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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 21st April 2024, WEEK 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It is lovely to have the children back at school and they seemed to have grown up over the holiday. With a new term and spring arriving I am appealing for your help in maintaining a smart uniform- there are definitely some interesting adaptations coming into school.

Below is the link to the school's uniform policy but there are some particular requests:

- Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit on their days - this includes the school's blue knee-length socks when shorts or PE skirts are worn, navy bottoms without stripes or logos and the school's PE sweatshirt- not just a blue hoody
- All children with shoulder length hair or longer must wear it tied up; hair accessories must be black or navy blue only
- We do not permit boots to be worn around the school building; black shoes or on PE days, black, navy blue or white plain trainers are required

With the warmer weather approaching please note the summer uniform reminder:

- Playsuits or culotte sets are not permitted - light blue and white checked dresses or smart grey tailored school shorts with our logo Polo shirts are required.
- Skirts or dresses must be of an appropriate length (mid-thigh) - there is plenty of time at secondary school for any shorter than that!

- Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery with the exception of small stud earrings, a watch - not a smart watch (with the exception of Reception children who should not bring a watch to school) and a religious necklace if necessary. Anything other than these items we will keep until the end of the day and send home with you.
- Nail varnish is removed before the school day.

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Uniform-Policy-2021.pdf>

Thank you for your help to keep St Mary's uniform looking respectable and age-appropriate.

St George's Day

On Tuesday 23rd April we will celebrate St George's Day. We invite the children to come in to school with a touch of red and white: odd socks, a hair accessory, a red rose or something else creative. The myth of Saint George slaying the dragon originated in stories of his valiance and bravery; this is timely in our term of Service where the children have heard about The Good Samaritan. Thank you for entering into the spirit of the occasion.

Easter Homework

This week it has been lovely seeing the children's Easter homework. Thank you for keeping their writing going, it really does make a difference; many pieces were shown at Celebration Worships.

Term Dates 2025-26: amended

We shared these dates with you in our newsletter dated 9th February 2024. The borough put them out for further consultation and as a result we have had to amend ours. They are attached to this email and on our website calendar. Please check before you book holidays during term time. Thank you.

Weekly attendance: w/c 15th April 2024

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

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	5	97.41%
Year 1	10	94.54%
Year 2	6	99.26%
Year 3	2	97.41%
Year 4	3	97.14%
Year 5	1	98.40%
Year 6	1	98.28%
Whole School	28	97.53%

OTHER NEWS

Earth Day

On Monday it is Earth Day. The children will start their day with a worship all about the beauty of Mother Nature and the importance of preserving it. Here is one way to help:

Big Battery Hunt – Battery Recycling Initiative - Update

Well done to everyone who has brought in their old and unwanted batteries – we now have a running total of **1,444** batteries collected from all three sites which is amazing news!

Please continue to bring in your batteries as the winning school receives money towards garden and outdoor equipment for the school.

The deadline for final numbers is Wednesday 12th June so we still have plenty of time! You can find out more by visiting www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk. Thank you for your support.

Willow Wood

Kevin has asked if anyone has a water-butt they no longer require. With warmer weather (and less rain hopefully) he would like to use a natural source to keep the wild nature area well-watered. Do drop me a line if you can help.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for our parents who give up their time to help us. Help us look after our planet, especially our animals. We are grateful for our amazing friends who help us when we are feeling down. Thank you for all the surprises and gifts that you treat us with every day and please continue to guide us down a path of happiness. Amen. Year 4H

Yours sincerely



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