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Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Governing Body News

As part of planned succession arrangements, Andrew Gunn and Malcolm McKinlay have been appointed as co-Chairs of the Governing Body of St Mary's with effect from 1st October 2019, with Christina Sturge continuing in her role as Vice Chair.

The Governing Body would like to extend its enormous gratitude to Alex Hazard who has stepped down as Chair, a role she has performed with great diligence, professionalism and fortitude over the last year. Our thanks also go to Victoria Busby, who is stepping down from co-Vice Chair, but remains on the Governing Body. Like Alex, Victoria's contribution over the past year has been immense and we are very thankful for her service - we look forward to her continuing work on the Governing Body. Katherine Cox is also stepping down, after 5 years of dedicated and compassionate service - she will be sorely missed. Katherine will however remain on the Board of Trustees.

The Governing Body also welcomes Liz Rhodes and Kelly Burley as foundation governors. We are very grateful to all our governors for offering their expertise, support and time to the school. Andrew and Malcolm, as new co-Chairs, look forward to working with Mrs Abrahams, staff, pupils, parents and the wider community, helping to support St Mary's with its vision, ethos and strategic direction to offer the finest education, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ.

You can find more information about the Governing Body, who we are and what we do on the School website via the following link: <http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/school-governors/>

*Malcolm McKinlay and Andrew Gunn
Co-Chairs of the Governing Body*

Charities - message from Miss Henwood, our charities leader

As you know, St Mary's is passionate about supporting local, national and even global charities, to give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Last year we raised an incredible **£6022.08** supporting charities including: "Children in Need", "HANDS", "Water Aid", "Comic Relief", "Crisis at Christmas", "Save the Children", "The Sandcastle Trust" and "Project Le Monde". Your continued generosity and support each year really makes a difference and we are very grateful for your donations.



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This year, we have a number of exciting charitable events planned. These include today's "Genes for Jeans" day, "Children in Need", "Christmas Jumper day", "Salvation Army Christmas Carols", "Red Nose Day" and "School Race for Life" amongst some others.

We will be sharing more information about these events nearer the time.

Your children will learn about the charities we are supporting in class before the fundraising events, but we wanted to thank you in advance for your continued support.

"Genes for Jeans" day

Thank you very much for supporting this very worthwhile cause. We will let you know as soon as possible how much we raised across the school. In the meantime, if you would like to donate please visit <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/pay-in-your-money>

Bulbs and material

Huge thanks to those who have sent in lovely pieces of material and bulbs for our planters, we are really grateful. We are very happy to receive more! Thank you.

Marble Hill Playcentre

Marble Hill Playcentre is a much-loved local facility that St Mary's children past and present have enjoyed - including current members of staff!

Over the years it has become increasingly difficult to sustain in its current model, and plans have now been drawn up to redesign the facility for a sustainable future.

These plans are now the subject of a pre-planning consultation.

The Marble Hill Community Project pre-planning consultation will take place in the Hyde Room at York House (Twickenham) on Monday 7th October 2019 between the hours of 6 - 8pm for the public. There will be a model of the design and A3 copies of the plans. Parents, children and others are encouraged to go along and view the plans and make comments.

The aim of the project is to re-design and build Marble Hill Playcentre as an inclusive, accessible hub with outdoor and indoor facilities, where three local charities will be based, providing play & activities & therapies for all children and young people in the area, including those with additional needs and from low income families.



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Driving into the junior site

I have been asked to remind parents not to drive into the junior site in the morning or afternoon. We have shared access to the drive with Orleans Park School and it is incredibly dangerous for all pupils, however slowly cars are going. At the end of the school day our Caretaker Mo monitors the gate for health and safety reasons, please treat him with respect if he refuses you entry. Occasionally parents with extenuating circumstances are provided with a permit to park for drop off and collection, it is only these parents who may enter the drive.

ASD Parent support group

Friday 18th October 0930 – 1100, Grand Avenue Primary & Nursery School, Surbiton KT5 9HU. An informal session to chat, share ideas and generally support each other. Please email Jane Pidduck: jpiddu@2grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk

Reminders of important dates coming up:

Monday 7th October

FoSM AGM 1800 – 1900, followed by new Reception/new parent social at 1900 – 2030 infant site school hall

Tuesday 8th October

Harvest Thanksgiving, St Mary's Church, 1000, Yrs 2 – 6, **Year 2 parents only please**

Wednesday 9th October

Year 5 Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 10th October

World Mental Health day
Year 3 Indian Dance workshop

Tuesday 15th October

Year 1 Phonics parent meeting 1730 – 1830 infant site hall

Thursday 17th October

6M class assembly (link class 2 Oaks)
Year 3 Indian village (Freshwater Theatre) in school

Monday 21st October

6SK cycling proficiency all week (mornings)
6Z (15 pupils, already notified) cycling proficiency all week (afternoons)

Tuesday 22nd October

Year 1 visiting St Mary's Church (morning)
Year 5 "Great Work", Brazilian carnival in school (afternoon)



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Wednesday 23rd October

"Imago" individual photographs (junior site)

Thursday 24th October

"Imago" individual photographs (infant site morning, middle site afternoon)

Friday 25th October

Years 2 & 3 Rhino day (middle site)

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

HALF TERM

Information from Achieving for Children

Thinking of getting your child a tutor?

If you are thinking of hiring a tutor for your child, please read [this leaflet](#) for advice and guidance to ensure the tutor is a safe and trusted person to tutor your child.

Best wishes,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher

