd Dr Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski

Assistant Priest/School Chaplain - St Mary's Twickenham

<http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/father-piotr/>

Visiting Research Fellow (King's College London):

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs/people/staff/associates/visit/ashwin-siejkowski.aspx>

SCHOOL NEWS

Fund raising for Nepal

Thanks to your generosity and support we raised **£1500.49** for the victims of the Nepalese earthquake. In addition, staff on all three sites baked cakes and raised an additional **£280.00**. Year 6 parents also sold “Fab” lollies last Friday across all three sites, raising a total of **£105.00**. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. We have received a certificate in recognition of our support.



School communicator

Please ensure that your au pairs and or/childminders have also downloaded School communicator and subscribed to relevant year groups and classes. This will ensure that they too will receive alerts from the school. Thank you.

<http://www.schoolcommunicator.co.uk/download.php>

Other school news

You will find all other news relating to sports events, school trips and other events on the home page of our website, under “news”. www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

FoSM and our request for fund raising

We have emailed this document to you and it is also available in School communicator, resources, FoSM, regarding our request for funding in respect of IT equipment. It is a highly informative document and we would be grateful if you could read it.

GOVERNING BODY NEWS

The governors have had a busy half term. We have been in school looking at “Collective Worship” and at how Maths is taught so creatively across the sites. We have also been supporting the infant site in making decisions about how to assess the children in the future.

Some of the governors were interviewed, alongside Mr Campbell and Kate Nepstad, as we have been shortlisted for the “Governing Body of the Year” award. This is a very prestigious award, and I hope to report soon how we fared. We were finalists in 2011 and I am really delighted that our persistent drive for school improvement has been recognised once again. Earlier this year Parent Governor Ben Driver was nominated by the National Governors' Association to serve on the selection committee for a newly proposed College of Teaching. He feels privileged to play a part in the creation of a new professional body.

We would like to thank the Year 6 children (and staff) for their resilience during SATs week and wish them well on their highly-deserved trip to France next month. Our deep thanks to all the staff in the school for helping the children achieve so much both inside and outside the classroom.

I would like to add an extra special thank you to Denise Shaboe (currently teaching 2 Maples) and Jenny Trattles (TA at the infant site), who have just celebrated an extraordinary 25 years of working at St Mary's. What a fantastic contribution they have both made to the lives of so many children.

Have a relaxing half term break!

Lucy MacArthur
Chair of governing body
governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

RFU

The RFU kindly donated 350 tickets to the school for the World 7s on Sunday at Twickenham stadium. We were originally allocated 100 but the RFU responded to our request for more tickets. I am sure they were all greatly appreciated.

Message from “The Allergy & Free from Show” organisers

No doubt you are already aware of the large number of children who live with allergies, food intolerances, coeliac disease, hay fever, IBS, eczema and asthma.

Well, I help organise an important event dedicated to them and their families: The Allergy & Free from Show 2015 sponsored by Udi's Gluten Free. It's taking place on 3rd – 5th July 2015 at London's Olympia Grand, and I would like to give your school community (pupils, parents, staff and governors) unlimited free tickets (saving them £10.00 per person). There's no catch, we just really want to give families the opportunity to attend for free.

There are two ways you can obtain these free tickets:

1. We can send you a bundle of them – just reply to this email and let me know how many you would like!
2. Go to www.allergyshow.co.uk/go/school and download as many as needed (you can pass this URL onto anyone – registration is completely unlimited)!

Robbyn Snow
Robbyn@f2fevents.co.uk

Holiday Bible Club at Amyand Park Chapel

Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May 2015, 10am to 12.15pm

Bible Stories, quizzes, games, singing, refreshments, craft and prizes. All FREE! Just turn up for a warm welcome.

Yours sincerely



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