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Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parents,

Staffing Update:

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Anderson is leaving us temporarily in May. She has decided to take some time out to travel with her husband and we wish her the very best. The good news is that we hope she will return to us in September to support the SENCos. In addition to her work at St Mary's, Mrs Anderson will also work as a freelance Dyslexia consultant. Her qualifications are at Level 7 - specialist teacher and assessor - and she is a member of the professional bodies AMBDA (British Dyslexia Association) and PATOSS (Professional Association of Teachers of Children with Specific Learning Difficulties) and holds their Assessing Practice Certificate. There will be opportunities for parents to commission Mrs Anderson to carry out specialist work if they feel it is appropriate for their child. This may include diagnostic assessment or designing a suitable package of intervention. All requests for this work must initially be put in writing to Mrs Knight.

The great news to share is that we have appointed Mrs Kapila to take Mrs Anderson's SENCo role and she begins officially in September. Mrs Kapila has experience of working with SEN children and in fact was a teacher in our Gathered Provision for some time. For the final few weeks of the academic year Mrs Freer has agreed to step in to support Mrs Knight in her role. We are very grateful to Mrs Freer for assisting in this important area.

Road Safety:

I am hugely relieved that I am not sharing the news that a St Mary's child was knocked over last week but it was a close thing. There were a number of very near misses on the roads outside our school. One of them saw a young pupil come within inches of being knocked over outside the middle site. The other involved a parent manoeuvring two children down the middle of Amyand Park Road towards oncoming traffic.

We are approaching the council about school signs to slow drivers down but we really need to ask you to be road aware too!

There have also been a number of parents driving down towards the junior site building. If Mo hasn't managed to get the cones out at 2:45pm please don't read this as a sign that it is ok to use the driveway! Doing this resulted in some difficult conversations which really spoil the home-school relationships we work hard to foster.

Class assemblies

May I please remind you that photography or filming of whole classes isn't permitted? We have a number of children whose parents do not give permission for this.

Due to a trip arranged for Reception Doves, we have had to amend our assembly link classes slightly. This change only affects Reception Doves and Year 2 Junipers.



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Reception Doves will now attend Year 4's assembly on Friday 28th April and 2 Junipers will attend 5GD's assembly on Friday 26th May.

We will, of course, send out a reminder to parents nearer the time. These dates have been amended on the Google calendar via the school website. You can also view the class assembly document via the school website – For parents tab on the home page, "Term, Diary and assembly dates", "Assemblies".

Celebration assemblies:

There are NO celebration assemblies next week. Thank you to those who attended this term, the children loved seeing you there and it makes it all the more special that you are there.

Easter Service:

We hope you can join Years 1 - 6 at St Mary's Church at 10:00am next **Tuesday 28th March** for our Easter Service. There will be a very different feel to our services of the past and we very much hope you will contribute to it.

Pupils will arrive from about 9:30am. We ask that parents wait outside until all the children are seated before entering the church, so don't arrive too early!

Once inside the church the children have been asked to be reflective and calm. As they are trying really hard to live up to this new expectation we ask that you also help to keep the respectful quiet once you enter.

The majority of the children will be downstairs with just Year 6 on the balcony. Parents are invited to sit upstairs only, no standing downstairs on this occasion. Year 5 will tell us about the Easter Story and at the end you will be asked to leave the church ahead of the pupils who will leave from either side of the church. We wish for a calm and orderly exit from the church!

Your support with our new procedure is really appreciated and we hope you enjoy this special story and the lovely singing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent helpers:

We are incredibly grateful for the parent helpers who support teachers at St Mary's. In tightening up procedures over the next term and beyond we wanted to let you know of some changes. Volunteers will continue to be gratefully received, but parents will not be helping in their own child's class anymore.

Whilst I know that this is most parents' preference we really hope this won't put you off offering to support our school. Parents currently supporting will stay where they are for the remainder of this year, but if they continue to volunteer in the new academic year they will be moved around.



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Our aim is also to 'train' any new helpers so that induction includes providing strategies to really get the most out of your support. With fewer teaching assistants your help is valued more and more and we want to give you the advantage of some of our educational expertise so that our children benefit.

We will consider all offers of support and ask that you commit to regular slots over at least a half term. We'd like to make the most of your skill set, so you'll be asked to complete a form if you want to offer your time.

A reminder: If you are assisting in school, you **are not permitted** to take any images of the children. Mobile phones should not be to hand at all; thank you for your assistance in this important safeguarding matter.

Christian Value:

Our value this term has been *endurance*, we needed to use this often as we dealt with the continual floods on the middle site. Investigations are on-going and we hope to report that the problem has been resolved very soon. Our value for next term is *service*.

