



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 11th September 2017



### Head of School's Message

Wow what a fantastic start to the term we have had! The children returned eager as always and dived straight back into their learning.

We enjoyed a very creative first 3 days with art, music and drama linked to two key texts based upon friendship. The work produced will soon be proudly displayed so keep your eyes peeled!

As we do every term, just a couple of polite reminders in regards to our uniform policy and snacks. We kindly ask that children do not wear elaborate hair accessories to school for example; cat ear hair bands and tiaras.

Secondly, children should bring in a healthy snack for their break time. Please do not give your child crisps or chocolate as their healthy brain boosting snack. A piece of fruit or a fruit bar are acceptable. Children are more than welcome to bring a bottle of water to drink throughout the day. Please do not put squash or fruit drinks into the bottles, water only please.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

**Mrs Rider**  
*Head of School*

### Welcome

We've been happy to see the first of our new Reception children coming in to school so beautifully. We have also had several new children joining us throughout the school. We would like to welcome all our new families to our school community

### School Day Reminders

We would like to remind parents that Chestnut Avenue North and South entrances are for Children from Years 1 to 6. The entrance in Brooke Road is for Reception children. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please do not walk through the school, but go round and enter through the main school entrance.

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Each week we will advise you of the percentage we achieved.

### Attendance and Punctuality Winner

To encourage good attendance, each week we present an attendance certificate to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

Punctuality is very important, not only for school, but in life generally. Children who are regularly late for school miss vital morning information and a late start often sets the tone for the day. We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality.

### Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. As our school has grown, space has become less and less so we will be splitting assemblies – Years 1 to 3 will be in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) and Years 4 to 6 in the main school hall. Class assemblies are on a Thursday morning, running throughout the year. You are more than welcome to come along to those too. Dates will be published in our dates section.

### School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.16 per day, which is £10.80 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £71.28 - or for the whole term, until Christmas, will be £153.36. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

If your child has packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include cakes, sweets, biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either please. Thank you.

### Music Lessons

Music lessons begin next week:  
Monday Violin  
Tuesday Guitar  
Friday Keyboard  
We are just awaiting confirmation from the teachers re Flute/clarinet/Sax lessons and will let you know the lesson day as soon as possible.

### Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Reception parents will be issued with an activation letter in due course.

Items such as trips, music lessons etc will be added as appropriate. Please note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times. We have a waiting list for both these clubs so failure to keep your account in credit may lead to your child being removed from the club and space offered to another child.

Similarly, dinner money accounts should please be kept up to date. Failure to do so could mean you are asked to provide a packed lunch until your child's account is back in credit.

### Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again on Monday 18th September, from 4pm to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Y1 Phonics plus Welcome to phase\*

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**

Worship

**Mon 2nd October**

Maths

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Behaviour

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Values and Growth Mindset

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

**Mon 20th Nov**

SATs – Years 2 and 6

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

On-line safety

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

SEND

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Writing

\* Parent Information evenings to meet your Year Group Phase Leader and find out more about the term ahead. Meetings are: Welcome to Year 1 (following on from Phonics Workshop), Welcome to Year 2 and Welcome to Key Stage 2.

### Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

### Class Corner

Each week one class will give us a report on what has been happening during the course of the term so far. Watch this space!

### Medical Needs

May we remind you that if your child suffers from Asthma, we need to have two asthma pumps in school at all times. Similarly, if your child has an epi-pen or any other medication that needs to be taken on a regular basis (not antibiotics), please could you send that medication into school as soon as possible, clearly marked with your child's name and any instructions. Please note that we are not able to administer any other medication such as antibiotics but you are welcome to come in to school to administer as necessary.

### Data Sheets

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home a copy of the data that we hold on your child in our electronic record. Please check it carefully and return to school with changes clearly marked. You only need to return the sheet if you have made any changes. Thank you.

### PFA News

#### (Parents and Friends of St Marys)

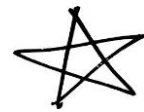
Our wonderful PFA will send news and information via their newsletter on a regular basis. Watch out for the first PTA newsletter of the term

### Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Nominees will be reported here.

