



NEWSLETTER No 8: 22nd June 2015

St Mary's CE Primary School

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www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Dear Parents

STAFFING NEWS

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to the following members of staff. We wish them all well.

Richard Taylor is moving to Tokyo, Japan to take up the post of Assistant Headteacher and will be teaching in class one day a week. Richard Taylor joined St Mary's as an NQT (newly qualified teacher) in September 2007. Richard Taylor has, over the years, become a very valued and committed teacher/IT coordinator/Assistant Headteacher of our school. We are extremely sorry to see Mr Taylor leave but wish him and his husband every success in Japan.

Katy Cliffe is moving to Wales with her family. Mrs Cliffe joined St Mary's in September 2008 and has been a dedicated and valuable member of staff. We wish Mrs Cliffe and her family all the very best for the future.

Heather Brown will be leaving at the end of the summer term.

Arthur Molyneux is moving to Palestine to work with children traumatised by war. Mr Molyneux joined St Mary's in September 2013.

Rebekah Percival is moving back to Manchester and will be teaching in a local primary school. Miss Percival joined St Mary's in September 2014.

Verity Wasserberg will be starting her maternity leave from Monday 6th July. We will let you know when she has given birth to her second child.

Catherine White is leaving St Mary's and will be teaching in a primary school close to where she and her family live. Mrs White joined St Mary's in January 2012.

Emily Price and Annabel Gurdenli will be returning to St Mary's in September.

Ruth Anderson has taken over Rachel Robinson's maternity leave and will be based mainly at the infant and middle sites.

We are sadly saying goodbye to the following teaching assistants:

Evie Cazzolato who is returning to Australia
Charles Gayle who is taking a year out to go travelling
Travis Grey who is returning to Australia
Susan Newton is leaving to fulfil her family commitments
Alice Pilcher is off to University to do a degree in History

Class lists will be available on School Communicator (under Resources, Class lists September 2015) on **THURSDAY 2nd JULY**.

Children will bring home their school reports on **FRIDAY 10th JULY**.

FoSM

We all enjoyed a well organised and profitable fair on Saturday. I am truly indebted to Polly Devereux and her team, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year, with grace and humour. Not only do the children, parents and staff of St Mary's enjoy all the fairs and other events hosted by FoSM but our pupils benefit hugely from the money raised. Thank you very much to everyone for your support.

I would also like to mention our Uniform ladies, Françoise Benke, Rebecca Ellis-Owen Debbie Ravaux for their sterling work transforming our school uniform. The children are very excited about the new jumpers/cardigans and sports kit. Thank you very much.

There are still tickets available for the FoSM summer party on Saturday 4th July at our middle site. Email fosmparty@gmail.com



How to get your ticket :

- ★ Email fosmparty@gmail.com with your name, mobile and the number of tickets you want
- ★ You will get an automatic receipt so you know we have your mail
- ★ Online bank details will be sent to you for payment within 2 days.

If you can't join us on the night you could still make a donation towards technology through our Just Giving page. Email us for details.

Our last fund raiser of the year is the St Margaret's fair, always a wonderful day for all the family. Please come along and support us again and enjoy everything the St Margaret's fair has to offer (more information on page 5 of this newsletter).

HOUSES

Singing competition

The junior site hosted our first ever house singing competition on Thursday 18th June. Four house choirs performed in front of all the junior site children and Year 3. Our guest judge, Dan Britten, awarded 1st place to Walpole. Well done to over 100 children who volunteered to be part of their house choirs.

The solo and duet competition then followed; five out of seven of the finalists chose to sing a "capella" which is an incredibly brave thing to do. All the finalists performed extremely well. Congratulations to Brune D (6S) for being judged the overall winner.

House points: please note house points revert to ZERO in September 2015.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Thank you

We are fortunate to have a small army of parents who regularly help out in school, whether on school trips, as reading mentors or in the classroom. On behalf of all staff at St Mary's, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your time, patience, commitment and discretion. Your continued support is invaluable and very much appreciated by us all.

