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Friday 21st April 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and that the large number of broken limbs the children had before the holiday are well mended!

Our Christian value of the term is: Service

Easter Works:

I'm relieved to report that the brick pillar on the middle site has been rebuilt at last, many thanks to the parent who nominated the bricklayer who has done a fine job.

I'm delighted to let you know that our two new classrooms on the junior site, built last summer, have finally been passed over to us. They are stunning and we will be making good use of these extra spaces before they eventually becomes permanent classrooms in September.

If you've passed by the middle site you will have seen that Mohammad has had a very busy 'holiday'. The reflection area is resplendent with its new seating amongst other things and the children will be using it towards the end of next week; they have been patiently waiting for the chance to get in there!

Our infant site reflection area is being well used by the children but there is more planned for this term. Plans for the junior site space continues too...watch this space.

Attendance Report:

You will have seen the outcome of the court case where a father who refused to pay a £120 fine after taking his daughter on holiday during term time lost his legal battle at the Supreme Court. Judges ruled that regular attendance had to be in keeping with rules of the school.

At St Mary's, term time holidays are not permitted in accordance with our school policy. WE have, however, seen a sharp increase in requests to take children out of school which must be addressed. Our attendance dipped from **97%** to **94%** in the last week of term this year. Unauthorised attendance in the last week of the spring term 2016 was **3.39%** and this year rose to **6.09%**.

Our holiday dates for the remainder of this year and next are on our website, please take the time to check them so that you avoid booking any holidays in term time, thank you for your support in this important matter.



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Parents and volunteers:

Thank you once again to all our parent helpers who consistently give up their time to assist in our classrooms; we are so grateful for the extra adults.

We have updated our volunteer pack including up to date information from the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document. Over the coming weeks you will be provided with the latest version and asked to sign to say you have read it. It will also make it to the website where all parents can access its information.

Any parents who come into school regularly will be asked to apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). The school office will contact you if you need one of these.

Year 4 had a visit from Mr Smeeton, Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit

Year 4 experienced a very informative and interesting afternoon at the end of last half term (30.03.17) when Mr George Smeeton came in to discuss climate change and global warming. This followed on from our science topic last half term which was electricity.

Mr Smeeton, from Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit, explained how a small difference in temperature makes an enormous difference to our planet. Year 4 then deliberated on how they can influence and slow climate change and global warming. We are most grateful to Mr Smeeton for finding time to come to school and impart his extensive knowledge on this global issue. We hope to see him again next year.

Year 4 Richmond Music Trust "wider opportunities"

Year 4 will begin the RMT Wider Opportunities Brass Initial Stage on Wednesday afternoons this term, starting on **Wednesday 26th April**. There will be no session on *17th May* and the concert date for parents will be Wednesday 28th June at 1.30pm.

A busy term ahead:

Our summer term is always a busy one; SATs for Years 2 and 6, the Y6 residential trip to France, Sports Days (KS2, Years 3 – 6 is on **Friday 30th June at 1.30pm**, and KS1, Reception – Year 2, **Wednesday 5th July** 1.30pm Orleans Park field) and FoSM's exciting events to name but a few. Please check the website for these dates so that you don't miss out on anything.

Christmas jumper day 2016

By taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper day we raised **£534!**



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Kingston Family Fun Day - this Saturday

Kingston Council is celebrating the completion of improvement works to Portsmouth Road and Queen's Promenade as part of the Go Cycle scheme with a family fun day on Saturday 22 April, 10.30am-2.30pm, next to Riverside Cafe, Portsmouth Road.

The day will include activities such as face painting, a bike market and penny farthing displays to celebrate the rich history of cycling in our borough. There will also be guided bike rides with our Go Cycle trainers, so bring your bikes and don't forget a bike lock.

Come and join the family fun!

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200382/go_programme/1266/portsmouth_road/5

Important Dates over the next few weeks:

Wednesday 26th April, SATs meeting for Year 6 parents, 530 – 6pm, junior site
Friday 28th April, 4I class assembly (link class Reception Doves)
w/c 1st May, KS1 SATs week
Monday 1st May, Bank holiday
Thursday 4th May, 5B to V&A
Friday 5th May, Year 3 Poplars class assembly (link class 5N)
w/c 8th May, KS2 SATs week
Saturday 13th May, FoSM bike sale, MS, 11am – 1pm
Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th May, Year 4 Orange tree theatre workshops (in school)
Tuesday 16th May, 4M to Tower Bridge
Wednesday 17th May, 4I to Tower Bridge
Wednesday 16th May, Year 6 Orange tree theatre workshops (in school)
Thursday 17th May, Year 6 craft fair
Friday 19th May, 4T to Tower Bridge
Friday 19th May, Reception Doves class assembly (link class 6P)
Monday 22nd May, 5M to V&A
Tuesday 23rd May, Years 4 & 6 to Orange Tree Theatre
Thursday 25th May, Year 6 to see "School of Rock", 1pm
Friday 26th May, Year 6 to Houses of Parliament
Friday 26th May, 5N class assembly (link class 2 Junipers)
w/c 29th May, Half term

(NB 5N will be visiting the V&A on 7th June)



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We wish you all a very happy St George's Day for Sunday - '*Cry Harry for England and St George*'.

Yours sincerely,

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