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Dear Parents and carers,

This is a bumper newsletter with much to share; I hope you make it to the end 😊

We hope you've had a good week and that the children are on good form and getting on with their work. We know as time goes on it is a real job to keep their motivation going, so we'll continue to think of ways to make learning fun. I hope that the films from teachers and email access this coming week will provide a boost. We look forward to hearing from you and being able to see some of the work the children are most proud of. Teachers will decide which pieces make an appearance on Twitter, so look out for them!

When you look at the documents in Home Learning this week, you'll see the majority are in black and white. Feedback from parents requested we consider printing costs, which we now have. For families who have asked for additional work for the afternoons, this can be found on the Home Learning templates.

Here are some additional 'feel good' resources, which have been highly recommended:

- The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown, which is free to access <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>
- The Art of Brilliance #WellbeingWednesday aimed at children aged 8 to 14 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/artofbrill/videos>

Online Safety

Safeguarding children and young people remains highly important during this period of lockdown. Children will increasingly be using social networks to reach out to others and with that there will be an increased risk to fake news and online harms including grooming, radicalisation, exploitation, and bullying. All these issues could impact on their mental health and wellbeing. This is a time when many young people will be vulnerable and unfortunately, the potential for exploitation will be at its highest.

The UK Safer internet Centre has identified the following online risk categories:

- Behaviour: sharing too much information
- Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content or fake news
- Contact: strangers, bullies, groomers or radicalisers can contact children
- Commercialism and financial exploitation: hidden costs of advertising in apps, games and websites
- Extremism and radicalisation



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Due to increased interaction with peers during this period of social distancing, it is very important for young people to remember the lessons learnt in school on being a good Digital Citizen. An upsetting comment directed at someone on a social media platform or not allowing someone to join a group video chat, for example, can be detrimental at the best of times – even more so now. Please speak with your children about their online activity. For further information on e-safety, please look at our website: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/computing/>. If you are concerned about your child's online behaviour and their safety, please contact me at headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Domestic Violence

The risk of domestic violence has increased substantially since lockdown. Please be aware that services in Richmond are operating and details can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Richmond-LEAFLET-FOR-PUBLIC-FINAL-Richmond.pdf>

Support for families in need:

Charities across Richmond have joined together to provide delivery of prepared meals to those unable to cook for themselves, whether this is due to mental or physical health problems, being isolated or vulnerable, struggling to cope with children at home or those who are elderly and unable to access support.

Individuals are invited to call the helpline on 07516 935655 or to contact school and we can make a referral for you.

A note from Emily- Chair of FoSM

Dear Parents,

FoSM are super excited to launch our brand new FoSM webpages as part of the St. Mary's School website:

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/fosm-home/>

These webpages are a useful way of understanding more about FoSM, how much money we have raised, what we have purchased for the school and what we are raising funds for. The webpages also have helpful info on FoSM communications, our committee, events, fundraising links, the St. Mary's Fund and much, much more!

Please do click on the link and have a look!

Best wishes, Emily Price, Chair of FoSM



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CLICK PHOTOGRAPHY LAUNCHES FREE SUMMER TERM PROJECT, ONE-A-DAY, TO KEEP STUDENTS SNAPPING AT HOME

Hampton Wick-based company Click Photography Workshops, which provides photography clubs in schools across Richmond and Kingston boroughs, has announced a new free One-A-Day project for the summer term, to encourage students in Y4 - 11 to take amazing photographs at home, in the garden, or on the daily walk. Students follow a simple daily brief, using either a phone or camera.

Students from 21 local schools are already taking part, and the company is expanding the project to all local students, inviting them to join the free sessions, with new assignments posted online every day.

Award-winning photographer and Click founder Sheridan Morley said: "The One-A-Day photography initiative offers a creative release to sit alongside the home-schooling all students are engaged in as the summer term begins. The project has just completed its first month and the pictures we are receiving are stunning. We are delighted to be able to open it up to everyone in our area. It's a labour of love – completely free and our small contribution to the situation we find ourselves in."

In October the best images from this project will feature in a major exhibition at the Rose Theatre in Kingston.

Daily challenges have so far included Stay Safe Stay Home, A Walk in the Park, Clap for the NHS, Texture, and Spring Blossom; with images posted in a special online gallery (www.clickphotographyworkshops.com/one-a-day-gallery.html)

A slideshow of the first month's submissions can be seen here <https://youtu.be/L3IGKG6f90o>
Contact: Click Photography Workshops, clickschools@gmail.com 07802 183637

Recommendations

We thought we'd try to come up with some recommendations to help pass the time. Here's this week's:

PG rated film – *Wonder*, if you haven't seen it you must.

Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie Pullman becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade.

If you saw our School film you'll know my favourite book of the moment is Charlie Mackesy's – "The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse" It is just delightful and perfect for the times we are living through.

The online resource Happiful magazine often has good tips and suggestions about well-being, it's for adults and this week it has advice about meditation. Sign up by logging on to:
hello@happiful.com



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Thankfulness

Our Christian value this term is thankfulness and whilst we are all still locked down and some of us are struggling to come to terms with what this means for us, I hope we can all take a moment to count our blessings and be thankful for something.

I ask you this week to keep in mind those amongst our school community who have suffered from Covid-19 or who have lost loved ones to it. They are in our thoughts here at St Mary's and we remember them in this prayer.

For the isolated and housebound,
That we may be alert to their needs,
And care for them in their vulnerability:

For our homes and families,
Our school and young people,
And all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord graciously hear us.

Message from School Days and the Just Dancing team for parents re: Social distancing

I hope this finds you and your family well.

As you can imagine - our shop is normally bursting at the seams over the summer months; however, this year it really needs to be better managed to keep staff and customers safe.

Once we have been given the green light to re-open - we want to implement a *pre-booking system* - which will help us to keep in line with the social distancing rules, especially over the busy summer period.

We realise this will take a few weeks to filter down to all our customers - however, during July, Aug, Sep, for everyone's safety we must insist on parents making appointments and not just arriving at the shop.

Help us - Help you!

Please pre book an appointment - using our online booking system at:

<https://schooldaysllp.co.uk/index.php/booking-form/>

You can pre-book right until the end of September - where possible 1 adult per family.

You can also order online - and have it delivered to your home address or select click and collect (we will have collection hubs near your school through-out the summer)



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Stay safe - be Kind

The Schooldays & Justdancing team

Basketball Primary Schools club zoom sessions

Years 3&4 Thursday 4pm

Years 5&6 Thursday 5pm

First week is free! After that each session will be £4

LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

I hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to get out and about for a little fresh air and exercise.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher

