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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2024, WEEK 6

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The staff joins me in wishing you a happy, joyful and relaxing Easter. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Weekly attendance: w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Well done to Reception for reaching 'The Golden Goal' - for the highest attendance and to Year 2 & 6 for the least lates this week!

Our overall attendance dropped today to 94.8% due to parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday or reporting them as unwell. These absences, as per our policy, have been recorded as "unauthorised".

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	2	97.91%
Year 1	9	95.79%
Year 2	1	96.67%
Year 3	3	97.78%
Year 4	2	97.89%
Year 5	2	95.09%
Year 6	1	95.28%
Whole School	20	96.65%

### OTHER NEWS

#### Picnic blanket appeal

If you have any unused picnic blankets, please could you consider donating them to the middle site? With summer coming we would like to use them for games and reading. Thank you for your support.

#### Partykit: reduce waste and support FoSM!

Thank you to everyone who's borrowed the St Mary's Partykit - so far, you've raised £237 in donations for FoSM and saved over 750 disposable cups, plates etc from going to landfill!

Please do consider using the Partykit for your events and spread the word about our St Mary's Party Kit - it's available to hire by anyone locally (including during school holidays) and is a great way to reduce landfill while raising money for the school.

Our main box has everything needed for a class party or we can put together a mini box for smaller events. Full details, check availability and book via

<https://calendly.com/partykit/fosm?month=2024-01>

#### St Mary's Church

Father Jeff extends an invitation to his Easter Services.

Good Friday 29 March: Walk of Witness 9 am from outside Arthur's café on Twickenham Green, meeting other local churches and Christian denominations to make our way along Heath Road and down Wharf Lane to the Diamond Jubilee Gardens where a short service will be held. Anyone wishing to join us at the Jubilee Gardens should arrive by 9.20 am. Bring crosses if you would like to.

Meditations at the Foot of the Cross, 12 noon-2.30 pm. Liturgy of Good Friday 2.30 pm. Holy Saturday 30 March: We pray our departed loved ones, who are buried in our

Memorial Garden, into the death and resurrection of Christ. Please congregate in the Garden by 3 pm.

Easter Day 31 March: FESTIVAL EUCHARIST 9.30 am (Please remember that the clocks go forward on Easter Day)

## FINALLY

### **An Easter message from Bishop Sarah**

This Eastertide may we hear Jesus's voice in the clamour. May we listen for him in those who are unable to pay their bills; those who are relying heavily on food banks; those who find all talk of death and resurrection deeply painful as they struggle with bereavement and loss. And those who live in places of conflict and torture who feel that their hope and longing for a welcome elsewhere is diminishing.

May we – and they – hear the voice which says, 'Do not be afraid'. Not because there is nothing to fear, but because Christ is with us in and through all of it, including death and what lies beyond.'

Yours sincerely



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