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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024, WEEK 5

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

For those lucky enough to attend the Year 6 production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" this week you will have seen a perfect example of the school living out *Conemur* - we will strive together. Magnificent performances, wonderful costumes, set design and sheer hard work by the children and staff resulted in show fit for the West End. It will be one we will all remember long after the children leave St Mary's. My thanks go to everyone involved in putting this together, including of course the admin team organising tickets even at the last minute!

Middle Site drop-off

Please can I remind parents of children on the middle site that you are to stay with your child in the morning until the teachers come out - we do not accept responsibility for children who have been left alone.

Sponsorship: Bounce-a-thon

We are very excited to see the generous sponsorship of our bounce-a-thon rising ever closer to our target of £11,000; so far, we have £4191.00 on the JustGiving page and £779 through Tucasi. The work to the pitch begins on 15th July so we are hopeful that any last-minute donations make it to us by this date 😊. Thank you so much!

Calendar dates for 2024-25

A copy of our dates for the next academic year is attached to this newsletter. These dates are available for you to download from our website: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/> Please ensure you have these dates in your calendar/smart phone so you don't miss anything. Thank you.

Weekly attendance: w/c 1st July 2024

Well done to Year 3 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and to Reception & Year 5 for no lates this week.

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	0	94.72%
Year 1	16	96.77%
Year 2	2	97.91%
Year 3	9	99.26%
Year 4	4	96.93%
Year 5	0	96.43%
Year 6	3	98.13%
Whole School	34	97.17%

OTHER NEWS

The Pavilion

If you haven't yet had the chance to see the gorgeous painting added to the Pavilion it is worth a walk by the Middle Site. Enormous thanks go to parents of Etta, Ivy, Connie and Flo, who you will recall also painted the Book Nook - what a fantastic talent they share generously with us.

Connected Planet Foundation

On Friday 12th July staff pop on some silly headgear to raise money for our link charity Connected Planet Foundation. Some of you may remember last year's weird and whacky creations! We will have a hat at each gate for you to drop any spare pennies you have into - we are very happy to accept any you can retrieve from down the back of your sofa!

Open afternoon

A gentle reminder that we invite you to see your child's books during Open Afternoon on Tuesday 9th July straight after school for an hour.

4H Pledge – Ice Lolly Sale to raise money for the RSPCA

4H are running an ice lolly sale after school at the Junior Site on Friday 12th July in order to raise money for the RSPCA (the children's choice of charity).

Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. You can also donate online at: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/>

All ice lollies will be 50p or £1.

Online Wellbeing - a message from Miss Caspersz, computing lead

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. The online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some, it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends and the pressure can mount up. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing and with the long summer break approaching and more down-time it is important to check filters on your child's devices. Please follow the link to find out more about how you keep your child safe online: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Big Battery Hunt – Battery Recycling Initiative – FINAL UPDATE!

Congratulations to everyone who brought their old and unwanted batteries into school in order for them to be recycled!

We managed to contribute over 4,600 single batteries towards the national total of nearly 2 million batteries! This works out at over 7 batteries for every pupil in our school!

What an achievement! You can find out more by visiting www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, I am so thankful for the roof over my head and the loving family I have and please help other families have that too. Thank you for letting me come to this school with my friends that make every day the best day it can be. I am hopeful that all the conflict in the world stops and the world can be in peace.
Alex C 6KG

Diary dates: reminders

Saturday 6th July, St Margaret's Fair

Tuesday 9th July, Open afternoon all three sites (after school for one hour)

Thursday 18th July, Year 6 Leavers' service, 1000 – 1100, St Mary's Church

Friday 19th July, reports home to parents

Saturday 20th July, FoSM Fair, Middle site

Wednesday 24th July, Last day of summer term, school finishes one hour earlier.

Yours sincerely



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