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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023, WEEK 3

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

St Mary's community exhibited such compassion recently by providing much needed items for the foodbanks in some of our local schools. Mrs Murphy the Headteacher at St Richard's CE Primary School emailed thanking us for all of your very generous food donations before Christmas: *'Families were extremely grateful for the donations and we as a school were humbled by the support we received. We also started to get people from the wider community of Ham requesting donations, so thankfully we were able to accommodate them too. Please thank your parent body for supporting us so generously.'*

### Football Success

The girls and boys football teams continued to their winning streaks in the borough league. Both played away at Holy Trinity CE Primary yesterday in freezing conditions and both came away with wins to top their groups. The boys winning 2-5 and the girls 0-12; special mention to Sakeena who scored six goals – a double hat-trick! Girl-power 😊

### Outdoor learning

Huge thanks to those who have already paid some or all of their child's outdoor learning costs, we are really grateful for your speed. You can log in to Tucasi to make full or staged payments over the year.

### Piano Tuner

Parents who came to Celebration Worship on the middle site last week would have borne witness to my public humiliation when told by one of our talented little musicians that the piano was unplayable! Apparently, it is so out of tune he wouldn't attempt to share his piece with us. I am appealing to any parent who is able to tune a piano to step forward and spare my blushes for future worships-please.

### Ofsted Parentview

The number is climbing steadily; it's gone from 41 to 71 in a week thank you. If you haven't yet shared your view please do so. If we were to get the Ofsted call soon we wouldn't have to complete a survey if we manage to achieve more than 50%

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

### Weekly attendance: w/c 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Well done to Year 3 this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	12	96.10%
Year 1	9	96.22%
Year 2	2	98.05%
Year 3	0	98.89%
Year 4	2	96.56%
Year 5	4	96.00%
Year 6	1	97.89%
Whole School	30	97.12%

### From our Education Welfare Officer

My name is Nikki Dufosee and I am the Education Welfare Officer attached to St. Mary's CE Primary school. I work closely with school staff to increase attendance and improve punctuality. Part of my role as an EWO is to monitor persistent absentees (under 90%) and to support the school and families in improving this. I would like to remind all parents/carers that holidays should not be taken during term time as they will be marked as an unauthorised absence and will incur a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

All other appointments need to be made out of school hours. Alongside regular attendance, punctuality is the key to successful learning.

Please be mindful that constant lates are disruptive for all pupils and do impact the overall attendance percentages.

I look forward to being in school and together raising the attendance at St Mary's Primary school. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance you can contact me, [info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

## OTHER NEWS

### Parking

We ask that you are considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up children, only parking in designated bays and areas where it is permitted. Please do not park on Amyand Park Road opposite the Candler Mews and adjacent houses; residents have

been blocked in when cars are parked in these single yellow line spots and are understandably upset.

## FINALLY

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for our friends and family, for keeping us healthy and for our wonderful world. May you comfort those who may be struggling and give them peace. Please help us to show true love in action to everyone around us and please continue to keep our loved ones safe. Amen. *Florence W 4T*

Yours sincerely,



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