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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been such a joyful week; having the children back at school, even for a short time, has been wonderful. Our thanks go to you all for your amazing preparation, the transition from months at home to coming back to school was seamless; the children skipped in to school and we are told by you that they had a brilliant time.

### **FoSM - some lovely news**

The "FoSM Virtual Summer Fair 2020" raised a whopping £6,367, if everyone now ticks gift aid we would top £7,000 - it's incredible and a mark of your continued commitment to our school, thank you to everyone for this herculean effort.

### **Time Capsule**

Who could have guessed what the future held when the year began in September? It is a time like no other and at St Mary's we are keen to record it for posterity. As such, over the final weeks of term, each year group is creating a piece of work for the Time Capsule, which we aim to bury on the middle site in autumn. Do ask your child what their entry is; we will share the work with you on Twitter, when it is complete.

### **Reports**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, provided you have signed up to ParentMail, you will receive your child's end of year report. Adhering to the Government's guidance and with such a disrupted year, we are not able to provide you with an attainment judgement, this includes children in the Foundation Stage. However, we have provided an update on your child's effort in RE and the core subjects; we have also provided targets for the core subjects and given an overall comment; we hope you enjoy reading them.

### **ParentMail**

Since the link was emailed to parents yesterday (your details were taken directly from Integr8), over half of our parents have signed up and downloaded the app. Please check your emails/text messages and ensure that you sign up as soon as possible. You will miss important information from us over the next few weeks including communications regarding your child's class and teacher next year and your child/ren's school report (see above). It takes less than two minutes to sign up and download the app. This newsletter will be sent as an attachment today and thereafter.



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If you have any questions about ParentMail please, in the first instance, click on the link below for help:

Parentmail help

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

FAQs:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/top-faqs/september-faqs/>

### Absence Reporting via ParentMail

There is an absence reporting tool via ParentMail which means you can now report your child/ren's absences directly to us. If your child is going to be absent, please ensure you use this tool as early as possible on a school day. Thank you.

**Absence reporting will only work through the mobile App, so it's important that you have downloaded the App onto your iPhone or Android device.**

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/absence-reporting/>

### Last day of term

Usually, on the final day of each term School closes early to allow teachers to prepare for the following term. For this year only, School will close at the normal time (according to your child's pod).

### Parking opposite the middle site

Our neighbours have politely asked parents to be more considerate when parking their cars for drop off or collection; their drives are being blocked daily. Thank you for helping us to keep good relations with our local residents.

### Teaching pods

In the final few weeks of term, some of the teachers have decided to spend a session or two with the other pod of children from their class. We have left it to teachers to organise this and we must respect that this is a personal choice and may be guided by the teacher's own personal circumstances. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you **if** they are offering this; you are permitted to withdraw your child if you don't want them to be exposed to another adult.



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### Covid-19

Before the end of term, we will be sharing with you the plans for September, as the Government announced the changes for Schools this week. But before we end the year, it is important for us to gather information from families about their experiences during lockdown. Through this we can ascertain if the children have experienced trauma or loss. This response will help us to prepare to support the family and to provide much needed services and care.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending a survey out to parents to gather this information, please send it back if any of the questions relate to you and we will contact you in September. Thank you.

### Voucher Scheme

Following on from the recent campaign spearheaded by Marcus Rashford, we are delighted to say that we have been able to register with the national scheme to provide food vouchers for disadvantaged and vulnerable families in our community. Those that are eligible will be sent through codes to claim supermarket vouchers, to assist with the buying of food for their children throughout the summer holidays. We will be contacting eligible parents and carers in the next week or so with details on how to redeem the vouchers, so please keep an eye out for emails from the school and a company called EdenRed.

### School Meals for Current Year 2

Further to the email sent out last week, we would be very grateful if current Year 2 parents could please let us know if their children will be having school meals or packed lunches from September. Please could you email Doreen Maxted on [dmaxted@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:dmaxted@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) with your preference as soon as possible.

### Skylarks - independent charity

Skylarks is an independent charity which supports families who have children with any additional needs and/or disabilities. They provide play, activities and therapies for the children and their siblings and support, therapies and training for parents. Most importantly fun and a welcoming inclusive environment: [Skylarks presentation](#)



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### Message from Achieving for children

AfC have now got their Children's centre registration forms on line for families to complete. If you would like to register with the Children's centres please complete the link below.

[https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/4N2XVF/?fbclid=IwAR2u3ztVIiTAACRqD\\_VSDqs8N9HgBFid62s9hSZ6qvWrB5eSznPc](https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/4N2XVF/?fbclid=IwAR2u3ztVIiTAACRqD_VSDqs8N9HgBFid62s9hSZ6qvWrB5eSznPc)

AfC also have a Facebook page (Achieving for Children Richmond Children's Centres) that families can access with videos and tips for families with Children under 5 years. You will be able to see the Children's centre staff, Deva from Crafty Tales and Karl from Mini Movers on the page giving advice and ideas to entertain your children. Fridays is baby day so this is dedicated to activities for families with babies.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Angela Abrahams  
Headteacher

