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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 20th October 2023, WEEK 7

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a very busy term it has been! Seven weeks of exciting learning which I hope you've seen on X or our Instagram account. Here are a few of the highlights: Y6 at Bude for a week, Y5 in Dorset learning about the Vikings, amazing sporting results in inter-borough tournaments, two new choirs singing like angels, the creation of our school pledges, Willow Wood for Years 3, 4 and Reception, Harvest Service of Thanksgiving, visits to Orleans Gallery, taking part in the Great Big Live assembly on black history and Year 1 investigating a crime scene after porridge was eaten! I think the children (and staff) need a little time to rest and relax. We wish you all a very happy half term break; if you are looking for things to do, here are some ideas:

[Richmond Children's Events](#)

[What's on at the library?](#)

[Marble Hill Park Tree Identification Trail](#)

Weekly attendance: w/c 16th October 2023

Well done to Reception for reaching **'The Golden Goal'** - for the highest attendance and to Year 2 for no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	2	99.51%
Year 1	9	97.23%
Year 2	0	96.39%
Year 3	8	99.31%
Year 4	6	99.13%
Year 5	2	97.29%
Year 6	3	99.01%
Whole School	30	98.18%

OTHER NEWS

School Book Fair Middle site Friday 3rd November 2023

To further promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are once again teaming up with Usborne to bring a school book fair to St Mary's.

The book fair is being organised with our local Usborne Partner, Katie Slingerland, and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school.

Books can be purchased on the day of the book fair and paid for by cash or debit/credit card. If you can't attend the fair in person, you can browse the full catalogue online at www.katiebooklady.co.uk and email your order to katiebooklady@gmail.com. You will be sent a link to pay for your order and your books will be delivered to the school and sent home with your child.

The middle site pupils will be invited to browse the book fair during the school day. The fair will then be open to All parents after school from 15.15 – 16.15 for parents to come with their children to purchase books.

There will be two further book fairs, one on the Infant site on the 27th November and one on 29th November on the Junior site.

Democracy

The British Value of democracy has been well and truly alive at St Mary's this week. School Council elections took place on the Middle and Junior Site following candidates' manifestos being shared. We also had two Year 6 Pupil Parliament representatives visit York House last week to debate the age of eligibility for voting.

Excellence on display

The half term always finishes with Great Works and we have seen excellence on show across the school – do look on our social media to see some examples. Well done to our Tag Rugby team who reached the borough semi-final this week – a great team effort.

Parent View

We ask every week so apologies for doing so again but please do share your views with us and Ofsted. We have just 69 contributions. 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

Inset Day and Parent/Teacher Consultations

We have an inset day on Monday 30th October. Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October. A letter went out today regarding parent/teacher consultations; please do note dates and sign up.

FoSM Silent Auction Reminder – can you contribute?

A reminder to get those donations in for the FoSM online auction; if you can donate something for our fundraiser, please contact Rosie Bonning on fosm.silentauction@gmail.com. Donations in the past have been as varied as the following: cases of beer, vouchers for restaurants, website design, coaching, Chinese lessons, kids' clubs, theatre tickets, art works, and bathroom furniture! We're particularly looking for the 'big ticket' items, so if you have a use of the holiday home you can donate over the holidays, professional workshops/advice, or signed memorabilia that would be great.

St Margaret's Fair news

Some lovely news at the end of this first half term: it has been confirmed that we will receive £3,300 for our support and involvement in the 2023 St Margaret's Fair. Thank you to everyone who supported, picked up litter and spent money.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. We pray for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by the spirit of compassion and kindness. Amen
(Anonymous, Junior Site Compassion Box)

Yours sincerely



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