



## St Mary's Church of England School

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9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

### Staffing news

I am very pleased to let you know that Miss Maynard gave birth to Madeline Rose yesterday morning, weighing a healthy 8lbs 10oz. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Danielle, Steve and Jess.

### Parent view:

Our Parentview responses rose from 147 to 150 this week. We have approximately 400 discrete families...keep logging on to register your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Local Authority SEN update:

What is the "Local Offer?" The "Local Offer" is part of several key changes introduced by the Children and Families Act 2014. The "Local Offer" is the term used to describe the support available within the Borough to parents, carers and children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). The 'Offer' covers services from birth to 25, across education, health and social care. It describes state-funded, charitable and private services, and includes services outside the local area (e.g. schools) which are used by local families. The information within the "Local Offer" is regularly updated by Achieving for Children, the key provider of children's services for the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston, and includes specific information on how to access these services.

You can find direct links to the "Local Offer" on our school website under 'Welcome', then 'SEN Provision at St Mary's'. Alternatively, please [click here](#).

We would also like to draw your attention to SEND Family Voices (SFV) who work very closely with Achieving for Children to support families to make the most of what is on offer together with Me Too and Co.

If you wish to discuss SEND provision at St Mary's, please contact either Ruth Knight or Ruth Anderson via [info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) or any of the school telephone numbers.



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### A message from the Governing Body:

Governors give a warm welcome to Eloise Leeson who joined the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor this week. Eloise knows St Mary's well as a parent, attends St Mary's church and has been a dedicated FoSM Rep and regular volunteer. An experienced accountant, she will be joining the Finance & Staffing and Curriculum & Standards committees. She is taking over the reins from Jonathan Jones, who remains on the Board as an Associate Member for the coming year.

The governors would like to thank all staff, children and parents, especially the FoSM reps, who have worked so hard to make our school fair a success, and wish all St Mary's families a peaceful Christmas.

### School Clubs:

This is the final week of the year for school clubs. Please collect the children at the end of the school day for the remainder of the term, thank you.

### Gentle reminders:

With such a busy end to the year I thought some reminders might be in order; Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** in return for a donation of at least £1.00 to Save the Children.

School closes **ONE HOUR** earlier (2.00pm at the infant site, 2.15pm at the middle site, and 2.30pm at the junior site) on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and we return on Tuesday 3<sup>RD</sup> January 2017!

### Important letter:

Please check your child's school bag for an important letter from us today. Please take the time to read it carefully and look out for further information in the New Year.

### Celebration Awards this week

Please note that due to nativity rehearsals and our 4T class assembly, there have been no celebration assemblies at the middle and junior sites this week. We will have our celebration assemblies at these sites next week instead and there will be no celebration assembly at the infant site.

Reception Blackbirds: *Arthur Rissi, Isla Beswetherick*

Reception Doves: *Zoya Malik, Chloe Thompson*

Reception Robins: *Lawrence Tindale, Sophia Mugal*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Eva Pengelly, Ellie Mountford*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Eva Rodrigues, Kodi Harrison*

Year 1 Puffins: *Zoe Reid-Viola, Joshua Arnstein*



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### Infant Site Star of the Week:

Our star this week shines and shimmers,  
Their sparkly nature reaches out and touches all.  
Happy and smiling their face radiates like the sun  
This little person is helpful to others,  
Offering words of encouragement, a friend to all.  
They are excited about new adventures and will try anything.  
Imaginative and creative they love to explore and find out more.  
Creating potions and making puppets talk,  
Being brave when a pole got in their way  
They love animals and nature and know lots of facts,  
Their favourite animal is a pony.  
Rusty has been impressed by this person from his nest  
A Robin to be proud of,  
Hannah Gunn you are our special star.  
Well done!

### ***Hannah Gunn, Reception Robins***

I hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow, School has been a hive of industry and we are so grateful for all your help and the support of FoSM.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams  
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