



St Mary's CE Primary School
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2024, WEEK 2

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope your children have enjoyed their week and that they are excited to be back at school.

There is lots to share with you this week so please bear with us.

Child Protection

On Friday your child will have been given a child-friendly Child Protection leaflet. Please spend time going through it with them reinforcing its important message.

Contacts

If your contact details (e.g. address, mobile number or email) have changed, please ensure you email your child's site so that we can update your details on our system. It's very important that we can contact you during the school day should we need to.

Infant site

infantsite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Middle site

middlesite@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Junior site

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Managing emails

Thank you for contacting the office via ParentMail or through the above email addresses whenever you have a query or need to share information with us. Owing to the sheer number we receive daily and in order to manage expectations about a response time, we have implemented a 'response within 48 hours' procedure. If the email is urgent we will aim to respond more quickly. Thank you for your patience as we roll this out.

Gratitude to our School's Trustees

In this term of thankfulness, I give a special callout to our Trustees who provide an annual grant to our school. The majority of this grant is spent on the appointment of our two mental health practitioners who support anywhere up to 30 children and their families weekly. Being able to offer this support can, for some, be life changing and transformational. We are so fortunate to have this service and we would be a poorer school without them. I know those of you whose children have benefitted from Mrs Murley and Mrs Cromeys support will want to join me in giving thanks.

Class assemblies

Please see the attachment with dates of class assemblies for the year (these are also on our website). We hope you are able to add them to your diary and join us, the children love seeing you there. You will of course be reminded of these dates nearer the time.

Willow Wood

We are very pleased to be offering Willow Wood sessions once again this year. With a planned curriculum for each year group; the children build their skills year on year and are offered exciting new opportunities. Look out for details of when your child will be involved.

Weekly attendance: w/c 9th September 2024

Well done to Year 5 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and to Year 4 and 5 for the least lates this week.

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Year 1	5	98.89%
Year 2	6	99.44%
Year 3	4	99.26%
Year 4	2	97.53%
Year 5	2	99.51%
Year 6	4	98.88%
Whole School	23	98.91%

It is disappointing to see Year 2 with so many lates, even though they now start school fifteen minutes later.

OTHER NEWS

Wraparound Care

Our Local Authority have asked us to signpost you to AfC's [childcare search](#) and [brokerage service](#).

To ensure that parents and carers can access the childcare they need, we would also like to make you aware of our local wraparound providers. These details are on our website or can be viewed via the following link:

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wraparound-childcare/>

Vaccinations

Please check that your child is fully up to date with their routine immunisations. You can check this by referring to their Red Book or contacting your GP surgery. For a full list of vaccines and when they should be given, please visit [NHS vaccinations and when to have them](#).

Immunising primary school children [Postcard](#)
Immunising pre-secondary school children [Postcard](#)

Connected Planet Foundation

We continue to support our Charity CPF and benefit from the link we have with their schools in South Africa and Kenya. There is an exciting opportunity for you to support them with an up and coming event. Here is a message from them:

From the stunning grounds of Home Park, Hampton Court, we will take you to the Bushveld of South Africa. We are proud to invite you to this special World Rhino Day event, an exclusive screening of the award-winning Rhino Man movie. It is a very powerful and moving documentary about what it takes to keep the world's last remaining Rhino alive.

All profits from this event go towards taking young South Africans into the Greater Kruger National Park for immersive 3-day camps and teaching them about conservation. For many it will be their first-time seeing elephants, lions and rhinos. These connections to nature help build the next generation of conservationists.

We would love to offer all St Mary's parents a 10% discount to this event as a way of saying thank you for all your support. When purchasing any tickets please use the discount code RHINO10 to receive your discount.

We'd love to see you there.

GCC **CONNECTED PLANET** **K&R**
WORLD RHINO DAY
EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE
AWARD-WINNING
RHINO MAN
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
At Hampton Court Palace Golf Club
£35 per ticket, includes glass of prosecco and
vegan canapes on arrival.
Doors open 18:00; film starts 19:30
All profits go towards community conservation
efforts in the Greater Kruger.
Age 15+ viewing

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Prayer

This week we celebrate the birth of St Mary Jesus' mother. The children have been singing Ave Maria and listening to this beautiful piece of music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyUhEjtIDL>
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Our weekly prayer is therefore:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

Diary dates: reminders

Monday 16th September, Year 6 Trip to Bude

Tuesday 17th September, 3:30pm, Year 4
Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 18th September, 3:30pm, Year 5
Curriculum Meeting

Friday 20th September, Year 2 cake sale

Your sincerely



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