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16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Parent view:

Our Parentview responses rose from 150 to 152 this week. We have approximately 400 discrete families...keep logging on to register your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Parent Event invitation from our SENCos:

'Mental Health' is often reported in many ways in our media these days. Anxiety, stress, and depression are often cited as having a huge impact on young people.

Life often throws challenges our way: the death of a close family member or friend, a serious illness, the loss of a job or the breakdown of a relationship.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in helping to prepare your children for the difficult times that life brings. 'Resilience' means our ability to cope with these, or similar, events.

Josephine Burke, a professional from the Emotional Health Service, will be hosting a special coffee morning aiming to promote emotional resilience, by encouraging ideas for good mental health as well as explaining signs and symptoms that show when a child is struggling. Growing evidence indicates that promoting positive mental health at school also improves a range of good outcomes, including attitudes to learning, better attendance, focus and happier children.

Please join us at this informative coffee morning on January 12th at 9.30am at the middle site. Please book your space by responding to info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk indicating how many places you wish to reserve.

Whole school attendance this term

Our whole school attendance is 97.31% which is an amazing achievement; let's make the spring term 99%! Congratulations to those pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term, you will receive a letter next week.

School Meal Payments for Spring Term 2017

3rd January to 9th February 2017.... £61.60

20th February to 31st March 2017... £66.00

Whole Term**£127.60**



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Save the Children, Christmas jumper day

We have raised **£536** for this charity. Thank you for wearing such lovely, colourful jumpers in aid of Save the Children; the link to their website is <https://christmasjumperday.org>

Collections for Compassion

Thank you for your generosity after watching the middle and infant site Nativities. The infant site raised **£353.22** and the middle site raised **£484.04**. The link to Compassion is <https://www.compassionuk.org>

Gentle reminders:

With such a busy end to the year I thought some reminders might be in order. School closes one **hour** earlier on the last day of term (Wednesday 21st December) on each site: infant site at **2pm**, middle site at **2.15pm** and the junior site at **2.30pm**. We return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017!

Please ensure you that you take everything home on the last day of term (including bikes and scooters); all three sites are cleaned thoroughly over the holiday and anything left will be disposed of. Tables will be out in each playground on the last day of term with lost property, cake tins etc.

Important letter:

Thank you for the positive responses to our recent St Mary's Fund newsletter. It is very clear you want to support our school and we have already received some incredibly generous offers. We are finalising the details of our charitable status and once this is complete we will update you with ways in which you can make regular donations. In the meantime a number of parents have continued to pay into our existing fund and we are so grateful for this. I hope to update you soon after the Christmas break.

You may also have read the letter sent from the Richmond Headteachers to government regarding funding. If not, please click on the link via Twitter or on our website via the quick links on the home page, "Statement of concern".

Christmas Fair:

I was completely blown away by the Christmas Fair, such a wonderful, fun filled, community event and so many of you turned out to support it. My enormous thanks go to you all: FoSM, those who donated, set it up and those who turned up on the day. A spectacular amount was raised and we wait with baited breath for the final figure.



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House points

House points for this term are:

Attenborough 1843
Farah 1678
Twining 1723
Walpole 1714

Celebration Awards this week

Over the Christmas break could you please have a hunt for our Star of the Week gold star badges? The children keep them for one week and should return them; I think they are very fond of them and find it hard to give them up which is understandable!

Next week we have just one Celebration assembly, on the infant site on Tuesday. This is because other Christmas events are taking place. Children's names and our star of the week will be in our first newsletter of the spring term.

Year 2 Junipers: *Arabella Malcolm & Feodora Freienstein*

Year 2 Maples: *Noah Madsen & Chloe Pilgrim*

Year 2 Oaks: *Theo Casey & Sebi Williamson*

Year 2 Willows: *Georgia Wylie & Gabriel Power*

Year 3 Elms: *Sofia Fatih Lopez-Jauregui & Charlotte Bolton*

Year 3 Poplars: *Noah Osgood & Iona Rhodes*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Edward Lewis & Steffan Hilmy*

Year 4I: *Alice Franklin, Rose Benton*

Year 4M: *Josh Meredith, Eloise Wedgewood*

Year 4T: *Max Mulaku, Pippi Barrow*

Year 5B: *Harry Bowers, Caleb Levell*

Year 5GD: *Stellan Stringer, Ava Viding-Rogers*

Year 5M: *Katy Jones, Alexander Driver*

Year 6P: *Nathan Bhangoo, Stefan Stojanovic*

Year 6W: *Erin Benke, Billy Campbell*



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Middle Site Star of the Week:

Star of Wonder,
Star of the Middle Site,
Star of Sycamores shining bright,
Always learning, always smiling,
You are a dazzling ray of light.

You are calm and you are kind,
We really admire your inquisitive mind,
You make us laugh with your clever wit,
If there's a funny side, you'll always see it!

A future You-Tube star maybe?
Or perhaps a gymnast – we'll see,
Your gentle nature will take you far,
And Mabel H – this is why – you're this week's star

Mabel Heffernan – Year 3 Sycamores

Junior Site Star of the Week:

This person is a one of a kind.
A harder worker you will never find.
He is always on task.
You never even have to ask.
If he were an animal, he'd be an owl.
All seeing, all knowing - never falling foul.
Well done to you, out on your own.
The one and only - Thomas Gladstone

Thomas Gladstone 6P



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We say a fond farewell to Mr Holmes next week but before he leaves us, I am delighted to announce that he and his wife Kathryn are expecting their first baby. The baby is due in June and I promise to let you know when he/she arrives. We thank him for his commitment and drive for St Mary's over the years and wish him the very best of luck in the next chapter of his life.

May the true spirit of Christmas live in your heart and bless your home this holiday season. The staff join me in wishing you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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