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Dear Parents,

Staffing updates

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Mitchell is expecting her first baby. The baby will join the St Mary's family in October. I am sure you will wish to pass on your best wishes to her.

Dogs:

Pupils on the middle site have designed posters for our railings to ask local residents to avoid using our footpaths as a dog toilet. They have made some for the infant site too so look out for them - they will make you smile.

On the subject of dogs, parents have raised concerns about the number of dogs tied up very near the school gates and in some cases being brought onto the playground. May I remind you to keep the gateway completely clear, not all children (or adults) are comfortable around dogs and please keep them off the playground? Thank you for your assistance.

Dotcom:

Please see below some information about an exciting new scheme of work for our Personal, Social, Emotional, Health and Citizenship curriculum. We are incredibly fortunate that parents Sharon and Neil Evans have provided us with this excellent scheme, as they are the founders of the project. Teachers will start teaching the project during the summer term and materials will then move up with each class to be continued from September. We extend our thanks to Mr and Mrs Evans for this fantastic resource and for training our staff in its use.

We are pleased to tell you that our school will soon be introducing the Dot Com Values Programme as part of our work to help teach children how to stay safe and value themselves.

Recent government legislation requires schools to actively teach British Values and Safeguarding and teachers will be using the Dot Com suite of resources as part of the Personal Social Health Education (PSCHE) curriculum.

The Dot Com programme has a proven track record and is endorsed by the Home Office, the Police and Ofsted. The programme aims to empower children and give them the skills to keep themselves safe at school, at home and in the local community. It also reinforces good values and the importance of children valuing themselves and others.

The Dot Com 'values' programme is a character-based learning tool that helps children grow the knowledge and confidence they need to make good decisions in life, especially about their own safety.



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The programme is based on a cartoon character called Dot Com and is delivered through a series of age appropriate and child friendly journals that the children will work through during their PSCH lessons. To find out more please visit: www.dotcomcf.org. If you have any queries regarding this matter please speak to your child's class teacher.

School meal payments

Payments for School Meals on Tucasi are due at the **beginning** of each term/half term.

Please could you make your payments as soon as possible; thank you?

Richmond Music Trust Brass concert for Year 4 parents

The date for this has been changed to **Friday 7th July** in the school hall, starting promptly at 2.30pm.

It's the final week to collect Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's

It's the last week to collect Active Kids vouchers! Please hand your vouchers into any school office (I bet there are some lurking at the bottom of handbags). Last year, St Marys collected 4863 vouchers; let's see if we can beat this in 2017! Thank you for your support.

Stars of the week:

Awards

Reception Blackbirds: *Sadie Yeung & Dexter Ellis -White*

Reception Robins: *Matilda Downey & Hannah Gunn*

Reception Doves: *Ethan Bisset & Douglas Neden-Watts*

Year 1 Kingfishers: *Anoushka Saha & Lorelei Winterfrost*

Year 1 Nightingales: *William Robinson & Lily James*

Year 1 Puffins: *Zoe Reid-Viola & Heidi Baker*

Year 2 Junipers: *Federico Prenovost, Kiana Awaekpo*

Year 2 Maples: *Peter Deasy, Francesco Ruosi*

Year 2 Oaks: *Leela Chawda, Xander Ostrove-Pound*

Year 2 Willows: *Harry Castillo, Joshy Green*

(Year 3 were on a school visit this week and there was no Celebration assembly at the junior site due to the 4I class assembly)



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Infant site Star of the week: **Matilde Paqvalen** - Reception Robins

The stars in the sky above look down even as we speak,
Now we must name someone as our star of the week,

In Robins class this girls is a little ray of sun,
Spreading happiness and being a friend to everyone,

She always tries her best and listens very well,
And she loves to listen and respond when we do our show and tell.

She adds, subtracts and writes away,
She is busy all through the day,
If you want to find her you may have to look,
In the role play or in the corner sharing a book

She loves to skip, she loves to dance and be a ballerina,
She dresses up in pink and is Aurora or Angelina

By now, I think you'll know what I'm about to say,
The Star of this week is Matilde.

Middle site Star of the week: **Freya Barlow, Year 2 Junipers**

If you look around the classroom,
You'll see her there,
Head down, hardworking,
with her short, brown hair,

Her nose in a book,
while time passes by
Watch her gymnastics
it will make you smile

With an eager heart,
and a water bottle in hand,
always a story to tell,
strong willed to rule St Mary's land

This star is so keen,
Her smile you'll now see,
so deserving of this,
come up Freya B!



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Staff "star of the week" Mohammad Chebaro, MS Caretaker

Who do you think deserves to be our star?
A painter, a gardener, a building czar?
At half term, whilst you were at home and enjoying a rest
Mrs Abraham's requests made her seem quite a pest!

But this person didn't grumble, gnash, moan or groan
They picked up their hammer and saw and started to build, all alone,
A wonderful reflection area, oh what a treat,
Picnic tables to play Lego, snakes and ladders and eat.

Mr Mohammad we need to be clear,
You are simply a champion and oh what a dear!
We thank you for helping make St Mary's middle site a gem,
And we raise you up to be a superhero, amongst men!

Important Dates over the next term:

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 17th May, Year 6 Orange tree theatre workshops (in school)

Thursday 18th 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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Richmond Council provides cycle training for all ages and abilities.

Teaching adults and children to ride

- Cyclists wanting to gain the confidence to ride on road with traffic
- Advanced commuter training

The training is subsidised by TfL and costs just £10 for a 90 minute session at a venue to suit the student.

The web link [1-2-1 cycle training](#) takes you to the information and booking form

Springtime Safari at Orleans House Gallery

Springtime Safari will take place on Sunday 30 April 2017 from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the wonderful grounds of Orleans House on Twickenham Riverside.

Springtime Safari brings wildlife and people together through environmental education and creative activity to inspire people to get to know the creatures they live around and to protect and support the natural environment and Richmond's green spaces.

www.richmond.gov.uk/springtime_safari

Parenting groups – Summer Term 2017

Parenting groups available for all parents/carers living in the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston.

<https://www.afclocaloffer.org.uk/pages/home/information-and-advice/achieving-for-children-parenting-support/parenting-programme>

We wish you a very happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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