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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 3rd November 2023, WEEK 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to the new term. With Hook Days running throughout this week the children have been having lots of fun doing extraordinary things like making their own compasses, starting to make their own Greek style sandals, and even making a thaumatrope! Once again, we invite you to see some of the things that have been happening on Instagram or X: both are twickstmarys.

Trustees

Our thanks go to The Trustees who have gifted all the Year 3 children and newcomers throughout the juniors, a Good News Bible. Father Jeff came in to school this week to present them. We hope the Bibles will travel through the children's lives with them offering reassurance and guidance when needed.

Remembrance Day

As Remembrance Day this year falls on the weekend we will not be holding our annual service in school. You can, however, support the occasion by buying a poppy at the school gate, please look out for the children selling them each day next week, thank you. Please note we can only take cash and cannot give any change. Please donate at least £1 per poppy. Thank you for your support.

Weekly attendance: w/c 30th October 2023

Well done to Year 4 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and to Yrs 2, 4, 5 & 6 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	2	98.75%
Year 1	15	97.34%
Year 2	1	99.02%
Year 3	4	99.15%
Year 4	1	99.44%
Year 5	1	96.81%
Year 6	1	93.19%
Whole School	31	97.67%

OTHER NEWS

Library

Many of you will remember the flood on the middle site last year which destroyed so many of our books and damaged the structure of the library. Thanks to your generosity all the books have been replaced with up to date versions and we have been able to repair the damage. The library was opened to the children once again this week and it was lovely to see the excitement at rediscovering the space. Thank you so much for your support.

Reminders:

Parent consultations next week are on Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th (with the exception of 6C which take place on Monday 6th & Thursday 9th). Please remember that school finishes ONE hour earlier on each site so that teachers can prepare for the meetings. There are no school run clubs next week. If your child attends an external club, some are running an hour earlier on Wednesday and Thursday; please check with your provider.

- 2nd December: FoSM Christmas Fair
w/c 4th December: last week of school run clubs
4th – 6th December: Infant Site Nativity 0930 (details to follow)
13th & 15th December: Yrs 2 & 3 Christmas performance (details to follow)

15th December: Junior Carol Service, led by Yr 4 at 1400 and 1830. All junior site pupils are expected to attend.

Parentview

We've reached 76 views - thank you! Please add yours to the survey thank you.

<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

Movember Fundraising

This month, members of St Mary's staff are participating in Movember! We are raising money and awareness to take on mental health, suicide and cancer. Some of us are growing a moustache, others are completing a variety of fitness-based challenges. If you would like to support us with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please use this link or the QR code below

<https://movember.com/t/st-mary-s-twickenham?mc=1>



SPEAR

SPEAR representatives visited our Infant Site for their Harvest Thanksgiving Worship. They were delighted to receive our Harvest donations which will be directed towards those rough sleeping and visiting the Twickenham drop in, who are experiencing food poverty. Sadly, there's been a 21% increase in rough sleeping in London over the last year. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.spearlondon.org/>

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear Lord, we are thankful for the wonderful world you created. We ask you to make peace in times of violence and hardship. Please help us to find peace and harmony when we are struggling. Help us and others to forgive and forget, not to hold grudges and to be kind to people. Help me to be kind like you are and help others to do so too. Let people make happy relationships and help them to make good choices that help them in life. Amen.

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Yours sincerely



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