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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, WEEK 1

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Christian value of the term is Endurance, have a look at our website to see the short video. You may spot some children who have grown quite a bit since this was filmed 😊

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/our-values/>

### Willow Wood

I am so excited by the start of our outdoor learning which began with Year 2 and Year 4 this week. Here are some quotes from lovely emails I received from parents about it:

1. *Just wanted to say that XX absolutely loved his first morning at Willow Wood yesterday. What a brilliant initiative and inspiring environment for the children to learn! Thank you to you and the staff who made it all possible.*
2. *My child came home grumbling then I asked about Willow Wood, her face lit up and she said 'it was the best day ever'.*

Thank you for supporting this agenda, I know the children will get so much out of it.

### Mental Health

This YouTube clip- a poem titled Why am I rude? was helpfully shared by one of our parents and I thought you may like to watch it. It provides reasons why some children and young adults exhibit behaviours we would commonly describe as bad behaviour, but can actually be a defence mechanism. This may of course be the same for adults! I found it really interesting and hope you do too.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waeRP6jzW\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waeRP6jzW_U)

### Parking

This week we have had a number of complaints regarding parking.

**Infant site:** Cars must not be parked on the double yellow lines outside the Arragon Road entrance. Parents are objecting to their children walking to the gate through plumes of engine fumes and having to cross between cars. The Council has been contacted and will be sending parking wardens to the site to deter parking and engine idling. There are plans to add zig zags to the immediate area to make it a safe school zone.

**Middle site:** A community nurse was unable to make a visit to one of our local residents as parents had parked across the drive. We try to maintain really good relationships with our neighbours but this becomes impossible when we limit access to their property with cars, please be considerate.

**Junior site:** Parents are using the Orleans car park at the end of our drive to park for drop-offs and pick-ups; please refrain from doing this.

### OTHER NEWS

#### Half termly Housekeeping reminders:

Please report your child's absence via the ParentMail app and provide as much detail as possible for our records. Thank you.

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher or the school office, please use the following email addresses:

Infant site: [infantsite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:infantsite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

Middle site: [middlesite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:middlesite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

Junior site: [info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk)

Please remind yourself of our Attendance and Late Collection policies, link below. All school policies are available via our website ([www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk))

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Attendance-and-Punctuality-policy-2022-23.doc.pdf>

- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please adhere to the government guidelines of your child/ren not returning to school until **48 hours** after the last episode:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-3-public-health-management-of-specific-infectious-diseases#diarrhoea-and-vomiting-gastroenteritis>

### Weekly attendance: w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Well done to Year 3 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - the highest attendance this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	11	93.21%
Year 1	17	94.72%
Year 2	1	92.98%
Year 3	3	99.38%
Year 4	2	95.68%
Year 5	1	98.15%
Year 6	1	99.02%
Whole School	36	96.21%

**RSPCA Dogs & Children, a guide to staying safe:**

<https://view.pagetiger.com/RSPCAKeepingkids/safe/issue1>

### Job Vacancy – Casual Cycle Training Instructor

*Richmond Bikeability Team is currently seeking to recruit Cycling Instructors on casual contracts. Bikeability Level 2 training is delivered to Year 6 pupils in every state primary school and most independents in the borough.*

*Instructors are expected to work full weeks (Mon – Fri) in term time, in all weathers but not necessarily every week. Timings fit in with school days. If not qualified, training will be provided. Pay is £15.88 per hour. Please see job advert below:*

<https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/jobs/job/Casual-Cycle-Training-Instructor/5485>  
(note that location is Richmond borough not Wandsworth).

For more information, email Sheila Crewdson - [Sheila.Crewdson@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Sheila.Crewdson@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk).

### FINALLY

This weekend we ask you to keep in your prayers the people of Ukraine as they mark one year since the start of the war.



### Prayer

Dear God, please help us to show kindness to others and to always forgive each other. Please help us to work hard and not to give up even when things are tough. Help us to follow the St Mary's Values throughout our lives. Amen. Grace H 4C

Yours sincerely

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