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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 13th October 2023, WEEK 6

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Mental Health Day

It was lovely to see a splash of colour making it to St Mary's today.



If you want to settle down to some mental health activities over the weekend try this link for ideas:

<https://cosmickids.com/childrens-mental-health-week-activities/>

Class Assemblies

Please see attached the class assembly dates for the year. We hope you can join us for them; they are a highlight of our school year.

Child Protection

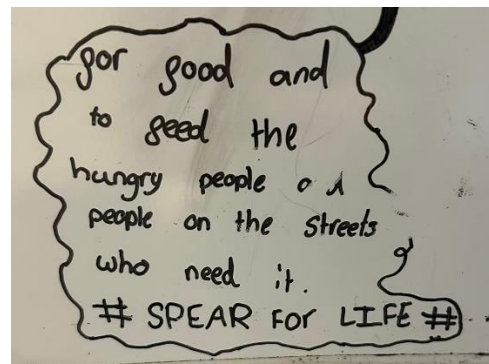
Our Governing Body has now ratified the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for another year. You can read it on our website: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Child-Protection-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Harvest

Yesterday Year 2 treated us to a wonderful Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church. The children shared with us the importance of the harvest for farmers and they reminded us to give thanks for the bountiful food that the land provides. In Reception and Year 1 we have been collecting food items for SPEAR, but in all other year groups we have asked if you can consider donating to SPEAR via the QR code, many thanks for your support.



The children are invited to answer a question each week that relates to our weekly Vision and Values Collective Worship. This week's question was 'What is the best way you can show thanks for the harvest?' There are some lovely responses but this one was very special:



Weekly attendance: w/c 9th October 2023

Well done to Reception for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Reception and Year 3 for the least lates this week! It is so good to see Year 1 lates have substantially reduced this week- thank you parents.

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	1	98.40%
Year 1	6	97.78%
Year 2	4	96.57%
Year 3	1	98.24%
Year 4	4	97.53%
Year 5	3	98.16%
Year 6	3	96.56%
Whole School	22	97.60%

OTHER NEWS

Willow Wood

Kevin has another request and so far, you haven't let him down - we have pine cones, pots and pans and towels aplenty but now he needs BBQ charcoal or wood for the camp fire. With the weather turning you may have some to spare and want to make space in your garden shed!

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us a wonderful school that we can learn in and make new friends. We are so grateful that we can have new equipment that we can play with at playtime. Thank you for looking out for us when we're sad or angry. Please guide us to look away from evil and guide us towards the good. Thank you for our amazing teachers who give up their time to plan our lessons. We are so thankful for our parents who cook us food and take care of us. Give us endurance when times are tough and help us to be wise and make good choices. Thank you for helping us learn new things and to show service to everyone. Amen. *Giulia R 6C*

Yours sincerely



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