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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

### **The London Marathon & Mufti day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

On April 28<sup>th</sup> our School Business Manager, Simon Minty, will be lining up with the other brave souls as he attempts to complete the London Marathon. Participating in the marathon is a long-held ambition of his and he will be running it this year in aid of a small charity called "The Sandcastle Trust". It is the charity's mission to support families living with a diagnosis of a rare genetic condition, to build lasting, positive family memories and strengthen their family relationships. They do this by providing grants to families for short breaks, special days out or annual attraction passes which can offer holistic respite for the whole family, improve mental health outcomes and reduce stigma and social isolation.

In order to raise as much money as possible to support Simon in his quest, and for The Sandcastle Trust, we will be holding a mufti day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February and will be asking for a donation of £1 per child in return. All donations will go directly to the charity which will enable them to carry on their excellent work and will also be hugely appreciated by Simon as he continues to clock up the miles in his training. Should you wish to take advantage of gift-aid and make your donation directly, Simon's Virgin Money Giving Page can be found at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SimonMinty> There you will also find links for the charity as well as more about Simon's story.

### **4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> February, Child Mental Health Week**

Last October we took part in World Mental Health Day; staff were also invited to attend a number of wellbeing sessions which continue to run throughout the year. We intend to mark Child Mental Health Week too, as we recognise the importance of good mental health, so much so that we have engaged with the PATHS project and I hope you've heard all about it from your child, perhaps your child has already had his/her 'Pupil of the Day' moment?

If you'd like to find out more about Child Mental Health week follow the link to the Place2Be web site:

[https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI4Mn0kfWI4AIVhrHtCh1K4wNHEAAYAiAAEqJ5r\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI4Mn0kfWI4AIVhrHtCh1K4wNHEAAYAiAAEqJ5r_D_BwE)

In keeping with this theme, we know that friendships are such an important part of a child's life and managing those relationships can sometimes be difficult. We are therefore inviting you to a coffee morning on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 10:00 am at the middle site**. The presentation, led by Josephine Burke, is on "Promoting Positive Friendships". We look forward to seeing you there.



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### Diary & term dates 2018-19 + term dates for 2019-20

I would like to remind you that these dates are available via School Communicator, Resources "Diary and term dates" and also via our school website: <http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/>  
<http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/term-dates/>.

Please ensure that these dates are in your diaries, calendars, smart phones etc. Please refer to them when you are booking your holidays ☺ They are also linked to the School Communicator app which we hope you have all downloaded to your smart phones, I pads etc:

[www.schoolcommunicator.co.uk/download.php](http://www.schoolcommunicator.co.uk/download.php)

### News of a former pupil

After Y6P's class assembly this week, which featured a scrum (it really did!), I challenged the junior site children to aspire to play for England at Twickenham. Little did I know we have a past pupil who does just that! I found out the information below and wanted to share it with you and to let the children know..."dreams do come true".

*We would like to share some great news about a former pupil Emma Uren (2002- 2009). Emma is currently in New Zealand at the Men's World Series 7's rugby playing in an invitational tournament attempting to qualify for the next Olympics in the women's England Rugby 7's team.*

*After leaving St Mary's she went to Orleans Park where the team qualified for the National Schools Rugby League final; she continued to swim and play netball alongside her rugby to a high standard. Grasshoppers, then Middlesex, then divisional rugby, lead Emma to then captain England under 18's. This success continued as she played for England under 20's, captaining the side to their first ever win against France in France. Now Emma has a contract to play for England 7's and she is enjoying travelling the world and training hard. We will keep you posted on her future success!*

We are trying to track Emma down to come in and talk to us about it.

### Governor News

As he approaches the end of his second four year term as a governor, three years of which were spent as Chair, Ben Driver has decided to step down as a parent governor. He does so having made an enormous contribution to St Mary's in this role over many years, often working tirelessly behind the scenes and always with huge diligence, conscience and integrity. We thank him for all he has done for St Mary's and wish him and his family all the best going forward.



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As a result we will be holding an election for a new parent governor during this term. Further information about this will be coming to parents separately.

**Alex Hazard**  
**Chair of the Governing Body**

### Have your say on the future of Marble Hill Playcentres

Please click on the link below, and complete the survey (5 minutes), to let us know what you think!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SavingMarbleHillPlaycentresSurvey>

As many of you will know, our much loved community charity, Marble Hill Playcentres nearly closed in 2017 due to a funding crisis. The Playcentres have been an integral part of our neighbourhood for over 40 years. We provide a safe place for all children to play and support for all parents, as well as much valued free access for low income families and special support for families with children with additional needs.

The new trustees have been working hard to understand how to make the Playcentres financially sustainable in order to save it. After assessing the state of the buildings and considering the options, we strongly believe that the best solution is to take this opportunity to reimagine the Playcentres and start afresh with a new building and new equipment which can be used all year around. We also want to achieve more for our community by collaborating with other local charities.

The Playcentres are there for everyone in our community and we want to hear your views on what you would like from a reimagined Playcentre. Please also encourage/help your children to complete their own questionnaire as we want to ensure we have children's views. Your feedback will really help us create the best facility, as well as securing funding and planning permission.

### National Archives

Upcoming family events in half term:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 'Seasons in the Archives' for 4-6 year olds:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-time-travel-club-seasons-in-the-archives-4-6-tickets-53340881011?aff=ebapi>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 'Say cheese! Family portraits' for 7-11 year olds:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/time-travel-club-say-cheese-portraits-from-the-past-7-11-tickets-53341079605?aff=ebapi>

Older and younger siblings are welcome at both events too!



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On each day from 12 - 3pm, there will also be FREE drop-in craft activities in the public restaurant, which everyone is welcome to attend.

For families on low-incomes living in the borough of Richmond, there is a discount code to enable them to attend with FREE tickets. In order to attend and receive their free place, they just need to use the following code on Eventbrite when booking: AFCOFFER.

### Twickenham Girls rugby

Training is on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 11:15

The girls section welcomes all girls from year 6 onwards.

No rugby experience is needed.

We will concentrate on ball skills and evasion.

The main aim is for the girls to have fun and enjoy the benefits of a great team sport.

All sessions are taken by RFU qualified coaches with full first aid cover.

Twickenham RFU, Parkfields, South Road, Hampton TW12 3PE

### Reminders: Calendar dates:

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 2 cake sale

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 1 to the IMAX

Reception walks to St Margaret's Bridge

#### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Coffee morning for parents - Promoting Positive Friendships led by Josephine Burke, 10am middle site, everyone is welcome

Year 2 Safe scooter training

Year 3 Maples class assembly (link class 5R)

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Year 2 safe scooting

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 1 cake sale

Year 3 safe walking

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 3 safe walking



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### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 3 safe walking  
Reception Heights & Weights

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception trip to Brooklands Museum (half the year)  
2 Willows class assembly (link class 5L), 09:00, middle site hall

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Mufti day in exchange for a £1 to "The Sandcastle Trust"  
FoSM coffee morning 0930 – 11.00, middle site

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception trip to Brooklands Museum (half the year)  
Year 6 cake sale

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

5R class assembly (link class 3 Maples)

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

INSET DAY

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

HALF TERM

Yours sincerely,

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