



## St Mary's Church of England School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

### School Funding:

Last month headteachers marched on Westminster and in the Budget this week the chancellor announced an extra £400m for education. This translates to £10k per primary school regardless of size and was provided to enable schools to buy some 'little extras'! For St Mary's this increase is a tiny proportion of our overall costs, which continue to rise year on year; in fact, £10,000 at St Mary's actually equates to just £15.00 per pupil. The cleaning materials at St Mary's, including toilet rolls and hand towels is almost £10,000, so no little extras for us!

If you would like more information about government funding and the projected impact of the National Funding Formula being implemented over the next 2 years, please see the school's Financial Presentation from March 2018. (This can be found under 'School Information' on the 'Resources' section of School Communicator.) You can also see the most recent letter about our voluntary, but much-needed, St Mary's Fund. We sincerely thank the families who are contributing regularly – the money is being used to maintain the high standard of education our children deserve – and ask any other parents who feel they can contribute, to do so, to counter the continued underfunding of schools by the government.

### An invitation:

We invite parents to attend an interesting presentation by Josephine Burke on Monday 26th November at 10 am at the middle site. The focus is 'Setting limits and boundaries and promoting cooperation'. The talk will be held on the middle site with refreshments provided by FoSM. Do try to come along.

### A message from St Stephen's Primary:

We're holding an Autism seminar on Thursday 22nd November from 7 – 8.30pm at St Stephens CofE School. The speaker – Dean Beadle – has travelled the world delivering talks on 'Life on the Spectrum' for over ten years now; he's renowned for his informative and humorous style. Tickets are £5 each; please email [info@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk) to secure your place

### A message from Father Piotr:

Next Friday (9<sup>th</sup> November) there is "Messy Church" at St Mary's; all children are invited. The theme is "Generosity". It will start at 15.15 and finishes 16.45. Parents are welcome to stay throughout and we provide children with snacks, while parents have tea or coffee. The children will be involved with arts & crafts during the session. There is a small donation of £2 per child in order to cover the material/cakes. ALL WELCOME!



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### Road Safety:

I think we'd all agree that the raised table outside the middle site is making it feel much safer to cross Strafford Road; you'll also note the yellow lines have been repainted – in some places these have been repainted as double yellows where previously there were single yellows. Sadly, we've noticed that some parents continue to park on the corner spots where there are now double yellow lines, and this makes it much less safe. May I please remind you that the measures are there to improve safety for our children, so please refrain from parking where you shouldn't?

### Consultation on 20 mph limits:

The Council is currently consulting on implementing a 20 mph limit on all roads in the Borough (apart from the TfL routes: i.e. A316 & South Circular). The primary motivation is to increase safety, bearing in mind that a collision at 20 mph is less likely to result in serious injury than a collision at 30 mph, and drivers have more time to react to avoid collision. The aim is also to create a safer environment on our roads for cyclists and pedestrians. A 20 mph limit is only part of that process, but if residents and visitors can be persuaded out of their cars, especially on shorter journeys, then there will be air-quality benefits from reduced vehicle movements. It would also tackle the anomalies of having a 20 mph limit in Twickenham town centre, whilst Strafford and Amyand Park Roads close to the school have a 30 mph limit. A Borough-wide limit of 20 mph would iron out discrepancies such as this and promote a more pedestrian- and cycle-friendly road culture. Please have a look at the information and give your views via this consultation link.

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/consultation\\_on\\_borough\\_wide\\_20mph\\_limit\\_launched](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/consultation_on_borough_wide_20mph_limit_launched)

### Remembrance Day:

Next week on the Junior Site we will mark Remembrance Day with a short service at 11.00 am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The children in Year 6 have made stunning poppies which will be planted around our commemoration plaque outside the main doors to the building. Please do take the time to admire them if you visit the site.

In May, the whole school will take part in a week of cross curricular activities to pay tribute to 100 years since the end of conflict in the First World War. We will let you know more about this nearer the time.



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### Celebration Assemblies:

Thank you to those who continue to support us by attending Celebration assemblies weekly. A reminder of the times:

Infant site- 8:45 am Tuesday

Middle site- 9:00 am Wednesday

Junior site- 9:10 am Friday

### Diary dates:

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> November, NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK due to Parent Teacher consultations

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 "Rain forest live", school hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Year 1 Poetry recital for parents at 1400

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Year 3 cake sale

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Year 2 Poetry recital for parents, 0900

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Year 3 Poetry recital for parents, 1400

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5R Parent Teacher consultation 1600 – 1900

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Parent Teacher consultations 1600 – 1900 (SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Parent Teacher consultations 1600 – 1900 (SCHOOL FINISHES ONE HOUR EARLIER FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4 Poetry recital for parents 0900

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Years 5 & 6 Poetry recital for parents 1445

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, FoSM Quiz & Curry night, middle site, 1900

### Information for parents from AfC

#### Letter about the dangers of gaming

The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board has written to parents and carers about the dangers of computer and online games. You can read the full letter here; it includes instructions on how to enable parental controls on popular gaming devices:

<https://goo.gl/VSnjGb>



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### Tuesday Special Club

Support and activity group for parents and children with disabilities. Every Tuesday during term time, 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Moor Lane Centre in Chessington. Includes 'Sing and Sign' session. Come and enjoy a morning of fun and activities for your child and a coffee and chat for you.

For more information please contact Geraldine Burgess, Integrated Services for Children with Disabilities, 020 8547 6212

### Richmond schools only: Have your say on future funding of services for Richmond children and families with SEND

Richmond Council is inviting parents, carers, young people and other stakeholders for their views on the future of services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Richmond. The results of the consultation will inform the Council's budget setting process for 2019-20, and help to further develop the local offer of services and support for children and young people with SEND.

The survey can be accessed at [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SEND\\_Futures/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SEND_Futures/)

We will also be holding three public drop-in sessions, where you can meet with representatives of the Council and Achieving for Children to discuss the proposals. Further details available [here](#).



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The three sessions will be held on:

- Friday 16 November 2018, 1.00 to 2.30pm
- Monday 19 November, 2018, 7.00 to 8.30pm
- Tuesday 20 November 2018, 10.30am to 12 noon

Location: The Venue: Heatham House Youth Centre, Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BH.

Please register your attendance for any of the drop-in sessions [here](#).

The consultation closes at midnight on 25 November 2018.

### Train to teach

On behalf of the Richmond Primary Schools Teaching Alliance, please see below information for Train to teach 2018.

[Primary](#) [Secondary](#)

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams  
Headteacher