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Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming parents of pupils Years 2 - 6 to church on Tuesday 10th October for our Harvest service. We went along yesterday to rehearse and you are in for a treat. We have been practising our silence in Church and we ask that you join us in enjoying a short period of calm, reflection and stillness. Please don't arrive at church too early as we are asking parents to remain outside until the children are all seated. Mr Williams will be "on guard" at the doors ☺

The collection at the end is for Water Aid, if you are able to make a donation it is for a really worthy cause. If you would prefer, you can donate by sending back the little envelopes going home with the children today. Thank you.

Thank you to parents of Reception and Year 1, who are busy sending in tins for the Vineyard Community Project. Our little table is burgeoning under the weight already.

Father Piotr has asked me to extend an invitation to parents to meet with him on 27th November from 4:00 - 4:30 pm on the middle site, for a talk about his role in school and Collective Worship. Please email info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk to let us know if you would like to attend.

This Sunday at St Mary's Church at 9.30am there is a special service celebrating friendship between Twickenham and Fontainebleau; the service will finish with a blessing in French. Families are invited to attend.

Staffing update:

Mrs Cassem, in Doves, is expecting her first baby. We are thrilled for her and know you will be too. The baby is due in March so we have quite some time to find her replacement; we will keep Doves parents informed as time goes on.

Natalie Mulligan was considered for the position of Senior Teaching Assistant when we interviewed in the summer term. A change in circumstances meant that we weren't able to take that further at that time, but she gave us a rain check, which we committed to keeping. Although funding now makes it impossible to appoint her in that particular role, we have agreed that she will be an HLTA, stepping in where needed. We congratulate her on her new role.



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Safeguarding

Please remember to sign your child/ren in and out of school at the school office. This is a very important procedure under our "Safeguarding policy". Thank you for your support.

Website:

We are really pleased to let you know we are in the process of updating our school website. We hope to have a draft in place by Christmas with a view to launching the site in February. Part of the preparation for this involves the taking of images of the children at work and play around all three sites. We are very mindful that some parents request no photos are not taken of their child and we respect their decision as the photos on the website are obviously available to anyone who logs on to our site. Occasionally, we may use the images from the site for marketing the school, for example, through leaflets or posters. If you would rather we do not photograph your child for our new website please let us know by emailing info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk; thank you.

School Uniform:

Firstly, thank you to parents who have remembered to send their child in with their hair tied up, and those who have even ventured as far as having their child's hair cut! We hope it avoids the need for continual "Lice Letters" this year.

We are updating our school uniform policy this term and want to give you advance warning of some of the small changes we aim to make. We are noticing children coming into school in trainers on occasion. Please ensure your child has proper school shoes daily, thank you. We also want the children to start doing up their t-shirt buttons...not all, but the first few so that their shirts don't gape open! We are asking the children to tuck in their shirts too, please encourage this when you can.

We aim to phase out the white t-shirts over time too. So if you are considering buying any new ones over this year perhaps purchase the blue ones. Thank you for your support.

Twitter:

We are phasing out our news feed on the website, preferring instead to keep you up to date using Twitter. If you haven't yet signed up to follow us please consider doing so, it allows us to give you update you with news as it happens. Please follow us @twickstmarys



