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Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Staffing update:

It with enormous sadness we say goodbye on Friday 15th February to Mrs Corinna Gregory, as she moves on to pastures new. She is making a career change and going into the adult education sector. Mrs Gregory has worked at St Mary's for 20 years, she began here as a newly qualified teacher and over time has filled a number of different roles. Those of you, whose children have been taught by Mrs Gregory, will know she is dedicated and well-loved; as such she will be greatly missed. We thank her for her commitment over such a long time and wish her the very best of luck; she knows the door is always open for her at St Mary's.

A busy week:

Do look at Twitter to see some of the lovely activities the children took part in this week. You'll see a range of fun sessions to support good mental health, Reception's trip to Brooklands Museum and some of our sporting achievements; there'll be more in the newsletter next week about those! Pupils on the middle site took part in scooter training and Safer Walking; our thanks go to the Local Authority for providing those important experiences.

This half term, Year 6 pupils have been exploring "Is Twickenham a great place to live?" Part of their learning has focused on the riverside development project. For their "Great Work", they have designed and built models of their ideas for the development project and written persuasive letters to the council on why they should be considered. Their ideas include: a swimming pool, cinema, urban farm and animal sanctuary to name just a few. Today, Councillors Neden-Watts, Chard and Crouch judged the models accompanied by a media team who are creating a promotional video on what Year 6 have achieved. A fantastic achievement Year 6 - well done!

REMINDER - Parent Governor Election

Don't forget, the deadline for receipt of nominations for parent governor is **10am on Thursday 14th February**.

If you would like to nominate yourself as a candidate, please send an email or letter marked "Parent Governor Election" to governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or to info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk offices. Your email/letter should include:



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- your full name, address and telephone number;
- the full name and class of your child at the school;
- a personal statement regarding your suitability for the role (of not more than 100 words).

If you would like to find out more about the role, please email:

governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Message from Chair of FoSM – “Classlist” sign-up

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to “Classlist” and are receiving the many benefits of this brilliant bespoke communication tool for PTAs. Via “Classlist” FoSM communicates regularly to the whole school community about events, fundraising and useful reminders for year groups. It also serves as a contact list for the parents of your child's class and year group. We have a thriving and enthusiastic parent community here at St. Mary's, so if you haven't already done so, sign-up to “Classlist” at <https://classlist.com> and get connected to FoSM! For anyone having difficulties with Classlist, please email chair.fosm@gmail.com

Internet Safety workshops running this week and next

This year, more than 2,100 organisations and schools across the UK, have been involved in Safer Internet Day 2019. In support of this great cause, the children at St Mary's are taking part in some drama based workshops by Perform for Schools. Supporting this event offers the opportunity to highlight the positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community.

"The Safer Internet workshops, really made me think about the possible challenges online, and more importantly how to deal with them." Iona R, Year 5

By educating the pupils about online safety, we can ensure the internet remains a safe and enjoyable space as well as a fantastic resource for the children to learn from.

All Hallows 1st Twickenham Cubs & Scouts sleeping rough

All Hallows 1st Twickenham Cubs and Scouts will be sleeping rough in cardboard boxes to experience what it is like to be homeless and raise money for a local homeless charity called SPEAR. We are making the shelters ourselves from cardboard boxes and will create a cardboard city. Trust me, sleeping in cardboard boxes on a cold damp floor is NOT comfortable, but sadly you do gradually get used to it! To sponsor us and give a homeless person some shelter, please click here <https://tinyurl.com/ycnn9nep>. By Lauren Mac, 5L



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Charity news "Help a Neighbour in distress"

After our Christmas nativities, you made donations to support the local charity "Help a Neighbour in Distress". The charity has written to me to thank you all for the magnificent sum you raised - **£629.26**. They want you to know that the money is going to help with the social outings and gatherings of our local elderly residents, which is such an important aspect of their work.

School Meals

The payment needed for the 2nd half of the term is **£67.50**.

Tucasi school meals will be updated during half term to include that amount.

Payment is required at the **beginning** of each term/half term.

*A week's notice in writing (during term time) is required to **stop** or **start** school meals.*

Action-attainment: 'On the Ball' & Learning- Support for parents of children at primary school with social and communication needs

Action Attainment is running a parenting programme called "On the Ball" that supports children aged 5 - 11 with ASD/Social Communication Needs and their families, to support their children with sensory integration strategies, speech and language, and behaviour/inclusion through fun sports and ball skills activities.

The programme will consist of two workshops for parents - an introductory workshop that will take place on the 21st March, and a wrap-up workshop on the 11 July. Both run at Barnes Children's Centre, Lower Richmond Road, Mortlake, SW14 7HJ, in between 7 - 9pm.

There will also be two five-week blocks of 'Active Learning' which will run in between the 27th April – 6th July (term time). This will be the ball skills programme for children and their families and will run at Palewell Park, East Sheen

Understanding Autism

For parents of children aged up to 11

About the seminar: "Understanding Autism" is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children aged up to 11 who have received a recent diagnosis or are on the road to a diagnosis of autism.

Please contact the Seminar Facilitator for more information: Jane Pidduck, email: jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk, tel number: 0208 399 5344



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Calendar date reminders:

Monday 11th February

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

Thursday 14th February

5R class assembly (link class 3 Maples)

Friday 15th February

INSET DAY

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

HALF TERM

Monday 25th February

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR WEEK – information to follow

Thursday 28th February

Year 6 to Houses of Parliament

Friday 1st March

Scholastic Book fair – all sites 14:00 – 16:30

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams

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