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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023, WEEK 6

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### Headteacher

It's the time of year when we mention members of the St Mary's School family who are moving on. Each member has given so much to the School in so many ways and we will always be grateful to them for their valuable contribution:

- Mrs Zawada started here many years ago as a member of support staff, her children journeyed through and then she joined us as a teacher. Amongst other things, she will long be remembered for her brilliant knack of rewriting the lyrics to well-known songs which will no doubt be sung by future children for years to come; Mrs Zawada goes on to part-time work in a school in Richmond.
- Mr Egan has been teaching with us for 10 years and leading Maths. When your children dip into Times Tables Rock Stars they will no doubt always think of him; Mr Egan is moving into the independent sector in Kensington.
- Miss van Gelder, class teacher and musician; Remembrance services just won't be the same without her. Miss van Gelder moves to a school in Barnes.
- Miss Callaghan has really grown the Science in our school and we thank her for training of our teachers in this subject; Miss Callaghan goes on to teach at an independent school in Ewell.
- Miss Macfarlane, only with us for this year but she was a good fit for the Year 5 team, she goes on to a school in Mortlake.
- Miss Swoish came to us from Hawaii. Her kindness to children will always be remembered; Miss Swoish goes on to a position in South London.

- Miss Martinez provided us with some Mediterranean flair this year, her children loved her kind and caring nature! She goes into the independent sector in Ealing.
- Miss Tattersall has been with us only a short while but she is much loved on the middle site; she moves to a school just at the end of her road, no travel time for her!
- We also say goodbye to some of our Learning Support Assistants whose 1-1s are transitioning to new schools: Miss Matovu and Miss Hewson who have given such care to our children.
- We wish Mrs Mitchell the very best of luck for August when baby number 3 arrives; we hope to see Mrs Mitchell return in the spring term next year.

#### Attendance

##### Weekly attendance: w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	2	92.68%
Year 1	1	99.01%
Year 2	7	96.80%
Year 3	5	94.49%
Year 4	2	96.10%
Year 5	4	96.06%
Year 6	4	94.83%
Whole School	25	95.75%

#### End of term reminders:

Our last day of term is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and we finish one hour earlier on all sites.

Please remind your children to take everything home with them – lunch boxes, scooters, bikes, uniform etc – all three sites are given a deep clean over the summer.

## OTHER NEWS

### School Meals

Thank you to those parents who completed the form about London Free School Meals from September. The deadline for letting us know about whether you would like your child/ren to take part in the scheme has now passed. Those who have not responded will be contacted next week about what the next steps are for you. Similarly, for those who have special dietary needs and haven't returned the required form will also be contacted about the potential delay to their meals upon our return in September.

### Summer Reading

This year's summer reading challenge aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading. With incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence. The challenge is available in libraries across the UK and through a digital platform. For more information visit your local library or the Summer Reading Challenge website directly:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### External Clubs

Please see attached for details about the offerings from our external club providers in the Autumn Term. All contact details are included in the brochure.

### Messages from the borough:

**Free Met Police family fun day** on Monday 21 August from 12pm in The Old Deer Park:  
<https://www.visitrichmond.co.uk/events/met-in-the-park-p1951721>

## FINALLY

Dear God, thank you for our wonderful family and friends. Thank you for our beautiful world that is colourful and full of difference, providing us with delicious food to eat and shelter to keep us safe. Please help us to be more like you each day, reflecting our school values. Give us the wisdom to always think of others less fortunate than ourselves so that we can be kinder and more compassionate every day. Amen. *Lou Lou R 40C*

Dear God, let us remember we are lucky to have a school like this. We thank you for the endurance that provides us with success and knowledge. Please guide us away from our problems to the light you shine. Thank ou for our friends whom help us and our teachers who push us to our best of our ability. We are thankful for the education we have that many don't. *Matilda D 6C*

Yours sincerely



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