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Friday 20th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Half term has arrived and we are grateful for it; the first term is always so busy with so much to fit in and learn. Thank you for your support during it; accompanying visits, helping in our libraries, sending the children in with all they need for school - we are very grateful to you.

Next half term we invite you to join us for parent teacher consultations. We will email you w/c 30th October with details on how to sign up for your meeting via Tucasi and information about which clubs will be running (there will be no school run clubs this week). At the meeting you will be asked to leave behind an updated home-school agreement. You can view a copy in School Communicator, "Communications from school". If you are able to bring a signed copy along that would be great, alternatively we'll have one to hand for you on the day.

Book Fair:

You may have seen on the parent noticeboards, posters advertising our Scholastic Book Fair, coming to each site on Tuesday 7th November. This is a first for St Mary's and we are very excited about it. The children will have the chance to peruse the book stands in the days running up to the fair. The stalls open 15 minutes before the end of the school day on each site and remain open for an hour afterwards. We are very grateful to the parents who have signed up to run the stalls for us.

We receive commission on all your purchases and the rate is excellent. We hope to boost our guided reading scheme with the books we order afterwards, so thank you in advance for any purchases.

Gate on the junior site:

Can we please ask that you move right in to the playground at the end of each day when collecting your child? Teachers on duty are finding it increasingly hard to monitor the gate because children are leaving the site in search of their parents waiting beyond the gate and because of the large numbers gathering either side. Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe.

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher and they are on duty at the gate, please wait until they have completed their duty. This means they don't miss anyone slipping out!

School Fund Help

We are looking for a parent (ideally with a financial background) who is willing to give up a few hours of their time to audit our small School Fund account. This account doesn't have a vast number of transactions but it includes the processing of all charitable donations and collections (eg Harvest, Nativity etc) amongst other things.



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If you feel this is something you may be able to help us with, or if you would like to find out further details, please contact Simon Minty on sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk.

Gentle Reminders:

As the weather turns colder please be sure to send your child in with the new PE top from our uniform list. We know that the manufacturer was slow to produce them in the summer but we hear that has been resolved so you should be able to get hold of one easily. Please also start sending in coats. All uniform should be marked with your child's name, thank you.

In accordance with new NICE guidelines, the school will be keeping track of children who were born preterm. If your child was born before 37 weeks of gestation, please could you email cfreer@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk with their name, class and gestational age?

We are updating our Medical records in school. We would be grateful if you could advise the school of any regular medication your child takes at home. We are already aware of asthma inhalers, epipens and other medication in school, but if your child is on other regular medication that the school does not already know about, please could you email cfreer@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Staffing update:

Last week I announced that Mrs Gurdenli is leaving us at Christmas. Her move has prompted Mrs Shaboe to take the decision to leave at Christmas too. We are very saddened by the news and know you will be, as she is well-loved and has taught literally hundreds of pupils over the 28 years she has been here. Mrs Shaboe is very much looking forward to concentrating on her family and putting her feet up a bit, well deserved after her long service to St Mary's School.

On Thursday 9th November we welcome back Mrs Danielle Maynard, our Assistant Headteacher, returning from maternity leave. Mrs Maynard will be based primarily on the infant site. Mrs Knight will return to her SENCo position, responsible principally for KS1, but she also is our Lead SENCo so she has dealings with pupils across the school too. I would like to extend enormous thanks to Mrs Knight for her time as our Acting Assistant Headteacher; she has been a great support to me and the school during this year.

Celebration children (Year 2 were on a trip this week)

Year 1 Nightingales: *Max W & Isla J*
Year 1 Puffins: *Sophia M & Matthew R*
Year 1 Kingfishers: *Chloe T & Benjamin C*
Year 3 Elms: *Dexter H, Poppy F*
Year 3 Maples: *Eric P, Fede P*
Year 3 Poplars: *Dominic L, Ella D*
Year 3 Sycamores: *Charlotte I, Matvey Y*



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Year 4S: *Sokol A*
Year 4T: *Sam H*
Year 4W: *Harrison D*
Year 5M: *Sophia P*
Year 5N: *Oscar C*
Year 5T: *Rose B*
Year 6B: *Sofia A*
Year 6PG: *Milena P*
Year 6S: *Nedas V*

Stars of the week:

Infant Site Star of the Week: Joshua M, 1 Nightingales

You can never feel sad
Around this cheerful lad,
His infectious smile spreads from ear to ear
And he holds his friends incredibly dear.
He's determined, hardworking he aims to be a pro
He loves football, cycling just like his big bro,
Wembley, the velodrome keep your eyes peeled
This boy is resilient, a trier the crowd squealed!
In English and Maths he continues to succeed
He's sensible, reliable you can trust him to lead,
The next house point is never too far
That's what makes Joshua M our star

Middle site Star of the Week: Angela S, Year 3 Sycamores

Star of the week, you're so eager to learn,
Always listening, looking and taking your turn,
You are gentle and friendly and show that you care
Your thoughts and ideas, you're always willing to share
*We see how you are thoughtful and how you are thorough,
You must do some of the best work in the borough!*
A love for things arty – you strive for perfection
We've loved hearing about your mini stamp collection.
You found swimming a challenge, but showed no fear,
You knew you had to persevere!
With this positive attitude – you will succeed
You have shown us – that's all you need!



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*A star of wonder, this week from Year 3
A girl from Sycamores as lovely as can be.
A star full of promise, shining bright*

Angela you are this week's star of the Middle Site!

Junior site: Lottie D 4W

Wanted!

Someone who always happy to lend a hand

Someone who always tries their best in everything they do.

Someone who goes out of their way to help and support their friends

Someone who is always polite, with impeccable manners and a positive attitude

Appearance: Blonde hair, blue eyes, a calming presence and happy smile.

Location: Most commonly found in 4W.

Name: Lottie D

Attendance data between 9.10.17 – 13.10.17

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences	No of Lates
Reception	96.44	0	0	3
Year 1	97.44	0	0	2
Year 2	99.67	0	0	7
Year 3	99.37	0	0	13
Year 4	99.11	0.11	1	2
Year 5	98.56	0	0	3
Year 6	97	0.11	1	4
Total school	98.26	0.03	2	34

Parliamentary Lobby + Rally Planned for Tuesday 24th October 2017

The Fair Funding national campaign (along with the National Education Union, the National Association of Headteachers and the Association of School and College Leaders) is organising a Parliamentary Lobby to bring as many constituents as possible – parents, staff and school leaders – to meet with MPs to make the case for a proper funding settlement for schools in advance of the budget scheduled for November.



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In addition, School Cuts is hosting a rally to call on the government to reverse school cuts and fairly fund schools. Beginning at 1pm, the programme of speakers will include:

- Angela Rayner MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education
- Sir Vince Cable MP
- General Secretaries of the unions behind School Cuts
- and more

Vince Cable has also said that he will be available to meet with constituents, so we to encourage as many people as are available to attend.

<http://www.naht.org.uk/welcome/news-and-media/key-topics/funding/school-funding-in-crisis-join-the-lobby-on-24-october>

Diary dates

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October, Half term

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

Tuesday 31st – Year 1 Kingfishers & Puffins to Orleans Gallery

Thursday 2nd November – Year 1 Nightingales to Orleans Gallery

Monday 6th November – Year 2 to Windsor Castle

Monday 6th November – Year 3 cake sale

Tuesday 7th November – Book fair, all three sites after school

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th November – Parent Teacher consultations 4 – 7pm

SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER ON BOTH DAYS

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

I wish you all a very happy and restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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