



## Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Headteacher's News

On 13<sup>th</sup> of December, Shooting Star Entertainment will be visiting St Mary's to perform an extended pantomime in the school hall. The five actors and their technician will perform a version of **Robin Hood** for infants in the morning, and juniors in the afternoon; it promises to be a lovely event and we hope the children enjoy it. A separate letter will be issued regarding this. Also helping to get us in the Christmas spirit this year will be the **PFA Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December** which I hope to see packed with our families enjoying the stalls and having lots of festive fun.

Many thanks to those of you who supported our appeal for **Children in Need** on Friday. There was a great assortment of pyjamas and we all had spots before our eyes! Your generosity added £400 to the Children in Need fund. I enjoyed wearing my pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers to school for the day; definitely the most comfortable Friday of the year. Well done to **Beth** and **Lilly** in 4W who successfully challenged themselves to a sponsored silence for Children in Need this year, communicating by sign language and using whiteboards to make their thoughts known over the course of what must have been a very challenging, and very quiet, day!

The **school orchestra** has some very exciting new members – with the addition of a double bass, saxophone and trumpet. They are continuing to work on some great pieces to play for the Christmas musical morning. Be sure to come along on **Tuesday 11th December** at 9am. The picture at the top of the page captures the orchestra in one of their weekly rehearsals.

Also pictured above, is a School Councillor, Milo, proudly wearing one of the new **School Council** blazers. The remainder of the School Council, six House Captains and the Head Boy and Head Girl will also have blazers once the order has come in.

We would love to hear from you if you would be interested in becoming a **voluntary guided reader** for children. The role would require you to read with children, either individually or in a small group under the instruction of the class teacher. If you are interested in gaining some experience working in a school or would just like to get involved and support our children's learning then please do get in touch by sending an email to [Volunteers@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:Volunteers@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk) with your name, name and class of child and your contact details. Thank you.

Mr O'Brien – *Headteacher*

### Baby News

Some delightful news to report this week. Mrs Bamgboye and her husband welcomed their new baby daughter into the world on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Mother and baby are both doing well and we have sent our good wishes to the family.

### Christmas Jumper Day

As in previous years, we will be participating in this year's National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not go and buy anything special – hand-decorated jumpers that the children have decorated themselves are always very effective! Children may wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1.



PFA will be hosting its annual **Christmas Fair** from 12-3pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Any additional offers of help for the event will always be very well received so do please email [feefbarrett@hotmail.com](mailto:feefbarrett@hotmail.com) and [fi.james2100@outlook.com](mailto:fi.james2100@outlook.com) if you can assist in any way. There is a sign up list on the door by the school office.

### Parents' Prayer Club

It was good to see some of you at our Parents' Prayer Club this last Thursday. Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

### Class Corner – 5 Morris

This week, 5M went on a walk around the local area to find out about the number of different schools, houses and shops we have around us. We collected our data and will be using it to decide whether changes need to be made to Walthamstow. One of our major observations was that there were many schools and plenty of florists but very few parks! Does something need to be done about this? Y5-M thought so.

*Miss Asare and Y5-Morris*

### Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

The whole school attendance target is **96.5%**. Each week we will advise you of the percentage we achieved. Last week, we achieved **96.93%** which exceeds our target figure. Punctuality was slightly improved with 44 late marks across the school which is better but still higher than we would like. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. From September until last Friday, the whole school attendance is 97.04% which exceeds our target, and there have been 433 late marks.

### Attendance and Punctuality Winner

Well done to **2Attlee** who had best attendance figures for last week, - not quite a perfect 100% but very close with 99.17. Well done everyone. Improvement in punctuality was reflected across the school so well done to **Reception Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup> week running), Year 2 Attlee, Year 2 Morris and Year 2 Wilson (both second week running) & Year 3 Attlee, 3 Wilson and 4 Attlee** who all had perfect punctuality!

### Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We will be splitting assemblies – **Morris and Wilson** will be in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) on Fridays and **Attlee** 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 date's section.

### Stars of the Week

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

Y1A - Arthur	Y1M- Mylo T	Y1W- Arthur I
Y2A- Trip	Y2M- Trip	Y2W- Filip
Y3A- Alana	Y3M- Olga	Y3W- Ruby
Y4A- Trip	Y4M- Trip	Y4W- Trip
Y5A- Jacob	Y5M- Alessandra	Y5W- Rae
Y6A- Rafael	Y6M- Thomas	Y6W- Reiley

### General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows: **Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE **Email:** [dataservices@judicium](mailto:dataservices@judicium)

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### Diary Dates

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

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b><i>Y5M Trip to Vestry House Postponed – new date to follow</i></b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b><i>Year 2 Wilson Trip to Jewish Museum</i></b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b><i>9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club</i></b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b><i>Y5W and Y5A Trip to Vestry House - Postponed – new date to follow</i></b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b><i>Christmas Fair 12-3pm</i></b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>10am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i></b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>9.05 – Performance by School Orchestra</i></b> <b><i>Y6A and Y6M Trip to Vestry House - Postponed – new date to follow</i></b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club</i></b> <b><i>Christmas Panto in school (details to follow)</i></b> <b><i>3.30 – Reception Attlee parents to meet Ms Crawford</i></b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>Christmas Jumper Day</i></b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>9.30 – Attlee Houses to Church for Christmas Assembly</i></b> <b><i>2pm – Morris Houses to Church for Christmas Assembly</i></b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>9.30 – Wilson Houses to Church for Christmas Assembly</i></b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><i>School Closes for Christmas Break at 2pm</i></b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b><i>RETURN TO SCHOOL</i></b> <b><i>10am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i></b>

## **St Mary's Term Dates 2018-2019**

### **Autumn Term 2018**

#### **Second Half (39 Days)**

Start – Monday 29th October 2018

End – Thursday 20th December 2018

**Holidays: Friday 21st December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2018**

### **Spring Term 2019**

#### **First Half (29 Days)**

INSET – Monday 7th January 2019

Start – Tuesday 8th January 2019

End - Friday 15th February 2019

**Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019**

#### **Second Half (30 Days)**

Start - Monday 25th February 2019

End – Friday 5th April 2019

**Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April 2019**

### **Summer Term 2019**

#### **First Half (23 Days)**

Start – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

End - Friday 24th May 2019

**Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 - Friday 31st May 2019**

**Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019**

**Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019 (during Half Term)**

#### **Second Half (37 Days)**

Start - Monday 3rd June 2019

End – Tuesday 23rd July 2019