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Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents,

We formally welcome our new Reception children who now attend St Mary's full time. They have settled so well and have been helped to do this by the very 'grown up' Year 1s.

For the first time ever we have vacancies in our Reception year group. We have requested information from the borough about this and can share it with you.

The birth rate in the borough has decreased considerably in recent years, since the 2010 peak of 2,992 births, to 2016, when there were just 2,544. On top of that, the prolonged uncertainty around Brexit anecdotally appears to have caused some families to return to their native countries in mainland Europe, but, like most (if not all) socioeconomic factors, that's impossible to quantify.

As a result, demand for places has decreased dramatically in the last few years and most significantly for this year's intake.

Currently, despite reducing capacity by a form of entry at each of Collis, Darell, Nelson and Stanley, there is the highest number of Reception vacancies in the borough since before 2006 - approximately 200. That spare capacity is spread across 24 of the 40 infant and primary schools. Of those 24 schools, 13 are on the Twickenham side of the Thames and 11 are on the Richmond side.

If you know of any families, perhaps outside of our catchment area, who would like to take this opportunity to get their child into St Mary's, now is the time!

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Thank you to the parents who came along to the meeting this week. For those unable to be there, we have added the presentation to the website to remind you of the key dates (via "Quick links"). The most important one is the application deadline - 31st October. Do ask if you need any assistance with the process.

March to Westminster

I joined hundreds of head teachers today in a march to Westminster, to protest about unsustainable budget shortfalls. See the BBC's coverage of the event here (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education>). This is particularly relevant to us at St Mary's as we continue to argue the case for our split site difficulties. In the meantime, while we continue to be underfunded, many parents are generously contributing to "St Mary's Fund". We invite any of you who are interested in helping us financially to consider donating. Please contact Simon Minty, our



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School Business Manager, (sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) at the middle site office for the St Mary's Fund account details.

Diary dates: Reminders

Monday 1st October

Year 2 cake sale

Thursday 4th October

Reception parents reading workshop 09:30 – 10:30 infant site hall

Friday 5th October

World Smile Day

Monday 8th October

Year 6 cycling proficiency x 2 weeks 6Z and half of 6NS (your child brought home a letter yesterday)

Monday 8th October

Year 1 cake sale

Monday 8th October

FoSM AGM (6pm), New parents evening (19:00 – 20:30) IS

Tuesday 9th October

Harvest Thanksgiving service, 10:00 St Mary's Church

Wednesday 10th October

Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10th October

Primary Proms, Year 5, Albert Hall

Thursday 11th October

Phonics screening meeting for Year 1 parents, 17:30 -18:00, IS

Monday 15th October

Year 6 cycling proficiency x 2 weeks 6BD and half of 6NS (your child brought home a letter yesterday)

Monday 15th October

Year 6 cake sale



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Monday 15th October

Meeting for Year 6 parents re France 19:00 – 20:00 JS hall

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

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News from AfC

Do you know someone who has helped make the community a better place to live, work, visit or study? Nominate them for the Community Heroes' Awards.

Community Heroes recognises people who make a difference to the local community.

They have:

- Encouraged people to get involved in their community or volunteering
- Brought communities together to help local people or meet local needs
- Made a difference to local people in the borough in a voluntary capacity
- Lead or helped make a project or idea happen that has benefited the local community.

Nominations close on Monday 15th October.

For more information please see [here](#)

Free rugby tickets from the RFU

The RFU are offering schools complimentary print-at-home tickets for our first event of the season [on 6th October](#). [3pm](#) kick off.

**** You'll need to sign in or create an account on our e-ticketing once you click through.**

You'll also have an option to donate to the Rob Horne fund should you wish. If you choose not to donate, card details will still need to be entered to access your print at home ticket however your card won't be charged***

Here's the link –

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/Authentication/Login?returnUrl=%2Frfu%2FEDP%2FEvent%2FIndex%2F2503%3Fgroupref%3D64%26digest%3D6add70faa573138942936d2c1991118c8016e796aa21b82a70794537f2409219>



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Half term at Orleans House Gallery

Information and booking here: <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/learning/children-families/children/>

We still have spaces in our fantastic Art Clubs, term has started but new members can still join!

See more information here: <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/learning/children-families/children/>

Yours sincerely,

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