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Family Update – Friday 12th December

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the first term of this academic year. And what a term it has been. This term has highlighted, how important our values are and the strength of the bonds that link school and families.

Our staff and children have had so much to adapt to and have done so with grace and dedication. For those of you who have been into school, you will have seen so much that has changed in terms of how we use the building. However, what has remained the same is us all using our school vision of 'Excellence with Compassion' and our six Christian values of Love, Respect, Forgiveness, Curiosity, Honesty and Feeling Safe, to guide what we do.

When we walk into classrooms or see the children at play, we are thankful to God for the way in which children continue to learn and thrive. The support of families over this term has made a huge difference too. All the words of support and encouragement (which still continue) are gratefully received. The way the school community has pulled together has been wonderful to behold.

Parent Governor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Shaza El Musharaf, who has served as a parent governor of the school for the past 9 years.

Shaza's term of office has now ended and we would like to thank her for her passion for the school and for the time she dedicated to attending meetings and championing all of the school's work, in line with its Christian values. Shaza provided her insights to the governing body, supported the school's leadership team in driving improvements and helped create the school we have today.

From assisting the school in sharing its intent with the curriculum to volunteering at many events, Shaza has been a regular face at St Mary's. Although her daughter moved on to secondary school, she continued to support the school in her governance role.

Thank you, Shaza, for all of your hard work over the last 9 years. We wish you well in your new ventures. We are sure we will see you at the next event, continuing to support the school!



Shaza El Musharaf

End of term and Clubs

All clubs, apart from wraparound, end this week. Wraparound will run from Monday to Thursday next week. As we close at 1.30pm next Friday 19th December, there is no wraparound on this day.

All children must be picked up from school at 1.30pm on this day.

Bake Sale and Christmas Fair



It was wonderful to have not one, but two FOSMA events happening over the last few days. Both the bake sale and the Christmas Fair were well-attended and it was a joy to have the whole school community together. On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to thank the FOSMA team and all the parents and carers who turned up to make these events such a huge success. We know lots of hard work goes on behind the scenes to make these events happen and appreciate the time and effort given over to organising, cooking, baking, arranging for Father Christmas to take time out of his busy schedule to visit and then clearing everything up so that the school would be ready for the next day.

And as if we hadn't thanked our amazing parent community enough, thank you again to everyone who donated to the fundraiser that took place. This provided us with the opportunity to take all of the children from Years 1-6, to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at the Lyric. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the occasion (oh yes they did!) and it was a great way to get our Christmas spirit going at school.

Parent Choir

Next week, on **Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm**, we have our church service, featuring a performance from the parent choir, led by Mrs Igbino and our accompanist-in-residence Miss Amalia!

The parent choir will perform at the start of the service, and we will sing a version of 'Carol of the Bells' in two parts. We have made an adapted arrangement which sounded great at the last rehearsal.

The next rehearsal is on Monday 15th December at 2.15pm

There will be a brief opportunity to warm up our voices and run through the song before the service.

All parents are invited to join and you do not need to be able to read music to take part. We ask that all parents who would like to take part, attend Monday's rehearsal. It is set to be great fun!



Year 4 - A Remarkable and Radiant Term! What an extraordinary and enriching Autumn 2 it has been in Year 4. From entrepreneurial excellence to artistic adventures, festive celebrations to environmental innovation, the children have embraced every opportunity with maturity, curiosity, and commendable enthusiasm. There's so much we would love to share and here's a glimpse into our



very vibrant and varied term.

In DT – the class applied engineering thinking and creative design skills to construct their own greenhouse structures. Through perseverance, collaboration, and careful evaluation, they produced models that were both structurally impressive and environmentally purposeful.

Triborough Christmas Music Festival at the Kensington Town Hall

A truly festive highlight of this term was Year 4's participation in the magnificent Triborough Christmas Music Festival, hosted in the grand and atmospheric Town Hall alongside several other schools and live ensemble. Their joy, musicality, harmonious singing, poem rendition filled the venue with warmth, wonder and loud applause. A highly memorable celebration of community and creativity.

