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Dear Parents,

Ofsted and SIAMs

We are still reeling from having had two inspections in one term achieving the highest judgement possible on both. Thank you to everyone for your congratulations; I think it is finally sinking in! Since then we have been supporting a number of schools in their preparation for inspection and this is a really great way for us to have an impact beyond our gates.

School Performance Data Publication

Last week, national data was published for schools for the first time since 2019 due to the Covid pandemic. Richmond Borough remains the highest performing borough nationally and we are proud to see that even in such a competitive landscape, St Mary's KS2 results show as one of the strongest in the borough, with our results in the top 20% of schools for overall attainment (meeting expectations in reading, writing and maths); overall attainment for the higher standard (meeting the Greater Depth expectations in reading, writing and maths); and also for progress between Year 2 and Year 6. Well done to our children and teachers for maintaining such high standards over this time.

...all in the context of a caring school

Our results and the positive inspections happened within the context of a strong focus on mental health. This has always been a priority for us at St Mary's. Healthy and happy children making good learning and behavioural choices is the starting point for success. Our mental health team is always on hand to provide that extra support and we are so grateful to the Trustees who fund this work.

The Community

Where would we be without the support of our St Mary's community? You keep us going financially (literally) and with your encouragement and engagement. This school is special because of the people in it. Events throughout the year are a constant reminder of the power of people and oh how we love to get together! FoSM's fabulous fairs, quizzes and cake sales, our Collective Worship, Church Services and more; it is through these gatherings that we keep connected so thank you for always being by our side.

Staffing

We started this year with a number of new members of staff. We could not have imagined how quickly they would gel with the team and how much they would contribute to the success and happiness of our school- simply put 'they fit'. My thanks go to long serving members of staff who



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nurtured and inducted them so that Ofsted barely knew who was a newcomer or who had been here for years. I thank all staff for a wonderful first term.

Our children

Thank you for sharing them with us- they are an absolute joy to work with (most of the time 😊). It is such a privilege to play a part in a child's educational journey and to see them flourish. At recent nativities and Carol Services I watched confident, eloquent, resilient little people shine and felt such pride. They work so hard at school and the results are a testament to their commitment to learn - well done to them all.

A message for the children from the Bishop of London

<https://vimeo.com/894458924?share=copy>

The staff joins me in thanking you for the generous gifts and in wishing you and your loved ones peace, joy and goodwill for the Christmas season.

Yours sincerely,

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