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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 13th JANUARY 2023, WEEK 2

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was lovely to see so many parents at Celebration worships this week, thank you for joining us. On Tuesday we were visited by a consultant from the London Diocesan Board for Schools. She was here to look at our religious education ahead of a religious focused inspection due this year and to find out what the children think about our provision; it is always helpful to get an outsider's perspective on our school.

Here are some of the things she found:

- Our curriculum is strong and consistent
- Our children ask and answer questions reflectively
- The curriculum is enriched by a breadth of opportunities such as the visits during Interfaith Week
- All that we do at St Mary's is led by our Vision which is strong and meaningful
- The children enjoy Collective Worships and can say how they relate to their lives

We await the phone call to tell us inspectors are on their way and will let you know how you can help in the process. One way you can help us prepare though is to complete Ofsted's Parentview. At my last look 41/470 families have responded. Unfortunately, this falls far below the 50% we need to look respectable - please take the time to share your views, it really only takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Christmas Fair

£9,222 – that is the sum (after expenses) raised at the Christmas Fair - what a triumph! You continue to support St Mary's financially when, with the cost of living through the roof, many families may be feeling the pinch; we are so grateful.

Weekly attendance: w/c 9th January 2023

Well done to Year 1 this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	13	97.08%
Year 1	13	98.89%
Year 2	6	94.10%
Year 3	0	98.40%
Year 4	1	96.67%
Year 5	2	97.53%
Year 6	2	98.28%
Whole School	37	97.28%

Outdoor learning

Kevin Morgan starts work clearing the Secret Garden next week which is very exciting; we are edging closer to beginning our new outdoor curriculum. I will let you know early next week the order in which lessons will be taught so watch out for an additional letter from me. The children will be required to have warm clothes - not school uniform on those days, a waterproof coat and wellington boots.

Water bottles

It looks like many children were on Santa's good list this Christmas as there are some new and very unusual water bottles appearing. I ask please that the *air-up* bottles are not brought into school from next week, thank you for your support.

OTHER NEWS

Reception place admissions 2023

The deadline for applications for a Reception place is 15th January. If your child is a sibling you still need to apply for a place. We recently sent this to parents who toured our school some months ago:

Dear parents & carers,

Thank you for coming along to one of St Mary's School Tours. The staff and students were proud to show you our school and hope you enjoyed your visit.

A reminder that the deadline to submit your child's Primary School application form is Sunday 15th January 2023 and this should be done online via eAdmissions. Full details and a link to eAdmissions can be found here:

[children and family care/schools and colleges/school admissions/primary school admissions](https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/children-and-family-care/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions)

Please note, you do not need to submit anything directly to St Mary's unless you wish to apply for one of our Church Foundation places, in which case you should submit a Supplementary Information Form directly to our Admissions Officer. Full details can be found on the Admission section of our school website under the section 'Foundation (church) Places' <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/admissions/>

A few St Mary's highlights to remind you of:

- *Children at St Mary's are guided to grow personally, academically, morally, socially and spiritually in an inspiring and creative environment.*
- *Our current children and parents love being part of our School: Hear what some of them have to say about us: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/testimonials/>*
- *St Mary's offers a varied and engaging curriculum and extra-curricular activities. See some examples of the kinds of learning our children are involved in on our Twitter page: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/news/>*

- *St Mary's KS2 SATs results for 2022 place us in the top 20% in the country for Maths, English and Reading*

If you have any outstanding queries regarding our school, please do not hesitate to contact us via admissions@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or by calling 020 8892 5840.

Young Carers

Thank you to those who have responded to the local authority's offer for Young Carers. Here is a reminder if you have a child this could relate to:

At St Mary's we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers. A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. Research suggests there are at least 700,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer. I have attached some additional information.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At St Mary's we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let us know by filling in the form below and bringing it into school in a sealed envelope addressed to Mrs Knight. If you do have any further questions, please contact me or senco@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or call 0208 892 5840 to speak to me directly.



Part-time Caretaker post at Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, Whitton

Bishop Perrin CE primary School are recruiting for a part-time Caretaker to look after their small and well-maintained school site. The post would suit someone who might be semi-retired and is keen to still keep working, although anyone is welcome to apply if they feel it is suitable for them. For more detail, please click through on the link or phone the school (0208 894 1447).

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-caretaker-1299213>

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, please guide us to push ourselves in any lesson that comes our way. Thank you for our friends and teachers who can help and support us. We appreciate the great education that we have been given and how lucky we are to have many upcoming lessons and activities. I am hopeful that the upcoming lessons help us in later life. Amen. *Dexter E-W 6C*

Yours sincerely,



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