A Pantomime Spectacle at the Lyric Theatre

— our visit (huge thank you to FOSMA) to the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, for Jack and the Beanstalk was a joyful theatrical treat. The children delighted in the exuberant performances, spirited humour, and enchanting staging. Rahim became part of the performance too! He was brilliant!



Many hands make light work! Our angel decorations...



During **Maths Week**, Year 4 evolved into budding young entrepreneurs. They delved into financial literacy - examining money management, budgeting, and the intricacies of profit and loss - before donning their finest business attire for our impressive **Business Fair**. Their beautifully produced goods, persuasive sales patter, and confident handling of transactions made the event both educational and exceptionally enjoyable.



Year 5 and 6 Autumn Learning

In Science this term, we have been learning about circuits. We have learnt about the different components that make up a circuit, what the difference is between an incomplete and complete circuit and even built our own!



As well as taking part in the ENO project and becoming composers of our own opera, we also enjoyed Baroque to the Future at Sinfonia Square! While there, we enjoyed a variety of different music through the ages.

At the start of this term, we were visited by Westminster school who kindly helped us to create some lyrics for our own Christmas song. A few weeks later, we went to visit them and recorded the final product. You'll be able to listen to the finished video and song on YouTube very soon! Don't worry though, we won't forget you when we're famous!



We loved our trip to the pantomime to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. Only a few months before we had been discussing what one was and how it differed from an ordinary stage show. It was even better experiencing it! A huge thank you to FOSMA for organising such a fantastic afternoon.



This term we've enjoyed some amazing trips. Thank you to all the parents who have supported our trips this term.



We were so pleased we came second during Maths Week. We used our market research skills to find out what other classes enjoyed before magnet making. Here's us giving our best, serious business poses!



School Choir

A few months ago, the school received an invitation for the school choir to take part in a performance with the Joyful Company of Singers. Last night, all of the hard work that the choir, Mrs Igbino and Mrs Marius-Beeko have put in came to fruition as the children performed in St Gabriel's Church in Pimlico. The choir were complimented by the professional singers, as well as many members of the



audience, on their professionalism and their beautiful singing (this is despite the concert starting when some of the youngest singers are usually in bed!).

By the time we left, the Joyful Company of Singers choirmaster was asking if we would like to partner with them again. High praise indeed!

We would like to thank all of the parents and family members who came to support the choir, and Mrs Hardie and Mrs Pacarada, for accompanying us on the trip and staying to offer their support too.

Attendance

Well done to Year 4, our attendance winners again this week, with 97.5% attendance.

Congratulations, Year 4!

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	91%
Reception	84.4%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5 /6	97.5%

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There's lots to do in Westminster
and Kensington and Chelsea during
the school holidays.

Sports, music, dance, arts and crafts, and
inclusive SEND activities - everyone can
join the fun!

You'll also get a healthy meal
and snacks each day you
attend.




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Dates for Diaries

Important events for the remainder of the academic year. All of these dates are also on our school website calendar here: <https://www.stmbs.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Mon 15 th Dec	9.30am	Early Years Christmas Show	Nursery and Reception parents
Tues 16 th Dec	9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show	Year 1 and 2
Tues 16 th Dec	11.30am – 1pm	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Tues 16 th Dec	4pm – 5pm	Carol singing at Marylebone Station	School choir
Wed 17 th Dec	2.30pm	School Christmas Service at St Mary's Church	Whole school
Friday 19 th Dec	1.30pm	Last day of Term School finishes at 1.30pm on this day. There will be no wrap around club on this day!	Whole School
Tues 6th Jan	9am	Back to school!	Whole school

Dear God,

As we draw close to Christmas and the end of term, we give thanks for your presence and guidance. Thank you that you have been with us as we have navigated our way through the changes and adaptations.

We give thanks for all the joy that there is in our school and the many ways you have blessed us.

Help us to focus on you and find strength in you, in the days to come.

Amen