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9th February 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you received the invitation to the event on 2nd March to hear about our vision for St Mary's? If not a copy is available to download from the website. We hope you can join us.

Sickness:

I am sure you are aware that there has been a great deal of sickness for many months including vomiting and diarrhoea. I would like to remind you that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. This prevents reinfection and we would appreciate your support in this matter. Teaching staff will also be reminding pupils to wash their hands regularly and after using the toilet. Thank you for your support.

Permission forms for school trips

We have produced a new permission form, following government guidelines, which will be emailed to parents after half term (copies will be available outside each school office for those parents who prefer not to email the form back to us). This form, once signed, gives permission for your child/ren to attend all school trips (excluding residential trips) without you having to give permission each time. We will, of course, continue to send you information regarding trips and if there is anything to pay, we will ask you to log into Tucasi to do this. *Please ensure you return this form promptly to any school office; without it, your child will not be able to attend class trips.* Copies of this form will also be available at Parent Teacher evenings on Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March for you to sign. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Abuse:

At the start of December and in light of the current climate the BBC published an article, 'How do you talk to your children about sexual abuse?' which is great support for parents when having those difficult conversations with children about keeping safe. Here is the link to that article:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38129733?mc_cid=62a88f19b5&mc_eid=f655161d61

The Trustees:

I am delighted to inform you that through the generosity of our trustees we are going to be able to begin a number of exciting projects over the course of the year. One of those projects is to create reflection areas in all of our outdoor spaces, places where children can be calm, away from the buzz of the playground. Keep an eye out for the changes as they begin after half term. I am sure you will wish to join us in thanking the trustees for their funding.



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Tucasi

At the end of each half term we like to try and get Tucasi all up to date with clubs/trips cleared. We would be grateful if you could log into Tucasi over the holiday to check you have no payments outstanding. If you have any queries or need help logging onto Tucasi please contact Johanna van Otterdijk on jvanotterdijk@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or 020 88925840. Thank you.

School Uniform:

Thank you so much for your support over the hair accessories; I have never known a more responsive parent body - there were only royal blue, navy blue and white ribbons and bows on Monday morning!

Our FoSM School Uniform team have been working hard behind the scenes on plans to add several items to our uniform list: A St Mary's PE tracksuit - the weather this year proved we should be prepared for freezing temperatures even during the day and as PE is a statutory requirement the children still need to have their lessons including outside. We will confirm the style over the coming weeks and hope to showcase it during Celebration Assemblies, with a fashion show on our very own catwalk.

In addition we are looking at a school rucksack for the junior children. This will help establish a manageable size bag to cope with our bijoux cloakrooms.

The final possibility is a school scarf to match our very smart jumpers. We will keep you informed of developments and alert you to the dates you can see our new items on display for yourself. Thank you to the team taking this forward on our behalf.

E safety evening reminder

Our E safety evening with Peter Cowley will take place on **Monday 27th February 5.30 – 6.30pm** in the middle site (Strafford Road) hall. Everyone is welcome to attend; please just turn up.

Fake Tan Night - Sold Out!

Thank you for your amazing support and enthusiasm for this fabulous event! **Tickets have now sold out! Wow!**

You will hear shortly via email if you have been successful with your application.

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Aurora Collins, Eloise Morton*

Reception Doves: *Freddie Creigh & Lucy Logan*

Reception Robins: *Maisie Jary & Ethan Bisset*



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Year 1 Kingfishers: *Emily McKinlay & Eva Pengelly*

Year 1 Nightingales: *Thomas Matulaitis & Samuel Devereux*

Year 1 Puffins: *Ivy Kean & Heidi Baker*

Year 2 Junipers: *Phoebe White & Freya Barlow*

Year 2 Maples: *William Butcher & Matvey Yasser*

Year 2 Oaks: *Louis Glover-Faure & Thomas Sinclair*

Year 2 Willows: *Rayaan Khan & Daniel Hammer*

Year 3 Elms: *Pippa Clark & Evie Morris*

Year 3 Poplars: *Sorcha Hutchinson & Luca Pizzuto*

Year 3 Sycamores: *Jessica Gunn & Robin Neden-Watts*

Infant site Star of the week: **Andrea Marcantonio, Reception Robins**

A happy, smiling, twinkling star,

Who beams out friendliness

Always lighting up the room with his happy infectious nature

A joy to teach and so eager to learn

This bright star enjoys a challenge and is happy to have a go at any task, even the tricky ones!

A budding designer or scientist of the future,

Who creates the most amazing models out of anything he can lay his hands on!

In Robin's class he is always polite and well mannered.

Having great fun bouncing the hoppers with Luna

Building wonderful models with his big brother Lucca

Andrea Marcantonio you are our special star.

Middle site Star of the week: **Joshua Barrett, Year 2 Oaks**

Another week, another star,

I know you're all wondering who they are.

Sit tight and listen well,

About the poem I'm about to tell.

While I am reading think and ponder,

Is this poem about you? I wonder!

You've come so far since your first day,

Watching you grow every step of the way.

This little boy is dressed in blue,

A member of Oaks class – there are a few!

You're bright, smart and funny as can be,

You make the class giggle, including me.



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You're always full of bright ideas
You like to share them with your peers.

The toughest tasks are set each day,
You're never one to shy away.

Reading, writing and maths too,
You try your best in all you do.

You've been so good for all to see,
There is no other star for me.
Congratulations Joshua - you are this week's golden star!

Junior site Star of the week:

We will have our junior Celebration assembly when we return after half term.

Here are some reminders of important dates early on next term:

Inset day, Friday 10th February

Half term, 13th – 17th February

Monday 27th February, E safety talk for parents, 5.30 – 6.30pm, middle site hall

Parent teacher consultations: Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March, 4 – 7pm. No school run clubs this week and school finishes ONE hour earlier on both days

Swimming Gala finals, Wednesday 15th March, 2pm

Last week of school run clubs, w/c 20th March

Easter service, Tuesday 28th March, 10am, St Mary's Church, led by Year 5

Last day of term, Friday 31st March (School finishes ONE hour earlier)

All staff join me in wishing you a very happy and restful half term. We hope the bugs and germs disappear so that we are all back to full strength after the break!

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
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