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Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents,

There's a lot to share this week so it is a lengthy newsletter, please bear with me!

St Mary's Fund Update:

For those that weren't able to visit our stall at the Christmas Fair, I thought I would provide an update on the St Mary's Fund and what a difference it has made.

Thanks to the one-off and regular donations made by some of our parents, we have been able to achieve a lot with the contributions we have received. Alongside the incredible work done by, and funds raised by, FoSM, donations made to St Mary's Fund have enabled us to:

- Employ extra support staff to work across a number of classes
- Carry out vital works to the roof and plumbing of our middle site
- Funded the design, build and maintenance of a new school website
- Improve data security and provide much needed new ICT equipment
- Provide new playground equipment

As you can see from this list, all the children will have benefited from at least one of these at some stage. It is worth noting that these developments are aside from continuing to use funds to help minimise the impact of funding cuts and new government/national initiatives that bring with them considerable financial outlay. Without this support we would not have been able to achieve so much.

In the next 12 months we expect the financial strain to be felt even more as the school faces further increases in pension contributions, as well as significant outlay on new, nationally introduced support staff pay scales with no extra funding in the pipeline. This means that donations made to the fund are going to continue to be vital.

As ever, we will continue to lobby for fairer funding and for the recognition of our unique position. In the meantime, these on-going donations are vital, hugely appreciated, and will continue to make a significant difference to St Mary's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have contributed and made such a difference to every pupil at school.

Should you wish to donate the St Mary's Fund, please contact our School Business Manager, Simon Minty, on sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk and he will be able to provide all the details you require.

Much like last year, I will be hosting an annual meeting in March. This will be used to discuss the impact of the new OFSTED inspection criteria and I will also provide an update on our current and projected financial position too. More details of this meeting will be shared soon.



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Times Tables Rockstars – Battle of the Bands tournament spring term 2019

Starting from 21st January, children from years 2 to 6 will be competing in the 'Times Tables Rockstars: Battle of the Bands Spring Tournament', competing for their class to win some very special prizes at the end of the spring term.

Using their times table log-ins, children will play the programmed times tables games as normal. Each correct answer they give will win points for their class. The classes with the most points will go through to the next round and so on until we have our finalists. Children will be able to see their class totals at the top of their screens.

Rounds one – eight will run from 21st January – 8th February

Quarter Finals will run from 11th February – 25th February

Semi Finals will run from 26th February – 8th March

Finals will be from 11th – 18th March, with first, second and third revealed in the last celebration of the term.

Certificates also for the '**most valuable player**' in each round

School meal payments

Payments for school meals on Tucasi for this half of the term are **now due**.

Please remember that a week's notice is required in writing to **stop** or **start** school meals.

Calendar dates reminders:

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

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 (details to follow)

Year 3 Maples class assembly (link class 5R)



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Friday 1st February

Year 2 Safe scooting

Scholastic Book fair, all three sites (details to follow)

Monday 4th February

Year 1 cake sale

Year 3 safe walking

Tuesday 5th February

Year 3 Safe walking

Wednesday 6th February

Year 3 Safe walking

Reception Heights & Weights

Thursday 7th February

2 Willows class assembly (link class 5L), 09:00, middle site hall

Signposting to local events and opportunities:

Rotary Young Photographer Competition

The Rotary Club are inviting children from Years 3-6 to enter this year's Young Photographer Competition. This year the theme is the 'Beauty of Nature'. Applicants are required to produce three photographs based on the theme in colour or black and white printed on photographic paper. Prints submitted should be no larger than A4 in size and each print should be submitted separately (i.e. no collages). Mobile phones may be used. All entries will be collected on 20th February by the Rotary Club. Information and the entry form are available in School Communicator, Resources, category "Rotary Club Young Photographer Competition – in the meantime, get snapping!

Old Emanuel Rugby club

Old Emanuel Rugby Club want to encourage any girls to try out rugby at an open session on Saturday 19 January between 1-3pm at their home ground just off the A3, Beverley Way for girls aged 10-17 years of age. Information can be found here: www.oldemanuelrhc.co.uk

MAN&BOY Spring Camp - places available

Places are still available for boys aged 9-12 on the Spring Camp being held on 8 to 10 March 2019 and it is not too late to apply! You can find out more via their website, by post or if you have an enquiry about suitability, please speak to Tim on 07894084234.



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New youth programme at Heatham House

Heatham House Youth Centre in Twickenham has launched its new action-packed programme of term-time activities and sessions for young people from primary school Year 5 up to 19 years old. All sessions are free and open to all young people. A flyer for the programme can be found [here](#). In addition to this, Heatham House is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 12pm-2pm for free College Drop-in sessions as well as Tae Kwon Do sessions Tuesday and Friday 5.30pm-6.30pm which are £5 per session or free for AfC referrals. For more information contact Dempsie Earles, Heatham House Lead Youth Worker, 020 8288 0950, dempsie.earles@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Chorister for the day event on 9th February 2019

The Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle invite you to apply to attend our 'Chorister for a Day' event on Saturday 9th February 2019 from 12:30 – 6:30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ. This is an opportunity for boys age 6-8 (Years 2 - 3). Advance booking is essential. Please contact Francesca Alden on 01753 848797 or email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org. Further details can be found at www.stgeorges-windsor.org

Museum of Richmond

Victorian Toys and Games - Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 February 2019, 10am to 12noon,
In this workshop we will be looking at how life was different in Victorian times using household objects and toys from the Museum's handling collection. Children will then make their own replica Victorian toys to take home! Visit www.museumofrichmond.com/families to book and find out more.

February half-term at Orleans House Gallery

Get creative this February half-term with a selection of exciting artistic workshops at Orleans House Gallery. Become inspired by the Gallery, its surroundings and the Richmond Borough Art Collection, and experiment with print, collage, plaster and more while working with our experienced artists! Workshop ages vary from 4-12 years. All abilities welcome, SEND concessions available. For more information and booking, please visit orleanshousegallery.org



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ASD and Asperger Syndrome parents support group meeting

Monday 8th February 2019 9.15 to 10.45am Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School
Surbiton, KT5 9HU

I would to remind you that our privacy notice can be found under the data protection section of the school website (www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

As the weather is expected to turn especially cold next week, please remind your child to bring a coat in to school, many were without this week, brrrrrrr!

Yours sincerely,

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