



Newsletter

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Spring 1, Week 14

Reminders

Last Reminder for Admissions September 2024

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 you need to apply for a place in Reception 2024, even if you already have a child attending the school. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions to make your application. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Children who are in Y2 need to also apply for a place in the Junior School in September 2024.

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Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Attendance and Punctuality

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

See attached posters

This week

School Heating Update – KS1 and KS2

Despite the cold temperatures this week, we have had a large number of plug-in radiators which have been on for 24 hours a day. Regular temperature checks have taken place several times during the day and classrooms that have dropped lower than the recommended temperature have had additional heaters installed.

We have been told that the heating system will be back to normal early next week. In the meantime, we will continue to keep the school heated using other means.

Thank you for your help in sending your child to school with warm clothes.

Reception Update

It was lovely to welcome the Reception children back to school after the Christmas break. They have all returned with enthusiasm for their learning! This week we have started our new topic, 'The way things work', reading the book 'Mrs Armitage on wheel' by Quentin Blake. We are going to be learning about a range of machines and vehicles. In the afternoon, on Wednesday 31 of January, we would like to welcome a small number of parents into school to help us create our own 'machines' from junk modelling. Please email the school office to let us know if you are available to assist with this project.

In our phonics sessions we have been introduced to new digraphs and a trigraph. We say, "2/3 letters, that make 1 sound." These are 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa.' See if your child can remember these and think of some rhyming words with these sounds in them. All of the phonics work can be reinforced by looking at the front of your child's reading record book and on e-school.

Y3/4 Reading Workshop

Please hold the date and look out for more information about our forthcoming Reading Workshop for parents of children in Years 3 and 4. To help make it convenient for as many parents as possible, we are running two identical sessions at different times of the school day. Please choose from either:

- Thursday 1 February - 2:30-3:15pm

or

- Friday 2 February - 9:00-9:45am

Refreshments will be available and it aims to be a practical, hands on session full of top tips to help your child enjoy, progress and engage in reading.


Letter from Mayor of London

Please see attached letter from the Mayor of London who is extending the Universal Free School Meals Programme until the middle of 2025.

Lost Property – KS1 and KS2

Lost property will be left outside the main office at the beginning and the end of the school day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Any lost property not collected by the end of the week will be taken to Bertie Bin.

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
INFANT ONLY DATES			
JUNIOR ONLY DATES			
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly	
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly	
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly	
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly	
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly	
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly	
13-17 May	Y6	SATS	
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall	
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly	
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly	
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	

COMMUNITY

Little Kickers

Little Kickers provide boys and girls with a fun introduction to sport offering classes from 18 months to 8 years of age, the classes are held indoors and outdoors in various venues around Twickenham, Richmond, Kew and Teddington on Sunday mornings, with each class tailored towards the learning requirements of that specific age group. It's the perfect way to ignite confidence and social interaction.

18 Months - 2.5 Years - 9am - 9.45am

2.5 Years - 3.5 Years - 10am - 10.45am

3.5 Years - 5 Years - 11am - 11.45am

5 Years - 8 years - 12pm - 12.45pm

No Booking Fee and FREE Kit (Worth £27) for any sign up in January Click here to find a VENUE

For more information richmond@littlekickers.co.uk / 07813649054

Survey

This is a short survey asking parents of autistic children about their child's sensitivities, how they support them, and what they'd like more research into. We experienced the impact of sensitivities whilst doing other research (into the effectiveness of kefir) and want to tailor research to things that are important to families.

The poster features a teal background with white and yellow text. At the top, the title 'SUPPORTING SENSITIVITIES IN AUTISTIC CHILDREN' is displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, four bullet points, each preceded by three yellow chevrons, provide details about the survey. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text 'FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AutismResearch@stmarys.ac.uk', and the St Mary's University London logo.

**SUPPORTING SENSITIVITIES
IN AUTISTIC CHILDREN**

- Seeking views from carers of children who have an autism diagnosis (under 18)
- An opportunity to guide future research
- Please share your experience of your child's sensitivities, what you find helpful, and what you think needs researching
- Complete a short **5 min online survey** using this link <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/autism-sensitivities> or click QR code below

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You can either click the link below or scan the QR code on the poster to complete the survey.

Join us for our Parent Mental Health Day Webinar - Thursday 25 January at 7pm
#CreatingPositiveRelationships

We are preparing for stem4's Parent Mental Health Day at the end of January and are pleased to offer a free webinar to parents and carers that focuses on #CreatingPositiveRelationships.

We would love it if you could share the link with the parents at your school via newsletter or Whatsapp, as we hope this will be a positive boost for them during these tough, chilly months at the beginning of the year.

stem4 Parent Mental Health Day Free Webinar

Thursday 25 January 7pm

Creating Positive Relationships

Register here: <https://bit.ly/PMHD2024>

To make and maintain strong or positive relationships, the first step is to ditch the self-critic and build on being positive and self-accepting. Low self-esteem often leads to making poor choices in relationships since it's hard to let anyone else like you if you don't like yourself.

Please join Dr Nihara Krause, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and friends, as they look at practical tools to help you in #CreatingPositiveRelationships.

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