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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2024, WEEK 3

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have had a very busy few weeks hosting packed out tours of all sites by prospective parents viewing our school for next September. Touring the school has been a delight. The children shone with outstanding learning behaviour and we saw inclusion at its best with exciting lessons in a beautiful environment. We feel very lucky to be part of St Mary's.

Weekly attendance: w/c 18th November

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

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	5	93.75%
Year 1	7	97.20%
Year 2	8	96.68%
Year 3	5	98.01%
Year 4	7	97.28%
Year 5	7	95.57%
Year 6	12	95.94%
Whole School	51	96.37%

If your child is in Year 6 and walks to school alone, please check they are not ambling too much. Year 6 lates rose substantially this week. Thank you.

OTHER NEWS

Is your child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-and-managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

For other conditions (for example a high temperature or if your child has chicken pox), please read the advice provided by the NHS on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Do you know a young carer?

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who provides help and support, both physical and emotional, to either a parent, sibling or other family members who could not manage without their help. This could be due to a physical or mental health condition, a special educational need, addiction or disability.

To find out more about our service and how to access support, you can visit www.richmondcarers.org or contact our Young Carers Support Team by emailing youngcarers@richmondcarers.org or calling our Support Line on 020 8867 2380.

Are you an adult or parent carer?

Richmond Carers Centre also has a dedicated Adult Carers Service that supports adults over the age of 18 who support a spouse, parent, sibling, child or other family member due to them having additional support needs or a medical condition.

To find out more about what support is available to adult and parent carers, please visit the website or contact the Adult Carers Support Team by emailing support@richmondcarers.org or calling the support line on 020 8867 2380.

Cross-Country Championships – Friday 22nd November 2024

On a perfect Friday morning, twelve Year 6 pupils hot footed it over to Bushy Park for the Borough's Cross-Country Championships. The 2.5km course was chilly but bathed in sunshine. All excelled with three top ten finishes and a special mention to Lou Lou in 6C who came second in the girl's race!

MHST Coffee Morning – Sleep & Routine

We are inviting all parents in our school community to a coffee morning led by Jess Butler, the Child Wellbeing Practitioner allocated to our school from the Mental Health Support Team. Jess will be doing a presentation around the importance of sleep and tips around establishing a sleep routine for your child. The talk will include the science behind sleep, suggestions for adjustments to bedtime routine and changes that could be made in the sleep environment.

This will take place on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 9:15am at our middle site.

Following the presentation there will be the opportunity to ask questions and to share your tips and experiences with other parents.

Messy Church Reminder

Just to remind that you that there is an Advent themed Messy Church taking place at St Mary's Church (Church St, Twickenham) on Friday 29th November from 3:00pm - 4.30pm.

There will be lots of craft activities designed for children aged from Reception to Year 3 (younger and older siblings are also very welcome). Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Carol Singalong – Friday 29th November

A reminder that our Christmas Carol Singalong is taking place on the middle site next Friday 29th November from 5pm until 7pm.

There will be raffle tickets for sale with fantastic prizes including a meal for four at Sumac Restaurant on Church Street, a meal for two at the Turk's Head in St Margarets and a £100 voucher for Sporting Feet in Richmond.

There will be children's snacks, hotdogs and drinks with Ricardo's Cellar serving his famous mulled wine, beer, wine and squash.

Santa Stroll – Saturday 30th November 2024

We are very much looking forward to our annual Santa Stroll that is taking place next Saturday 30th November.

We are hoping for a big St Mary's Team to join us so that we can raise much needed funds for the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher – last year we raised over a thousand pounds!

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.

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

St Mary's Partykit wins global Rising Star Award!

Well done to the St Mary's mums (and their mini Eco champions!) for running the St Mary's Partykit! Last year alone, families hiring the reusable St Mary's Partykit helped avoid over 3200 disposable tableware items going into landfill. An environmental impact that has been recognised with a Rising Star Award from the global Partykit Network! Bookings have also raised over £350 for FOSM so far!

The Partykit is available to hire by anyone (including during school holidays) and is a great way to reduce landfill while raising money for the school, so please do consider using it for your parties and recommend it to your friends!

If you would like further details or to check availability, please click on the link below:

<https://calendly.com/partykit/fosm?month=2024-01>

Orleans Park Production of the Addams Family

Orleans Park Secondary School are proud to present a musical production of the Addams Family on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

It's a show for all the family and tickets are selling fast! If you are interested, please book via the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/twickenham/orleans-park-school/the-addams-family/e-kodrog>

Goodbye X

To streamline our social media, we will be deleting our X account next Friday 29th November. If you don't already, PLEASE follow us on Instagram (twickstmarys) where all our social media will be focused. We love sharing our journey with you.

<https://www.instagram.com/twickstmarys/profilecard/?igsh=bnNxd2RibnB3cDBz>

Weekly School Social Media Posts

Reception visited St Mary's Church for their blessing this week. Reverend Donna led the prayers and Father Jeff told the story of how St Mary's school was started. The children played their part by singing 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.



FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God. We are thankful for all our family and friends. We pray for those in war and conflict. We are all so thankful for the staff and teachers in our school. Please help those who are homeless and who need our help. Amen
Jaya B, 5M

Diary dates: reminders

Monday 25th November

5M Class assembly (link class Yr 2, Junipers)
3:00pm – Infant Site Book Fair
Interfaith Week across all three sites

Wednesday 27th November

9:15am – MHST coffee morning: Sleep and Routine (middle site)
3:30pm - Junior Site Book Fair

Thursday 28th November

6N Class assembly (link class Yr 2, Oaks)

Friday 29th November

3:15pm – Middle Site Book Fair
5pm – 7pm – Carol Singalong (middle site)

Saturday 30th November

9:30am – Santa Stroll (junior site)

Friday 6th December

Non-uniform day

Saturday 7th December

FoSM Christmas Fete (middle Site)

Monday 16th December

2:00pm 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 both services.***

w/c Monday 2nd December

Last week of school run clubs

Friday 20th December

Last day of Autumn Term
(school closes one hour earlier)

Monday 6th January 2025

First day of Spring Term

Your sincerely

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