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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, WEEK 3

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Year 6 children have loved their week's residential to Bude, a wonderful seaside town in Cornwall. If you want to find out what they've been up to have a look at the blog: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/2023-bude/> Year 5 children will be very excited to see the details of what's in store for them this time next year. My thanks go to the staff who have given up their free time to take such care of the children, for many of whom this is their first time away from home (the children that is!). They all had a ball.

### OFSTED - Parentview

At the beginning of this term I reminded parents that we are in for a bumper year with two inspections due: Ofsted and SIAMS - our religious inspection. You will recall that I mentioned the important part parents play in the inspection process and how we would be calling upon you to assist us, well here is my first request, I suspect it will be one of many! Please log on to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and provide your view of our school - instructions below.

Ofsted looks at our school in close detail before they even let us know they are coming; they view our website then check Parentview to see how engaged our parents are with their school. Every September the survey is cleared and it begins again; last year we only managed to persuade 102 of you to log on. With over 400 families we hope to beat this number and achieve at least 200 views - please assist us, thank you:

Parents and carers are invited to share their views about St Mary's School using the following link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> Register or log in if you have already registered

- Search for the name of our school - St Mary's Twickenham, Amyand Park Road
- Our school is listed as St Mary's Church of England School
- Give your views

We are grateful for every single entry.

### Change of date for Harvest Thanksgiving

We have had to change the date for the Harvest Thanksgiving from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at St Mary's. This service is led by Year 2 and as such, Year 2 parents are invited to attend. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

### Follow us on Instagram

We are now mirroring our X (formerly Twitter) posts on Instagram. If you would like to follow us, please do using this link:

<https://instagram.com/twickstmarys?igshid=MzMyNGUyNmU2YQ==>

### Weekly attendance: w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Well done to Year 6 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Year 5 for no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	1	97.91%
Year 1	10	97.27%
Year 2	1	98.01%
Year 3	2	96.53%
Year 4	2	97.88%
Year 5	0	97.63%
Year 6	0	100.00%
Whole School	16	97.94%

### School Run Clubs

With the exception of Netball Club, there are still places in other school run clubs. If you would like to sign your child/ren up, please login to Tucasi.

## OTHER NEWS

Many of your children have benefitted from the support of Mrs Ebenezer, one of our wonderful support staff who has worked on the middle site for seven years. Sadly, Mrs Ebenezer is leaving St Mary's for pastures new, returning with her family to her homeland of Wales. Mrs Ebenezer is one of those people who works away behind the scene, never making a fuss, just getting the job done brilliantly, she is a real loss to our school but we wish her the very best in her green, green grass of home!

### Preparing for the weather

Thank you for sending the children back to school in very smart uniform. This week the weather was ... shall we say changeable and many arrived without appropriate clothing, especially those going to Willow Wood. Please send your child in to school with a proper coat **every day**; if it is warm and dry they won't need it but it is there if the weather turns; home time seems to be a particular favourite of the downpour!

### Willow Wood

If your child attends Willow Wood they need to be properly dressed for the activities: track suit bottoms, warm jumper, coat and wellington boots.

We have purchased a marquee to allow us to remain outside for lessons in the less favourable weather. Kevin is appealing for help next Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) to erect it; he believes 4 or 5 helpers are needed. If you are free to help during the morning please let us know by emailing [info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) Apparently it doesn't involve heavy lifting!

### Prospective Parent Tours

It is the time of year when we offer tours to parents looking for a Reception place for their child for September 2024. Infant Site Tours and Open Afternoons are now published on Eventbrite. If you already have children at St Mary's and are hoping for your little one to join us next year these tours are not for you as you know our school already, but we would be grateful if you signpost any of your friends or neighbours with children of this age to Eventbrite

## FoSM Second Hand Uniform Sale

This will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the middle site (Strafford Road TW1 3AD) from 10:30 – 12 noon. Information via Class List from Alison Sperring.

### Home-Start Richmond

If you have some free time now the children are back at school, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability.

The course will run in Hampton Wick 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 5 October to 16 November (not half-term 26 Oct). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed [angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

### Free Parent support and advice cafes

For the parents by the parents.

Free coffee, tea, refreshments and confidential signposting for specialist advice and support with all matters involved in parenting teens, completing employment applications, accessing free further education courses for adults, hardship funds, improving outcomes and opportunities, housing support clinics, apprenticeships, improving and maintaining physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and more.

For cafe dates, address and timings please [click here](#).

Alternatively please contact Sanya directly:  
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[Click here](#) for more information.

## FINALLY

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for bringing all of our friendships together. please do your best to help all the people who are not feeling well. Make them strong and healthy again. Please look over all of our fantastic teachers, friends and families and keep them safe and happy. Please save our environment and continue to give us good things in the future. *Evie M 4H*

Yours sincerely



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