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Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a very happy Christmas break; it felt wonderfully long and the children seem rested.

It has been a really positive start to the term as the children become immersed in their new topics. If you attended our Celebration assemblies this week, you will have heard all about the exciting 'hooks' to capture interest. I'm hopeful they'll be chatting to you at home about their learning too.

We have been reflecting upon some of the new procedures put in place last term; thank you for having patience with us as they embedded. The presence of teachers each morning and afternoon has given them a chance to chat to you frequently and vice versa. We have noted as a result there are far fewer issues raised, because concerns are addressed early on. Please remember that this short space of time must enable equal access to the teacher; if you find you need a longer session do make an appointment.

We thought it might be helpful to share with you our structure for raising your worries:

- In the first instance the class teacher should be approached, even when it is regarding things outside of the classroom, such as playtime or lunchtime
- If after this, you feel it is necessary to escalate your concern, you should seek support from the Year group leader: YR - Mrs Harrison, Y1 - Mrs Mitchell, Y2 - Mr Egan, Y3 - Miss Carpenter, Y4 - Mr Murphy, Y5 - Miss Whittall and Y6 - Mrs Scammell
- Site leaders/phase leaders are next: Infant Site - Mrs Harrison, Middle Site - Mr Egan and Junior Site - Mr Murphy
- After this, if you still remain concerned please go through Mr Cadman, the Deputy Headteacher
- Once this process has been exhausted, I am more than happy to meet with you to hear and respond to your concerns.

Of all the recent initiatives implemented at St Mary's, the wearing of PE kits initially caused the greatest divide, but I am delighted to say those early fears have melted away and we only hear relief from parents, as lost PE kit is now a thing of the past! Thank you for sticking with it. If you haven't yet been able to purchase the PE overtop for financial reasons, please contact me so we can provide support (headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk).

Reception Class applications

The deadline for applications for September 2019 is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. If you need any help please contact our Admissions Officer, Clare Cronin, for help. 0208 892 5840 or admissions@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk



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Attendance

Over the autumn term we managed to achieve 97% attendance, super news! Sadly, in the last week of the term we lost a number of children to holidays and in fact on the last day, our attendance slipped to 91%. Later on in January, I will be meeting with our Education Welfare Officer who will be holding me to account. Please check the school dates on the website and avoid term time holidays. It is the part of my role I like least when I have to refuse to authorise holidays or set the wheels in motion for EWO intervention.

Fighting Fitness Judo

Y5/Y6 children thoroughly enjoyed their taster Judo sessions yesterday. Fighting Fitness Judo is offering the children a free trial at their club in Feltham. Please contact Sam on 07736 940832 for more information visit <http://www.fightingfitnessjudo.com>

Reminders: Calendar dates:

Monday 14th January 2019

Year 4 Parents meeting regarding PGL residential trip, 7pm, junior site hall
SCHOOL RUN CLUBS START
4B & 4J London Transport workshop in school

Tuesday 15th January

Year 5 visit from Astronomy author, Colin Stewart

Wednesday 16th January

4M & 4W London Transport workshop in school

Thursday 17th January

Year 3 Freshwater Theatre Co workshop in school
Year 3 Poplars class assembly (link class 6NS)

Monday 21st January

Year 5 cake sale

Tuesday 22nd January

Year 5 Planetarium visit (in school)

Wednesday 23rd January

Phonics workshop to Reception parents, 17:30 – 18.30, infant site hall



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Thursday 24th January

6P class assembly (link class 2 Oaks), 09:10, junior site hall

Monday 28th January

Year 2 cake sale

Thursday 31st January

Year 2 Safe scooter training

Year 3 Maples class assembly (link class 5R)

Information from AfC:

Parent Carer Forum survey

If you are a parent/carer of a child with special educational needs or disabilities in Kingston or Richmond, Contact would like to hear from you. They are conducting a survey to get feedback on and register interest in establishing a parent carer forum to make your voice heard with the local authorities.

You can complete the survey [online here](#), and find out more on the [Local Offer website](#).

Other information for parents

St Stephen's CofE School are looking for a Lunchtime Play worker. This is a part time position of 7.5 hours per week and the hours of work are Monday – Friday 12.00pm – 1.30pm. For further information please call Jessica Tozer in the school office on 0208 892 3462.

Orleans House Gallery half term activities: information and booking www.orleansgallery.org

Energy Kidz Holiday Club at Orleans Primary School, Twickenham - Early Bird Booking Deadline

Parents can secure their 10% Early Bird discount on our Fabulous Fiesta Holiday Club whilst booking using the following link: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/>.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
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