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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 26th May 2023, WEEK 6

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week I have had the joy of being with the children for a number of very special events and I have been struck by the incredible support we have at St Mary's from our parents; you turn up for all of our wonderful occasions. Thank you for always fitting us in to your busy diaries.

OTHER NEWS

Attendance

With the support of our Education Welfare Officer we have successfully achieved increased attendance and decreased the percentage of lateness across the whole school. Our overall attendance from September 2021 to May 2022 was **95.5%** and our overall attendance from September 2022 to today is **97.4%**, an increase of **1.9%**. Ultimately this means more children are in school to benefit from education for more of the time. Please remind yourself of our end of term date, Friday 21st July and our first day of school on Wednesday 6th September to avoid booking holidays in term time. Please remember to complete our absence form (available via our website www.st-marys.richmond.sch.uk, under "About", Policies. The form is located underneath our Attendance and Punctuality policy for downloading). Please return it to me at headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk requesting authorisation for absence from school.

Polio immunisation: message from the NHS

URGENT: Polio and MMR Vaccinations for Children Aged 1 to 11 in London

We all want to keep children safe and protected from serious illness, this is why we need to do everything we can to support parents across London to ensure their children are up to date with their childhood vaccinations, especially polio and MMR.

Following detections of polio virus in sewage samples in London in 2022, children aged 1-9 in London were offered an additional booster (or catch-up if not up to date) of the polio vaccine to ensure they were fully protected. Although phase 1 of this campaign enabled a large volume of vaccinations to be delivered, data from the programme highlights continuing inequities in uptake.

The additional booster dose offer has now ended. Phase 2 of the campaign will focus on under-vaccinated children aged 1-11 who are least protected and at the highest risk of becoming seriously unwell with polio as well as other preventable disease such as measles. The programme will be led by School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) providers who have a known track record in delivering programmes to large volumes of children and reaching those in marginalised and under-served communities.

If your child has been identified as not being fully vaccinated you will receive a letter from the NHS today (via your child) asking you to complete the consent form to have the vaccination in school or at your GP's surgery. Please return this form to the school office. NHS nurses are coming into school on Friday 16th June to administer the vaccine.

St Margaret's fair Saturday 8th July 2023

Your support (big hands and little hands) is much needed!

This year St Mary's are responsible for litter picking at the fair. If your child was a member of the plogging club at the junior site, you will appreciate the importance of this. Without our support the fair would not be allowed to proceed. As a community we are lucky to be able to use the wonderful outside space at Moormead to host the fair but it's important we respect the environment on which it will take place. We are writing to enlist your help as "litter pickers" on the day.

This cannot be done without you though so we're asking you to sign up for one of the 1hr15min slots, to grab your child/children and to pitch in for the good of the community and the school. As a result of the support each of the four local schools provide to the fair we each receive much needed funds back into the school (last year each school received £3,300 and for St Mary's this donation went directly into the creation of Willow Wood). Litter picking grabber tools will be provided on the day and as a thank you to anyone helping they will be given a voucher for a free beer/Pimm's or fruit juice.

Please sign up for a slot through the following link. The kids honestly love this job and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you. FoSM

Link: <https://volunteersignup.org/7DT3X>

Dates for your diary:

- St Mary's CHURCH Fair: Saturday 10th June
- **St Mary's Summer Fair: Saturday 24th June**
- St Margaret's Fair: Saturday 8th July
- Non-uniform day in return for a bottle for the summer fair: Friday 16th July

Infant site parents, please note:

There will be no Infant Site celebration assembly on Weds 7th June due to a Year 1 workshop taking place in the hall.

Weekly attendance: w/c 22nd May 2023

Well done to Year 5 for reaching 'The Golden Goal'- for the highest attendance and to Yrs 4 & 5 for having the no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	12	97.04%
Year 1	8	97.29%
Year 2	1	97.54%
Year 3	1	95.96%
Year 4	0	97.91%
Year 5	0	98.64%
Year 6	1	96.56%
Whole School	39	97.28%

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for our wonderful families who take care of us and our friends. Thank you also for our amazing school which is such a happy place to be. Please protect those in war torn countries and comfort those going through tough times. Help us to look after our beautiful world better and protect animals in danger. Amen. *Betty J 4T*

We wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6th June for the last push to summer.

Yours sincerely



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