



St Mary's Newsletter



June 2017

As we prepare for the end of another school year the staff would like to wish you a happy and relaxing summer break. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Gill after her loyal and dedicated service to the school and also to Miss Vera Karablikova after many wonderful years working across the school.

We are all looking forward to the new year and the exciting challenges that lay ahead. Before this, there is a busy month ahead, please check important dates over the page.



Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Morgan's new baby boy, Alexander Charles, arrived on Tuesday 13th June, Mother and baby are doing well. Please join all the staff at St Mary's in congratulating the Morgan family.



Class Teachers for 2017 – 2018



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rachel Anderson to the team as our Nursery Teacher next school year. Mrs Pearce will cover the SENCO role until Mrs Morgan returns. Mrs Cartwright will give leadership time to Mrs Cooke who we welcome back full-time in September. Mrs Cox will give leadership time to Mr Pearce.

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| Nursery | Mrs Anderson |
| Reception | Mrs Woodford |
| Year 1 | Miss Chapman |
| Year 2 | Miss Jewson |
| Year 3 | Mrs Cooke |
| Year 4 | Mrs Dunbar |
| Year 5 | Miss Wallace (4days) & Mrs Cox (1 day) – until Mrs Morgan returns. |
| Year 6 | Mr Pearce |



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Spiritual Life of the School

As we come to the close of this very busy school year, I would like to tell you that all the teachers and children continue to enjoy using our R.E. scheme 'The Way, The Truth, the Life'

We have recently initiated a link with JHN and other Deanery schools which we hope will enrich R.E. in all of these schools. Year 6 will attend a Mass on 3rd July at JHN as part of their transition to secondary school. Nursery visited our own church last week.

Of course we offer our congratulations to all those children who continued their spiritual journey this year by receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Please continue to join us in prayer for past and present members of our school community.

*First
Holy Communion*

Friends Crisis Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who attended the crisis meeting hosted by Mrs Pearce last Thursday. Positives from the meeting were that two parents - Ginche Parker and Eduardo Andrade - volunteered to arrange the infant party and also a fun day in September (more details below). We are extremely grateful to them both.

We also received some expressions of interest in joining the Friends committee next year. Information on roles and time commitments are set below for anyone else who thinks they may be interested. Typically roles are shared and do not require you to be at school every day or to attend every committee meeting. The Friends is a registered charity so new committee members will become Trustees and, as required by our Constitution, will need to be DBS checked.

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| <p><u>CHAIR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts Friends' meetings and ensures the agenda is followed. • Welcomes new members; coordinates the annual plan of events; enlists support from parent volunteers; liaises with the school / Governors; and develops the Friends as an organisation. • Writes the annual report, liaising with the Secretary. <p>Time commitment: 2-3 hours per month.</p> <p>This role is for you if.....you are a good motivator and manager, a confident public speaker and open to new ideas, can make decisions on what needs to be done and resist the temptation to 'meddle' while others get on and do the work!</p> | <p><u>TREASURER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages the FOSM bank account; provides cash floats for events, counts and banks monies; and pays agreed expenses. • Maintains financial records and provides a finance update for each Committee meeting. • Prepares annual accounts and liaises with the independent examiner and Charities Commission. <p>Time commitment: very flexible and less than 30 minutes a week.</p> <p>This role is for you if.....you like counting, can use excel and won't get embarrassed banking the Christmas Fayre profits - the queue behind you usually ends up going out of the door!</p> |
| <p><u>SECRETARY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages the Friends' diary, prepares agendas and takes and distributes the minutes of each meeting. • Liaises with other Committee members to ensure clear communication and with the school office to deal with correspondence. • Writes the annual report with the Chair. <p>Time commitment: 2-3 hours a month depending on meeting frequency.</p> <p>This role is for you if.....you have office skills or are looking to move back into the workplace and want to develop them and don't mind parents and teachers 'marking' your minutes!</p> | <p><u>PUBLICATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures events are publicised among the school community and, where appropriate, externally including the local press. • Assists each event manager with the production of tickets / posters. • Oversees the maintenance of the Friends' website and Facebook page. <p>Time commitment: 2 hours a month, depending on events.</p> <p>This role is for you if.....you know or would like to learn about marketing, would enjoy speaking to and promoting the school to local businesses; don't mind putting up the occasional poster around town in the rain!</p> |

If you would like to hear more about the roles and what's involved, please e-mail us at friendsofstmarysroyston@gmail.com or pass your details to the office and we will in touch. **By having a chat you are in no way committing yourself.** Elections will take place at our AGM in September.

