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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024, WEEK 3

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Year 6 children have loved their week's residential to Bude, a wonderful seaside town in Cornwall. If you want to find out what they have been up to, please have a look at their blog:

<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/2024-bude/>

Year 5 children will be very excited to see the details of what is in store for them this time next year. Many thanks go to the staff who have given up their free time to take such care of the children, for many of whom this is their first time away from home (the children that is!). They all had such a ball.

St Mary's Vision Morning – Monday 23rd September 2024

After a super year last year where examples of courageous advocacy were plentiful, we will be encouraging both our children and their families to make pledges again.

Can you make a promise to do something this year to make our world a better place to live in? This could be something like promising to reduce your plastic usage, committing to go out litter picking or doing something to raise money for a favourite charity.

The children will be bringing home their individual and family pledge sheets on Monday 23rd September. Please send the completed forms back to your child's teacher by Monday 30th September. Whatever your child or family chooses to do, we wish you the best of luck!

Parent Online Safety Awareness Course

With the growing risks associated with children accessing material online, the attached webinar provides parents with the most up to date information to help you keep your child safe. The session lasts about 25 minutes but is invaluable.

<https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/7184269890235977305>

Weekly attendance: w/c 16th September 2024

Well done to Year 4 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also for no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	4	98.05%
Year 1	3	98.78%
Year 2	1	98.63%
Year 3	4	98.52%
Year 4	0	99.26%
Year 5	1	98.28%
Whole School	13	98.35%

We are delighted to see the reduction in Year 1 lates - thank you parents. What excellent attendance across the school.

School Run Clubs

With the exception of Netball and Running Club, there are still places in other school run clubs. These are Boxercise for Years 2&3, Junior Site Choir for Years 4-6, Middle Site Choir for Years 2&3 and Volleyball for Years 4-6. If you would like to sign your child/ren up, please login to Tucasi.

OTHER NEWS

Prospective Parent Tours

It is the time of year when we offer tours to parents looking for a Reception place for their child for September 2025. Infant Site Tours and Open Afternoons are now published on Eventbrite and can also be accessed via our website on the following link:

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

If you already have children at St Mary's and are hoping for your little one to join us next year, these tours are not for you as you know our school already but we would be grateful if you could signpost any of your friends or neighbours with children at this age to Eventbrite.

Wear It Pink – Friday 4th October 2024



On Friday 4th October, we will be joining in with 'Wear It Pink', a fundraising event to help make life-saving breast cancer research and life-changing support happen. This is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK and the money goes to the UK's biggest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now.

We are inviting the children to wear something pink to accessorise their school uniform on this day and if possible to make a small donation to this amazing charity.

Further details of how you can donate will be sent out in due course.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear Lord, we are thankful for you always standing with us and protecting us. Thank you for guiding us through times of hardship and always being there for us. Thank you for creating this beautiful world that we live in and enjoy. We are grateful for the seas, for the trees and plants and for the animals that roam the Earth. Thank you for creating us. Amen
Jack G, 5M

Diary dates: reminders

Monday 23rd September

School run clubs start and Year 1 cake sale

Wednesday 25th September

09:15, MHST Coffee Morning (middle site hall)

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela'.

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