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Celebration children

1 Nightingales: *Robbie P, Alex M*

1 Puffins: *Joel J, Olivia L*

1 Kingfishers: *Nate A, Lotta G*

2 Junipers: *Beatrice W, Oliver C*

2 Oaks: *James K, Emily Mc*

2 Willows: *Emilio P, Ivor D*

3 Elms: *Leela C, Sienna D*

3 Maples: *Alba M, Freja P*

3 Poplars: *Anna W, Rayaam K*

3 Sycamores: *Thomas L, Millie Y*

4S: *Ollie B*

4T: *Eliza M*

4W: *Sofia F L-J*

5M: *Etienne B-P*

5N: *Lottie J*

5T: *Jasper S*

6B: *Thomas L*

6PG: *Felix K*

6S: *Mani H*

Stars of the week

Infant Site: **Isla B, 1 Kingfishers**

Twinkling, shining and smiling bright,
Our star this week is an absolute delight.
Joy and happiness is their thing,
Which they are always keen to bring
Working hard and trying their best,
Often means that they shine out in their nest.
Helpful and kind, they are friends to all.
Having fun, joining in, they have a ball.
Our star loves to dance, ballet is her thing.
Enjoys drawing beautiful flowers,
And she likes to sing.
She is a Kingfisher,
I wonder who?
Isla B it is you!



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Middle site: **Joshy G, Year 3 Poplars**

This week on the Middle Site,
The star we have is a delight.
A great example of St Mary's spirit,
When there's a challenge, he doesn't fear it.
A class member with lots of suggestions,
And an inquisitive mind full of questions.
He gives his all in all he does,
And when he was on TV it caused quite a buzz!
I can tell you're wondering, in what year is he?
Well I can confirm, he's in Year 3!
It's someone of whom Mrs Marks is very proud,
Because to be noticed in Poplar class you don't
need to be loud.
What a joy so far he's been,
From Poplars Class, it's Joshy G!

Junior site: **Max N 6B**

A calm, focussed worker,
an example to raise the game of his peers,
A polite communicator,
with maturity beyond his years,
A lover of good music,
a baker of great cakes, with his kind nature many friends he makes.
Now that he approaches the final call,
We'd like to say "Thanks to you, Max. Good luck from us all."



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Attendance data week ending 29th September 2017

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	98.44	0	0	2
Year 1	97	0	0	3
Year 2	99	0	0	1
Year 3	99.10	0	0	4
Year 4	97.87	0.22	2	4
Year 5	97.44	0	0	2
Year 6	96.56	0	0	3
Total school	97.95	0.03	2	19

Diary date reminders:

Monday 9th October, Year 1 cake sale

Monday 9th October, FoSM AGM, followed by new parents meeting 6 – 7pm, 7 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 10th October, Harvest Thanksgiving, 10am St Mary's Church

Wednesday 11th October, Year 5 to Primary Proms

Thursday 12th October, 4T class assembly (link class 1 Kingfishers)

Friday 13th October, FoSM Quiz & curry night, 7.30 – 11pm Middle site

Monday 16th October, Year 6 netball squad trials, 8am

Monday 16th October, Year 6 cake sale

Monday 16th October, Year 6 meeting re France, 7 – 8pm, junior site hall

Tuesday 17th October, Year 6 Heights & Weights

Wednesday 18th October, Year 2 Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday 20th October, Year 1 to the London Aquarium

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October, Half term

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd November, Year 6 cycling proficiency



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Monday 6th November, Year 2 to Windsor Castle

Monday 6th November, Year 3 cake sale

Wednesday 8th November, Parent Teacher consultations 4 – 7pm (SCHOOL CLOSSES ONE HOUR EARLIER)

Thursday 9th November, Parent Teacher consultations 4 – 7pm (SCHOOL CLOSSES ONE HOUR EARLIER)

Thursday 9th November, 6B class assembly (link class 2 Willows)

Art at Orleans Gallery over half term

Art activities at Orleans House Gallery starting in the month of October /half term- linked with The Big Draw Festival. See below

The Big Draw Festival- From **1-31 October**, every year, thousands of enjoyable and experimental drawing activities connect people of all ages with schools, galleries, museums, libraries, heritage sites, village halls, refugee organisations, outdoor spaces - all sorts of places - artists, scientists, designers, illustrators, inventors and each other.

October Half Term Holiday Activities

Art @ Orleans House Gallery • 23 Oct to 28 Oct

Sunday Afternoon Art

Art @ Orleans House Gallery • 1 Oct, 5 Nov to 03 Dec

Yours sincerely,

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