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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 26th January 2024, WEEK 3

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Another exciting week at St Mary's: Reception children had a visit from a vintage bus; one Y2 class visited the Florence Nightingale Museum in Waterloo - the two other classes are going next week; there were victories for our football teams at Holy Trinity - their 100% win in the league continues; Yoga in Year 6; Year 2 building habitats in Willow Wood and Mrs Myers carried out a pledge to have 30cm of her hair cut to be donated to The Little Princess Trust.

Snacks reminder

Last week one of our pupils brought sweets to school in their bag and gave one to a child with a nut allergy. Fortunately, on this occasion, the sweet did not contain nuts but it could have done and we would have had a serious, life-threatening situation. It is vital that snacks are checked for nuts and children do not bring to school anything that could risk life for those with allergies. Please check that your child understands the reasons for not bringing food into school in their school bags that have not been checked by you. In addition, we ask that sweets and treats **are not** given out at the gate. Anything you would like to share with children **MUST** go through their parents or the after-school staff; in this way we can continue to protect our vulnerable children.

Weekly attendance: w/c 22nd January 2024

Well done to Year 2 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Year 5 for no lates this week!

You will, by now, have noticed the frequent lates each week in Year 1. We urge parents responsible for them to make a concerted effort as is happening in all other year groups.

| Year group | Lates | Attendance |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| Reception | 3 | 98.03% |
| Year 1 | 12 | 95.68% |
| Year 2 | 2 | 98.15% |
| Year 3 | 3 | 96.92% |
| Year 4 | 2 | 94.33% |
| Year 5 | 0 | 97.98% |
| Year 6 | 3 | 94.46% |
| Whole School | 25 | 96.51% |

OTHER NEWS

An update from the government re Covid

Attached to this email is some up to date guidance regarding Covid. Please also see the link below for further information:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/11/what-are-the-latest-rules-around-covid-19-in-schools-colleges-nurseries-and-other-education-settings/>

Please note that [UKHSA guidance](#) says that it is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional

An appeal from Father Jeff

If anyone has spare time on their hands and would like to become involved in the Church there are opportunities to do so through supporting Messy Church and as a Sunday School teacher. Recently these lovely events have had to be cancelled due to lack of leaders so please think about what you can offer. If you are interested please email headteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk and I will pass your information on to Father Jeff.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear Lord, we are very grateful for the beautiful world you have created. Let us remember that we're very lucky to have such a great and huge school like this one. We thank you for the teachers and dinner ladies, who teach us and make lunch for us. We appreciate the delicious food that is freshly made. I'm opeful that every day is always funner than the last. Plesae help us remember to say thank you to someone who helped us do something. Please help me have endurance when something's very hard. Also, please help us be kind to people. Amen.

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Yours sincerely



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