100 CLUB - You need to be in it to win it!

The results of the June draw performed by Mrs Pearce and Sharon O'Toole are as follows:

| | June-17 | | Prize |
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| 1st prize | 12 | James & Caroline Yarrow | £17.13 |
| 2nd prize | 71 | Bronagh Cartwright | £10.28 |
| 3rd prize | 59 | Michelle Long | £6.85 |

Renewal forms will be sent out to our existing members in June. New members are also extremely welcome to join for the 2017/8 academic year - just pick up a membership form from the school office. Numbers cost £12 each (for 12 monthly draws starting in Sept).

Update on our fundraising activities.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported or helped out at our recent fundraisers.

| Event | Raised | Helpers |
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| Bags 2 School | £140 | Alice Hamilton. |
| Father's Day Sale | £150 | Sharon O'Toole, Bernie Saltmarsh, Janine Reid, Philomena Cattell, Tania Treffry-Kingdom and Stephen Gourd. |
| Ice Lolly Sales X2 (more coming soon!!) | £120.50 | Year 6 children, Kelli Troni, Sharon O'Toole, James & Caroline Yarrow, Stephen Gourd and Anne Williams. |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

* Juniors Film Night (Saturday 24th June)

Doors open at 4pm this Saturday for our showing of 'Sing' followed by a short disco. Tickets, priced £5 (inclusive of a drink and popcorn) can be purchased from junior class reps or the office. We still need a few more parent helpers - please speak to the office if you'd like to help.

* Infant 'Magic' Party (Friday 7th July)

Mr Strikey Wipey will be hosting an infant 'magic' party in the school hall on Friday 7th July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for the first child and £1 each for siblings. Tickets include a drink and tasty hot dog and can be purchased now from infant class reps or the office. We will need some helpers on the day - please let the office, your class rep or Ginche Parker know if you are interested.

* Quiz Night (Friday 7th July)

Another night of fun hosted by the fabulous Steve Gourd. Tickets are £5 per person and you can bring your own drinks and snacks. An event not to be missed!

* Family Fun Day 1.30 to 5.30pm (Sunday 10th September)

More details will follow but for now please save the date.

* School Uniform Sale (tbc)

We are appealing for any unwanted, good condition school uniform for our forthcoming sale. Please bring donations to the school office.

* Summer Draw (Friday 14th July)

Raffle tickets will be sent home later this month, the draw takes place on Sports Day. Good luck!!

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

Understanding the school to help us set the priorities

It's important for the governors and senior leadership team to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the school. Recently the staff, Mrs Pearce and some of the governors undertook an analysis called SWOT, short for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. The results, shown below, help us focus on the most important topics.

| | Helpful to the development of the school | Detrimental to the development of the school |
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| From within (attributes of the school) | Strengths Outstanding teaching Growth mindset Strong Leadership Exemplary EYFS Good pupil behaviour Catholic ethos Outdoor learning Residential trips | Weaknesses High staffing costs Resources Aging school buildings External support for SEN |
| From outside (attributes of the environment) | Opportunities Income streams 30 hours – Nursery (e.g. Hall hire) Invest in skills (SEN) Holiday clubs Academy changes Grants – Tesco & Lottery Parish links | Threats Decline in pupil numbers Reduced government funding Cuts to Free School Meals 30 hours – Nursery Difficulty recruiting |

Next time we will look at back at some of the highlights of this year.

To learn more or find out how to get in touch with the governors, visit

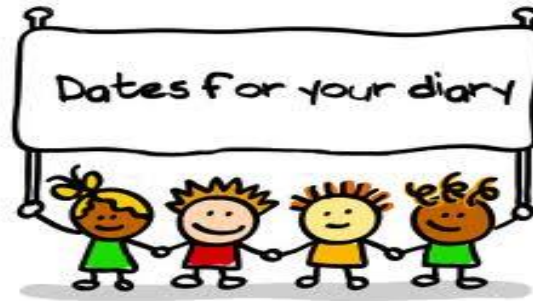
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| Fri 30 th June | Year 2 Sleepover |
| Mon 3 rd July | Year 1 trip to Wandlebury Woods |
| Tues 4 th July | New Reception parents meeting, 11.30am |
| Weds 5 th July | Foundation / KS1 Celebration Assembly, 9.30am |
| Thurs 6 th July | Music Concert, 2 – 3.15pm Open evening, 5.30 – 7.30pm |
| Fri 7 th July | JHN Community Mass, Year 6 Friends infant party, 3.30 – 5.50pm Friends Quiz, 7.30pm |
| Thurs 13 th July | Moving up day / Transition Day |
| Fri 14 th July | Sports Day, 9.30am |
| Mon 17 th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Tues 18 th July | Year 6 leavers Mass, 11am |
| Weds 19 th & Thurs 20 th July | Year 6 play, 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm) |

End of term 2.45pm Friday 21st July

Once again, we would like to wish you all a very happy and restful summer.