Safeguarding

If you need to talk your child out of school or are returning him/her to school after a medical appointment or similar, please ensure you come to the school office to fill in the relevant signing in/out book. This is an essential procedure under our Safeguarding policy and ensures the safety of all our pupils. Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS

Warm invitation to our next Messy Church (Friday 10 July: 3.30 - 5pm) when we will do lots of activities inspired by the theme: "If I were a butterfly....." Please come and take part. Volunteers - always needed. Please contact me (see below) if you wish to help

https://www.crowdshed.com/projects/me-too-and-co-childrens-charity?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=webshare&utm_content=projectpage&utm_source=facebook#.VWx9X-Q0Xko.facebook

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>

GOVERNING BODY NEWS

We are lucky enough to have a strong, capable and dedicated governing body at St Mary's, led by Lucy MacArthur. Their continued commitment to the welfare of our pupils, not to mention their support of the senior leadership team and our staff is truly outstanding. I would like to publically thank them all, including Kate Nepstad, Clerk, for their continued hard work and dedication to our school.

Message from Lucy MacArthur, Chair:

The governors would like to thank Polly Devereux, the FoSM team and class reps for such a wonderful school fair on Saturday. It was a super example of the whole community coming together, and a great reminder of the spirit and ethos of collaboration.

Talking of collaboration, the board of governors is in the process of its annual self evaluation; both of the school and the governing body. The school evaluation is a process involving governors, school leaders and external advisors, and results in a multi page document that scrutinises all aspects of school life. It is a useful exercise because it helps us focus on areas for improvement and create the development plan for the next year. The evaluation of the governing body is also an annual exercise and it thoroughly engages all of the governors in identifying areas to develop and training gaps. This rigorous self evaluation is what keeps us moving forwards, constantly striving to improve.

Lucy MacArthur, Chair (governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

SCHOOL NEWS

As we enter the last month of the school year may I remind you of the following:

Please ensure we have all your updated contact details, including addresses and emails. If any of your details have changed please email info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Please check your email addresses and mobile phone numbers are correct on School communicator.

If you owe money for trips please make sure all payments are made, via Tucasi, as soon as possible. We hope your child/ren have enjoyed their school trips this year. We do require a contribution from each participating child, in order to cover our costs. As I am sure you are aware, there is a lot of "tidying" to do before the end of term in preparation for September.

Diary dates and term dates will be available during the last week of the summer term on the website and in Resources on School communicator.

SPORTS NEWS

Please have a look at the website under “news” for photographs and updates.

Borough sports

A very good performance by our Year 4, 5 & 6 borough sports team on Wednesday 3rd June at St Mary's University. Out of 35 schools, we finished 8th in the Year 4/5 competition and 10th in the Year 6 competition.

Congratulations to some individual performances: Dominic R (6S) finished fifth and Amy S (5T) sixth in their age groups out of 140 children.

Jack Collyer came first in the “Team 1000” throwing.

The day was rounded off with a relay involving all 16 children. St Mary's finished with the fastest time out of all the schools and were presented with the relay shield; a great team effort!

Our congratulations go to Grace D and Pip W (6P) who have been selected to represent Richmond in the London Youth Games in the mixed football on Thursday 2nd July. Well done to them both on this excellent achievement.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Middle site hall

We are keen to hire out our school hall at the middle site in order to generate income for the school. If you know of any organisations, companies or other schools who may be able to use this facility please contact Simon Minty (Middle site) on 0208 249 6836 or email him at sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk. Hiring costs per hour are £25 but this fee can be negotiated.

St Margaret's Fair Saturday 11th July

The last big event of the summer term is St Margaret's Fair on Saturday 11th July. This annual community fair donates money to all of the local schools each year. In return, we will need to provide volunteers to

- Deliver brochures
- Man a stall
- Pick litter and recycle waste throughout the day

If you and your children use the playground or park at Moormead, please support this event by contacting Kate Nepstad, the school's representative on the St Margaret's Fair Committee.

The St Margarets Fair Dog Show is celebrating its 10th birthday on July 11th. "CBeebies" vet Dr Scotty is helping us celebrate and we will be giving out goody bags to all our canine contestants.

Categories include: cutest puppy, best rescue, waggiest tail, best biscuit catcher, handsomest hound, most beautiful bitch, dog that looks most like its owner, best handler, best veteran and the now famous Sit and Stay Sausage eating challenge. All winners will then compete for Best in Show!

Register on the day between 12 and 1.30pm at Little Moormead for a 2pm start. All winners receive a handsome rosette and a free check up with St Margarets Vets, our kind sponsors. All proceeds to local schools and local charities.

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Yours sincerely



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

St Mary's CE School is a member of the RFU Education Partnership