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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2024, WEEK 4

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Cast your mind back to the summer fair and the wonderful day spent in the company of St Mary's friends and families. A fantastic £12,000 was raised of which £8,000 was profit - just incredible! Thank you for your contribution to that day and for helping us with school costs this year. Please mark Saturday 7th December 2024 in your diaries for our next Christmas Fair at our middle site.

Projects

Those parents with children on the middle site will have seen the Dare to Dream Project taking shape over the last five months. The money for the projects comes from a variety of sources: FOSM (for The Pavilion), the sponsored bounce-a-thon and a huge donation from Asda (for the blue pitch) and finally from The LDBS Capital Fund (for the green trim trail groundworks and The Camp). The Capital Fund can only be spent on the middle site as it is the site we own and run.

The infant site now has a canopy in the year 1 playground and a painted football pitch with smart new goal posts. The junior site has had a revamped pond area as well as many enhancements to Willow Wood.

These projects really have transformed the spaces for our children and more importantly they keep our school competitive when attracting prospective parents. With pupil numbers on the decline, we must do all we can to sustain St Mary's for future families.

Pick up on the playground

If you are waiting to collect your child and you have younger siblings with you, we politely ask that they do not scoot or cycle on the playground to avoid any clashes and accidents. We also ask that no playground equipment is used; recently younger children have been hanging on football goal bars and pulling on the nets – replacing them will be costly. Thank you for your support.

Weekly attendance: w/c 23rd September 2024

Well done to Year 3 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Year 4 for the least amount of lates this week; the tricky weather was to blame for the sharp rise across the school.

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	5	97.23%
Year 1	6	98.66%
Year 2	5	97.95%
Year 3	4	99.26%
Year 4	3	98.03%
Year 5	6	95.20%
Year 6	7	88.67%
Whole School	36	96.40%

School Run Clubs

We still have spaces in the Middle Site Choir (Yrs 2&3) after school on a Wednesday and the Junior Site Choir (Yrs 4-6) after school on a Thursday. If you would like to sign your child/ren up, please login to Tucasi.

FOSM – Fundraising volunteers needed

FoSM are urgently looking for parent volunteers to lead some of their core fundraising activities and events which raise desperately needed funds for our school.

Please have a look at the following roles and see if there is anything you think you can help with:

- A team of two or three people to run the Spring Quiz and Curry Night.
- A team of two people to run the recording of the Infant Site Nativity and offer parents the chance to purchase a copy.
- A team of one or two people to help run the Annual Christmas Fair, alongside a dedicated Committee already in place.
- One person to be the St Margaret's Fair co-ordinator for the school.
- A team of three or four people to run the Silent Auction (a hugely profitable fundraiser for the school).

FoSM are also still on the lookout for a new Chair and Vice Chair to oversee FoSM activities, although finding leaders and teams to run the list above is the immediate priority otherwise we risk missing out on over £25,000 worth of funds this term.

Please contact chair.fosm@googlemail.com for further information. We really appreciate your help – our school needs YOU!

Second-hand uniform sale

FoSM are running a second-hand uniform sale at the middle site on Friday 4th October from 10am – 11am. Grab a bargain whilst stocks last! Cash or card payments are accepted.

Christmas Card Forms

It's that time of year again where children can design their own Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper, gift labels and notebooks and help raise money for the school. If you would like to take part (it is entirely voluntary), artwork forms have been sent home with your child this week so do look out for them in your child's book bag. The deadline to order online and hand in your form is Friday 11th October 2024.

OTHER NEWS

Wear It Pink – Friday 4th October 2024



As mentioned in our newsletter last week, we are joining in with 'Wear It Pink' on Friday 4th October 2024.

Children are invited to accessorise their school uniform with something pink on this day in return for a small donation to Breast Cancer Now.

Please find below a link and QR code in order to donate. The QR code will also be printed out at each site on the day so that donations can be made easily.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarys-ce-primary-richmond?utm_term=pNgV2KYnJ



Weekly School Social Media Posts

We have decided to share with you a particular photo that has been placed on our school's social media to highlight an event or activity that has taken place that week.

On Wednesday this week, History Off The Page visited Year 4 and helped them explore Ancient Egyptian Society through a variety of drama and craft activities. A truly immersive experience.



FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God. Thank you for the light coming into my room in the morning and lighting up my day. Thank you for the bird family in my garden who wake me up every morning and my friends and family who support me in everything I do. Please help me to do the best I can do and please help people who are suffering with illnesses and help them get better. Amen. *Eliza G, 5K*

Diary dates: reminders

Thursday 3rd October

3:15pm, Year 1 Phonics Meeting (infant site)

Friday 4th October

Wear it Pink (whole school)

10am, Second-hand uniform sale (middle site)

Year 5 cake sale (junior site)

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be 'Angela Abrahams'.

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