Well done to the following children who have made an excellent start to this school year

1 Attlee	Shaydon and Edward
1 Morris	Amy and Lottie
1 Wilson	Joy and Filip
2 Attlee	Joshua and Scarlett
2 Morris	Leandre and Ayla
2 Wilson	Natasha and Zia
3 Attlee	London and Elliot
3 Morris	Ioanna and Dawid
3 Wilson	Beth and Rudy
4 Attlee	Rosie and Daisy
4 Morris	Xavier and Aimee
4 Wilson	Tessa and Najeh
5 Attlee	Lewis and Alisha
5 Morris	Daniel and Kelsey
5 Wilson	Eleanore and Ean
6 Attlee	Boluwatife and Zora
6 Morris	Damien and Tia
6 Wilson	Leticia and Louise



### Weekly Reflection



#### Weekly Reflection:

Value of the week: Caring

[Philippians 2:4](#)

**'Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.'**



### **School Uniform**

Everyone has returned to school looking extremely smart.

All uniform and school bags can be ordered on line via our School website or from the Victoria 2 school uniform shop on Hoe Street. With regard to school bags, please remember that children should bring school book bags ONLY – no rucksacks or other bags please. Also, please remove all keyrings etc from bag handles as we just do not have the room to store anything other than the book bag itself. Thank you.

May we remind you that no jewellery should be worn except for a small pair of stud earrings and a watch. Nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Just in case you need a reminder, here is a list of our school uniform:

#### **Boys**

Grey trousers or shorts  
White shirt or Polo  
Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan  
Plain grey/black or white socks  
Black shoes or plain black/white  
Trainers no logos.

#### **Girls**

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore  
White blouse or Polo  
Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan  
Plain grey/black or white socks or tights but not Leggings.  
Black low heeled shoes or plain black or white trainers no logos  
Schools style pink check dresses  
In the summer with sensible sandals.

Please could we ask that you ensure that each item of clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. We always have a large amount of lost property and without names, it is almost impossible to reunite those items with their owners.

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### **Community Events**

At the end of this newsletter you will find details of two local community events that you might wish to attend with your family. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, from 1pm to 4pm, St Saviour's School is hosting an Equinox Fair, which looks like it is going to be great fun with fairground rides and attractions, food and drink, bouncy castles, face painting and loads more!

The following weekend, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Countryside Live are hosting an event at Walthamstow Marshes which also looks like it will be a fun family day out.

### **Useful Contacts**

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499  
Nursery: [stmarysnursery.net](http://stmarysnursery.net)  
Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

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## Term Dates 2017-2018

### **Autumn Term 2017 – First Half (32 Days)**

**INSET – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Start – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

End – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**INSET – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **Second Half (38 Days)**

Start – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

End – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

### **Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)**

**INSET – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

Start – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

End – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### **Second Half (29 Days)**

Start – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

End – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)**

Start – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

End – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (during Half Term)

### **Second Half (35 Days)**

Start – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).

## ***Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017***

<i>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<b><i>4A and 4M to start swimming lessons</i></b>
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<b><i>Welcome Meetings: Welcome to Year 1, Welcome to Year 2 and Welcome to Key Stage 2</i></b>
<i>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<b><i>9.05 Class Assembly – 1Wilson</i></b>
<i>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<b><i>Harvest Services – Further details to follow</i></b>
<i>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<b><i>3.30 – Parent Reading Workshop</i></b>
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<b><i>9.05 Class Assembly 2 Attlee</i></b>
<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<b><i>School Closed – INSET Day</i></b>
<i>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive</i>	<b><i>HALF TERM</i></b>
<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<b><i>9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Morris</i></b>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b><i>9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Attlee</i></b>
<i>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b><i>Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris</i></b>
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b><i>Christmas Services – further details to follow</i></b>
<i>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b><i>School Closes for Christmas at 2pm</i></b>

# Countryside Live

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

at

Walthamstow and Leyton Marshes

Lea Bridge Road

Leyton

London

E10 7QL

Saturday 30th September 2017

until Sunday 1st October 2017

10am– 5pm

Adult £5, (two day pass £7), Child FREE

This family friendly event brings the countryside into London and has something for all ages and interests. Town and country combine with an ideal day out for explorers and wildlife lovers – perfect for all the family.

2017 brings a year of celebration to Lee Valley Regional Park as we celebrate 50 years since the park began, creating award winning open spaces and world class sports venues from old scrap yards and rubbish dumps!

# Equinox Fair



**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**1pm – 4pm**

**New community event for Walthamstow**

A fun day for all the family, with **Chair-O-Planes**, **Helter Skelter**, **Beat the Buzzer**, **Caterpillar Climb**, **bouncy castles**, **face-painting**, **Didi cars**, refreshments and much more. Do come along!  
**All are welcome!**

**Entry fee: 50p per person (under 5s FREE)**

**Rides 50p to £1**

**Join us at: St Saviour's School, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, E17 8ER**

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