Easter Works:

We hope our trees on the middle site will be pruned and an eagle kite positioned to reduce the impact of nesting birds and all that brings! Many, many thanks to FoSM for their contribution to costs, which have made this possible

We should also see the pillar on the middle site rebuilt at last.

Reflection areas:

Those on the middle site will have seen the developments; the fenced reflection area (a work still in progress), and the lovely planting. The infant site begins next week with a planted area in the Year 1 playground. Our thanks go to the trustees for funding these spaces.

St Mary's Fund Update:

We are keeping everything crossed that our charitable status number will be issued next week. This means we will start the new term fully able to collect any voluntary contributions parents would like to make. A letter will follow about this after the holidays.

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS for the SUMMER TERM

1st half of term £59.40

2nd half of term £74.80

Whole term £134.20



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SEN review survey

Achieving for Children is currently conducting a review of education provision for children and young people from Kingston and Richmond with special educational needs and disabilities. The review will make recommendations for the future.

If you would like to contribute to the review, please complete [our survey](#) before the extended deadline of 29th March.

Awards

There was no Celebration assembly at the middle site this week due to the Eco committee assembly.

Reception Blackbirds: *Bear Mair & Sebastian Honour*

Reception Robins: *Lorion Frost & Noah Simons*

Reception Doves: *Noah Tomlinson & Zoya Malik*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Felix Clarke & Abigail Charity*

Year 1 Nightingales: *George Vincent & Mila Rocco*

Year 1 Puffins: *Stanley Chute & Aleks Lyjak*

Year 4I: *Ralph Reay, Olivia Parker-Elms*

Year 4M: *Lilly Ross Nedjah, James Wilson*

Year 4T: *Isabelle Cain, Etienne Barman-Poppy*

Year 5B: *Caleb Levell, Juliet Gilbert*

Year 5M: *Harry Windross, Louis Giggins*

Year 5N: *Milena Panyukova, Leah Creigh*

Year 6P: *Alice Bray, Aneesh Bhandari*

Year 6W: *Justin van der Vegt, Ines Maggio*



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Stars of the week:

Infant site Star of the week: ***Erik Hammer - Reception Doves***

In this classroom you can find
A dove this quiet and kind

He love to write, he loves to draw
But he loves playing mine craft most of al

During half term he's often away
Where he wishes he could stay

But St Mary's would miss him very much
Especially his friends and his class teacher

This Dove is....Erik Hammer!

Junior site Star of the week: ***Sienna Singh, 6W***

This person will always stand out in a crowd
will always make you cheer
will always make you very proud
that is why she is held so dear

This person is just so marvellous
she is always full of grace
She will bring joy to any house
She will put a smile on your face

This person, in school, is so calm and sweet
on her you can depend
she will ensure all is tidy and neat
If in doubt, it is for her you will send

Now you're thinking who this wonder is
this person who can do everything
well I can now reveal to you
it is 6W's Sienna Singh



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Townmead Road, 5 day closure

We have been asked to let you know that Townmead Road Household Re-use and Recycling Centre will be closed from Monday 27 to Friday 31 March 2017.

Townmead Road Re-use and Recycling Centre will be closed for five days for essential upgrading works. During this planned closure, alternative sites will be available across the West London Waste Authority area, details of these can be found at: www.richmond.gov.uk/townmead.

Thank you in advance for your support and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

TryCycle Twickenham 2017

We are delighted to announce that our free family fun day TryCycle is being held at Twickenham riverside and Diamond Jubilee Gardens on **Sunday 7th May** from 1pm-5pm.

TryCycle Twickenham is all about getting children active: we have a "Grand Prix" track for younger children to ride around on their bikes and scooters; Inspire Shows will be there with their BMX "flatland" display; we will have a visit from a Penny Farthing company including the opportunity to ride one; there will be free bike checks and bike marking on offer plus games and activities in Diamond Jubilee Gardens.

Mini tennis Easter camp

At Sion Road, Twickenham TW1 3DD, Monday 3rd – Friday 7th April, Monday 10th – 14th April;
Online bookings at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/YorkHouseGardens> or call Jezz on 07896 2020086

Kew Association football Club - Easter holiday football camp

Running from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th April 2017, 9.00am – 3.30pm, £15 per day, £60 per week.
Please email jamieturner89@hotmail.com

London Scottish Easter rugby camp

Running from Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th April; to book your place, call the LSFC office on 07925 951149 or download the course application form (www.londonscottish.com) and email to kirkjones@gdfconsultancy.com



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Important dates for the future:

School run clubs have now finished and will start again w/c 1st May. Information will be emailed to parents early in the summer term

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)

Inset day, Tuesday 18th April

First day of summer term, Wednesday 19th April

Yours sincerely,

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