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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2024, WEEK 6

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am pleased that our middle site playground works are now complete and the children are enjoying using the new surface. The whole area has been transformed over the last five months and this is in no small part to your support with funding. Thank you.

Reception and new parent drinks

This week we hosted drinks for our new parents. It was well attended and we really enjoyed chatting informally and getting to know our families more. After my strong message about the importance of FoSM's work and the St Mary's Fund, many were keen to find out how they could contribute time or financially to support our school. Please reach out to sminty@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk with any queries you may have.

Hooke Court

Our Year 5 residential was a success and we invite you to see what they got up to on Instagram or X via the following link:

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

Once again, we thank the staff who accompanied the children and helped to provide long-lasting, happy memories.

Weekly attendance: w/c 7th October 2024

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Years 1, 3 and 4 for no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	3	96.12%
Year 1	0	98.78%
Year 2	7	97.13%
Year 3	0	97.05%
Year 4	0	97.17%
Year 5	1	98.04%
Year 6	6	94.08%
Whole School	17	96.92%

OTHER NEWS

Arts Richmond Annual Writing Competition

Arts Richmond Young Writers' Festival is open to all young people who either live or attend school/clubs in the Borough of Richmond upon Thames. It is a chance to demonstrate writing skills of any form: stories, descriptive writing, poems, playlets, lyrics for songs - whatever the imagination can devise.

This year the competition is themed around the topic "Changes" and entries are judged in four age groups with prizes for all winning entries.

You can find out more information (including important deadlines) via the following link:

<https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>

Fireworks Display – 3rd November 2024

Orleans Park School are hosting a fireworks display on Sunday 3rd November from 4:30pm to 7pm on their sports playing fields. You can buy tickets via the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orleansparkfriends/>

Flu Immunisation Programme

Just a reminder to complete your consent form for your child to have their flu vaccination by Wednesday 16th October 2024 please. These vaccinations will take place in school on Monday 21st October 2024.

School calendar dates

Please find attached updated school calendar dates going forwards. These can be found on our website via the following link (under list view) and are also attached to our newsletter email.

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

Wear It Pink – Friday 4th October 2024



Thank you to everybody who joined in with last week's 'Wear It Pink' day. The children and adults looked fantastic with their splashes of colour and your amazing generosity raised a whopping **£1,114** for the charity Breast Cancer Now. Your support with this is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

If you would still like to donate, below is the link and QR code to Breast Cancer Now's Just Giving page.

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



Santa Stroll – Saturday 30th November 2024

This year, our Santa Stroll will be taking place on Saturday 30th November, starting from the Junior Site at 9:30am. This is an hour's amble around Twickenham - suitable for everyone and their dog! Whilst chatting with friends and family and taking in the superb sights of the surrounding area, we will be raising much needed funds for the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher.

Everyone taking part will be given a Santa hat for a small donation. In order to buy the hats, we would be very grateful if you could fill out the Google form below and offer a donation. Last year we raised over a thousand pounds!

<https://forms.gle/78u4A54ydQ6Kg9Pt7>

Weekly School Social Media Posts

Year 5 spent three days and two nights on a Viking themed residential at Hooke Court in Dorset. Over the three days they navigated local woodlands, enjoyed Viking cooking, made clay runes, developed their jewellery and weaving skills, designed and made Viking longships which they sailed, witnessed a Viking wedding, listened to a saga and took part in a Viking battle – do watch the video of this on Instagram! The below photo shows how the children were creative in the use of their shields as the heavens opened. Thank you to those staff that attended making the experience possible.



FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God. Today we pray for all the kind and helpful members of staff that produce such lovely lessons that help us learn and grow. Please help us to show true love in action and help us to forgive and love like you do. We thank you for the healthy and nutritious meals the lunch ladies provide us with every day. We also thank you for the fun play equipment we are given, unlike other less fortunate people. Lord, we pray this in your name. Amen.
Luisa V, 6C

Diary dates: reminders

Monday 21st October

Flu Immunisation Programme for Reception to Year 6.

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Half Term

Monday 4th November

All school inset day

Saturday 30th November

Santa Stroll (Junior Site)

Saturday 7th December

FoSM Christmas Fete (Middle Site)

Monday 16th December

2pm and 6:30pm - Junior Carol Service (years 4-6 at St Mary's Church).

Your sincerely



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