

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 7th July 2023, WEEK 5

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### Headteacher

We hope your children came home talking excitedly about their Move Up day on Monday, there was a lovely buzz of excited anticipation about the place!

Also, this week we have been enjoying the stunningly brilliant "Jungle Book" performed by our Year 6 children. Classes saw the dress rehearsals and then some families came for the first night last night; there were a number of technical difficulties but these didn't mar such brilliant performances. Here is a taste of what it looks like:



## **Parent Survey**

Thank you to those who took part in our parent survey - 87 respondents. The results are attached to this newsletter and we use the feedback to inform our plans going forward.

#### **Attendance**

Weekly attendance: w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

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

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	3	94.33%
Year 1	5	95.68%
Year 2	1	97.09%
Year 3	1	98.40%
Year 4	0	98.69%
Year 5	0	98.13%
Year 6	2	96.68%
Whole School	12	97.08%

Please remember that absence two days before or after a holiday will not be authorised without medical evidence.

## Applying for absence during term time

Whilst we very much discourage any time out of school, there are occasions when circumstances may be considered. We ask that applications are submitted using the absence form in the link below and returned to me via <a href="mailto:eadteacher@stmarys.richmond.sch.uk">eadteacher@stmarys.richmond.sch.uk</a>

This form is available via our website (https://st-

marys.richmond.sch.uk/schoolpolicies)
underneath our Attendance and Punctuality
Policy: St Mary's application for absence from
school form

## 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.

Year 6 finish at lunch time on the last day of term.

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

## Open afternoons - reminder

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July you are invited to an open afternoon for the chance to look at your child's books. Teachers aren't present for these sessions so you can look at the books alongside your child if you wish. Please remember it is only your child's books you are invited to see!

#### Times:

Infant site: 3:15 - 5:00pm Middle site: 3:30 - 5:00pm Junior site: 3:45 - 5:00pm

### Additional parent evenings

In the coming week you may be contacted by your child's class teacher to arrange a short meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. These meetings are only for parents where the teacher feels the child hasn't quite made the progress they would like to have seen.

### Reports

Reports will be emailed to you on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, look out for these. You will see they have been adapted slightly from last year to give clearer targets and to provide more detail in the final comment section.

## St Margaret's Fair, Saturday 8th July 2023

12 noon until 18:00 at Moormead Park. Please contact your reps to see if they need any help litter picking:

https://www.stmargaretsfair.org/

With the tragic death of the 8-year old child at a school in Wimbledon, our prayers are with her family and the whole school community.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Yours sincerely



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