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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

### Staffing Update:

Our congratulations go to Mr Williams who was appointed this week as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mr Williams will continue to be fully involved with his Year 6 class this academic year and will take a non-class based role from September. It is truly wonderful that Mr Williams has come a full circle, returning to the position he once held some years ago; I am very much enjoying working alongside him and learning from his vast knowledge and experience of St Mary's School.

### Red Nose day

We raised a magnificent £577.70 for Comic Relief. Thank you for wearing your noses and red items of clothing for such a worthy cause, [www.rednoseday.com](http://www.rednoseday.com)

### St Mary's Fund

Our thanks go to Mrs Murley (Sasha 4T) who recently nominated our school to be one of the charities which Waitrose donates to through their green token scheme. The manager has confirmed today that they will allow the school to be one of their April charities. We plan to put the money raised towards English resources and paid directly to the school rather than FoSM. Please do lots of Easter shopping in Waitrose over the holiday and pick up your green tokens to put into the box!

### Our Easter service at St Mary's Church

Thank you to our Year 5 pupils who led our Easter service on Tuesday at St Mary's Church. Thank you to everyone who came to share with us this most important Christian festival.

### House points this term

Attenborough **2151**

Farah **1905**

Twining **1902**

Walpole **2043**

### Half termly letters

Half termly letters are now available for you to view via School Communicator, Resources, and Category "Half termly letters".



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### FoSM Easter egg hunts

A BIG thank you to FoSM for arranging Easter egg hunts for the children this year. The children love taking part and finding their Easter bunny at the end. We appreciate all the effort and time that goes into this annual event; staff are always very happy to accept any leftover bunnies!



### Easter Works:

I reported that our trees were due to be trimmed next week; unfortunately planning permission has not been received as yet so this sadly may be postponed to May half term.

### Attendance Report:

We have received an unprecedented number of requests for term time holidays over the last term. The impact of this has been a dramatic drop in our attendance, from the usual average of 96-97% to 94% this week.

Please take note of our term dates and ensure holidays are arranged outside of these times. We fully understand, and suffer ourselves, the frustration of hiked prices during the breaks but we expect St Mary's children to be at school for as near to 190 days per year, as possible.

Thank you for taking on board this worrying new statistic. As you may know, Ofsted routinely checks on data such as this and any significant changes cause alarm and can trigger an inspection. We really don't want St Mary's to be defined by poor attendance.

### Reflection areas:

Our Reflection Areas continue to develop; planting on the Infant Site has taken place, there is some fine-tuning needed which will happen over the break. We will also see more of Mohammad's fine craftsmanship as the beautiful bench makes it to the Middle Site area. Watch this space for more news after Easter.



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### Message from the Royal Albert hall

We'll be welcoming eight choirs to an international festival, including a number of deeply socially active groups. Among them, the Boston Children's Chorus has pioneered social bridging in Boston, with a mission statement that focuses on combining music and community to inspire social change. Another choir, the Mzansi Youth Choir from South Africa, has led the way in enabling arts among underprivileged Johannesburg youths, taking their art to an international stage of community. They'll be joined by a number of Diocesan and Cathedral choirs from eight countries, in a terrific opportunity to perform at the Hall.

We believe this is a brilliant potential activity for the Easter holiday – the performance will be interactive and exciting, and the Hall is an amazing place to foster musical excitement in kids. We have some limited ticket offers going, as well as cheap tickets for youths.

<http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2017/a-celebration-of-world-voices/>

### Koosa Kids

Holiday activities for children aged 4 -13. Your local Koosa kids club can be found at Orleans Park School, Easter holiday fun 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017. [www.koosakids.co.uk](http://www.koosakids.co.uk) or 0845 094 2322

### C S Coaching Saturday Soccer School – Football throughout the summer & New Reception Class!

The Saturday Soccer School is held at St James's Catholic Primary School, Stanley Road. From April 2017, we will be launching a new Reception class and will offer football coaching to children in reception through to year 6. We have an ethos of providing coaching for children of all abilities and ensuring it is fun, structured and safe. Our staff include qualified Physical Education teachers as well as experienced sports coaches.

We have a relationship with Hearts of Teddlothian FC and can signpost players at our Soccer School to their teams

We are now accepting registrations for the summer term (we begin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April) and have spaces in all year groups.

More details and how to register can be found at [www.cscoaching.org.uk/soccer-schools](http://www.cscoaching.org.uk/soccer-schools) or by emailing [colin@cscoaching.org.uk](mailto:colin@cscoaching.org.uk) or call 07729 450356.



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Thank you for your support over this busy term. The staff joins me in wishing you a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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