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Dear Parents,

Staffing news

It is with sadness I alert you to some staff leavers this term and early into next term. Mrs Hume has been working at St Mary's for 16 years and been such an asset to the school. She leaves us in November to take promotion at a neighbouring school. Mrs Julie Brown also leaves us to take up a position at a school nearer to her home; again a great loss to our team. We also bid "adios" to Mrs Alexandra Tyas, one of our much loved meal supervisors. We welcome Natalie Mulligan and Stefan Gerald to our support staff team. Both teaching assistants are highly experienced and in addition work with Daisy Roots, so are known to some of our children already.

We say farewell to Mrs Maynard who leaves on November 10th and Mrs Gurdenli who leaves on November 30th, both to have their second babies. We excitedly await the news of the births and hope they manage a restful few weeks before the babies arrive. Mrs Gurdenli will be replaced by Mrs Pannall whom many of you may know as she is one of our PPA teachers. Mrs Neville also leaves us just after Christmas to have her first baby; we will be recruiting to fill this position and will let you know after half term who will teach her class.

We are currently recruiting for an acting Assistant Headteacher to replace Mrs Maynard and acting Deputy Head for two terms, to replace Mr Holmes as he moves onto headship. I will keep you up to date with developments as they arise.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a very important time for children and we realise that they want to share the celebration. At St Mary's we are so fortunate that Father Piotr helps us to do this by naming each child who has a birthday at the weekly collective worship; it is a very special moment in the assembly. As we are constantly seeking to be a healthy school could I please ask that you don't send in treats and sweets to mark the day? Thank you for your support.

Lost Property

Don't forget on Friday 21st all lost property will be put out for you to check through, this will include cake boxes.

Parent view

Our Parentview responses rose from 94 to 100 this week. Please keep logging on to register your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



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Reminders

Harvest: We would love you to join us at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th October for our Harvest Service which Year 2 is leading. It is at 10 am and we really look forward to seeing you there.

Head Lice: Please try to make one night of each week 'hair checking night'. We have had numerous cases of head lice across the school this term and some children have had repeated visits by these annoying little creatures. You can obtain information about how to get rid of them on <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx> If you receive multiple reminders about nits from the school office do check that you have unsubscribed to your child's previous class. Thanks for your support to keep St Mary's 'nit free' as well as 'nut free'!

Passports and references: A quick reminder of school procedures – the signing of a passport is charged at **£10.00** and references for independent schools are **£20.00**.

Celebration Assemblies: The junior site did not have a celebration assembly today. I was out at a meeting and will catch up with the children on Monday morning instead. Next Friday your newsletter will contain this week and next week's winners.

We are excited to invite parents to attend celebration assembly each week with us from after half term. Each site will open its doors to you, so you can join us in celebrating the successes of the week.

The following days and times are below for you to add to your diary:

- Tuesday 9:00-9:30- Infant site
- Wednesday 9:00-9:30- Middle site
- Friday 9:00-9:30 Junior site

If your child is chosen as the star of the week you will be informed in advance of the assembly in the hope that you can attend, but we ask that you keep it a surprise from your child so it can be announced when we are all together. Thank you.



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Christian Values: At a recent meeting of the ethos committee it was agreed that we will concentrate on six Christian Values this year. We hope that you can reinforce the termly value at home and in this way it becomes truly embedded and relates meaningfully to real life.

Autumn 1	Thankfulness
Autumn 2	Friendship
Spring 1	Forgiveness
Spring 2	Endurance
Summer 1	Service
Summer 2	Wisdom

Sporting News: If you have visited the reception area of the junior site recently you will have seen the impressive collection of sporting trophies, a number of which have been won this term! It is no surprise therefore that we heard St Mary's has once again been awarded Sports Mark Gold. Our thanks go to the team who have contributed to this super achievement.

Do look at our website to see the latest fantastic news about our tag rugby winners this week. Mr Holmes is like the 'cat that got the cream' because, after chasing this magnificent shield for 7 years our team came home victorious! It is fitting that this was accomplished whilst Mr Holmes is still in post; many congratulations to him and the team who have both shown great resilience!



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Class	Celebration	Class	Celebration
1 Kingfishers	Joseph Gear Max Harvey	2 Maples	Joshua Tomlinson Millie Yalland
1 Nightingales	Jovaan Dhillon Amy Sancion	2 Oaks	Daniel Leger Poppy Fielding
1 Puffins	Manny Alvarico Alba Wilson	2 Willows	Harry Castillo Ella Dean
2 Junipers	Max Attwood Amaya Maqsood	3 Elms	Hazel Jamieson Sam Hogan
3 Poplars	Hannah Sant Vittoria Tiraboschi	3 Sycamores	Max Johnson Darcy Ellis-White

October half term holiday activities

Taking inspiration from this year's Big Draw theme STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths), autumn and Halloween, you can create artworks with a range of materials including clay, textiles, printing and more! Have a go at experimenting with light to make shadow puppets, create a drawing robot and make your own Halloween costume!

For more information go to www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday_activities.htm



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Daisy Roots

Our independently run afterschool club, Daisy Roots, is proving very popular with parents and pupils alike and now has only a few spaces remaining.

Please visit their website to enquire directly: www.daisyrootstwickenham.co.uk

Daisy Roots is an Ofsted registered provider and is currently offering a 50% discount for any Friday PM booking made during October or November.

KIDZMARKET

New and preloved children's items to buy or sell from birth to 10 years of age. Launching at St. Mary's junior school site on November 19th. Thereafter on the third Saturday of every month (excluding holidays). For details including booking a stall online visit communitymarketsuk.com

I hope next week I can report that the St Mary's staff team have also been victorious at the famous quiz.....

Yours sincerely,

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