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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024, WEEK 8

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to Year 2 parents who joined us at St Mary's Church this week for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The children shared the story of the feeding of the 5000 which was wonderful and so too were the juniors who sang so beautifully. We also thank parents on the infant site for their donations to SPEAR. Please find attached to this newsletter a thank you from SPEAR for this.

Invitation

Each year we provide the junior site children with opportunities to hear from visitors speaking about their career. These talks don't have to be about weird or wonderful occupations, just hearing from people who enjoy their job is a great experience. If you are able to help us by offering your own services or by putting forward someone you know, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mr Cadman deputy@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

Interfaith Week

This year, our Interfaith Week will take place during the week of the 25th November. We would love to have parents visit classes to read stories from their own faith to the children. The story could be told orally with no visuals, using a book or using a PowerPoint. If this is something you would like to do, please fill in the form below and your child's class teacher will be in touch.

<https://forms.gle/gU1UXTJveRYEY2wC6>

Information for all parents: Amyand Park Road – New 2-Way Cycle Access - Reference 10016805

Please find attached to this newsletter a letter to Amyand Park residents from the "Traffic & Parking policy". It is self-explanatory but if you have any queries or concerns, please email the address below with reference 10016805. Or you can phone Customer Services on 020 8891 1411.

trafficandengineering@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

STARS – TFL Accreditation Scheme

Well done to us all for achieving the Gold level accreditation for Travel for Life for the school actively promoting healthy and sustainable travel to and from school. This is the third year in a row that we have achieved this status and we have a banner up on our Infant Site promoting this!



Weekly attendance: w/c 21st October 2024

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Year 3 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	5	94.85%
Year 1	3	98.18%
Year 2	3	97.40%
Year 3	2	96.31%
Year 4	4	96.81%
Year 5	5	97.91%
Year 6	3	95.46%
Whole School	25	96.72%

We are aware that a number of pupils were late this week due to emergency water repairs in the area. All pupils are required to sign in at the school office under our Safeguarding Policy. Although your child may have been marked as "late" (L) in the register, we are obliged to record this information in our registers and it will have no effect on your child's overall attendance.

OTHER NEWS

Year 6 parents' reminder: Secondary school application deadline

Please remember that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

We have been asked to remind you that the eAdmissions Helpdesk will not be available after 6pm on the closing date (Thursday 31st October) in order to assist parents who experience difficulty logging in to an existing account or creating a new one.

The web address is www.eAdmissions.org.uk and the admissions website link is [eAdmissions website](#)

The eAdmissions system has been developed to make it even easier for parents to submit their applications online using any mobile device. If, however, you are struggling to apply online, please see the link below to the Ontime Transfer to Secondary School application for your convenience. The service is paperless so the link is to a Google form which you can complete using your phone, tablet or computer.

[Ontime secondary application](#)

Christmas Carol Singalong

We have just a few tickets left for our Christmas Carol Singalong on Friday 29th November from 5-7pm.

Whilst singing along to some of your favourite carols, you will be led by our St Mary's School choirs and treated to some festive musical performances by them.

The sing-a-long is open to all parents and children however, regrettably, we are unable to accommodate any children or siblings younger than 4 years old.

Tickets cost £8 per adult (including a glass of mulled wine) and £2 per child (including a glass of juice). Of course, choir members go free!

Sports Day 2025

Please note we have now confirmed our sports days for 2025. These are as follows and will take place at Orleans Park Secondary School Sports Grounds.

KS1 (Yrs 1&2)
Friday 20th June 2025
9:30am – 12:00pm

KS2 (Yrs 3-6)
Friday 27th June 2025
9:30am – 12:00pm

Hong Kong Families - Coffee Morning

We are pleased to have many of our families from Hong Kong signed up to attend a meeting on 7th November at 2.30pm on the Middle Site. If you are still interested, please sign up via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/7hbr5NcKadMLTGNu9>

Weekly School Social Media Posts

On Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 celebrated Harvest with Reverend Donna and Bruce, from the charity SPEAR, who was over the moon to receive such kind donations for those who are without homes or rough sleeping. Years 2-6 visited St Mary's Church where Father Jeff and Year 2 parents delighted in seeing a fantastic service led by Year 2. On both occasions, 'Cauliflowers are Fluffy' was sang with its usual glee.



Hopefully you have also seen the many examples of Great Works across the school this week. What has truly shone through is the incredibly high standards in presentation. Our children are learning so much through this important life skill.



FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the wisdom you give to our teachers. Please help us show the value of forgiveness. We appreciate all the support you give to us. Please keep us safe while we are on half term. Amen.

Marcella M, 4M

Diary dates: reminders

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
Half Term

Monday 4th November
ALL SCHOOL INSET DAY

November - Parent Teacher Consultations

- 1 Nightingales 21st & 23rd October, 3.30 – 6.30pm
- 6KG Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th November 4 – 7pm
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November 4 - 7pm

Please note that school will finish one hour earlier on Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November only. Information regarding how to book has been sent to parents.

Wednesday 6th November

Imago Individual Photographs (infant and middle site)

Thursday 7th November

Imago Individual Photographs (junior site)

Friday 8th November

Year 3 cake sale (middle site)

Tuesday 12th November

Odd socks 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). *Please note that all junior site children are expected to attend.*

Your sincerely

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