



Weekly Newsletter
Monday 20th November
2017



Head's Message

Brrr, it was a bit nippy today! We're ensuring kids have their coats at break and lunch times; if you could help emphasise the message that it's almost officially winter so children should wear coats, this would be very much appreciated. Can I also just mention that, in the morning, teachers need to get classes in quickly to start the day so, if you need to pass a message to the teacher, please help by being as brief as you can. If you need a longer chat, please arrange a time at the end of the day when your child's teacher can give you their full attention.

Last week Y2 had a wonderful time at the Jewish Museum. They learnt how to scribe in Hebrew using a quill and explored different Jewish artefacts. Their behaviour was exemplary and they made their teachers very proud. We'd also like to say thank you to all the parents and carers who helped out.

This week Year 4 are visiting a very special workshop in line with their current RE Unit. They'll be hunting for symbols around the church and discovering their meaning. We always love having the opportunity to work with our Church and the community. A special mention to Ms Gerald for organising this wonderful event.

Last week 19 of our kids competed in the Waltham Forest Sportshall Athletics competition. The event was split into track and field. The children were amazing and won every one of their track events. Final results won't be available for another 1-2 weeks, I anticipate that we've done extremely well. Huge congratulations to all who took part!

Mr Ogle, Head Teacher

Reception Intake 2018

We have two meetings left for prospective parents for our Sept 18 intake. Please spread the word to anyone who may be looking for Reception places:
Wed 6th December 6-7pm
Fri 5th January 2018 10-11am

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week our attendance was 96.62% and from 6th September 2017 remains above that target at 97.27%.

Attendance and Punctuality

No class managed perfect attendance last week, but well done to 4W who came very close with 99.66%. Reception Wilson was the only class with 100% punctuality – everyone here on time every day! Well done everyone.

Snacks

Please note, all year groups may bring playtime/before clubs snacks – although this is not compulsory. Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive free fruit or veg. We ask that parents supply healthy snacks (eg fruit, veg, healthy bars, bread products). Please, no sweets, chocolates, crisps, biscuits, cakes, fizzy drinks and - due to allergies of other children - no nuts or products containing nuts.

Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Monday assemblies will continue to be split by Year Groups and Friday assembly by houses. After half term, Attlee house will continue in the Hall and Morris and Wilson in the Gym. On the subject of assemblies, and with Christmas fast approaching, you are invited our Christmas Carol Assembly on Tuesday 12th December. Bring your best singing voice and start your day with a festive sing-song!

Class Corner

All the children have been very busy working on their reading and writing skills this week. We have been learning to write a report text based on the book 'The Hobbit'.



In RE, we have continued our learning based on the topic of Saints in Christianity and how they have impacted on our lives. We have made comparisons between the life of Jesus and the life of saints.

The children have also been learning to separate mixtures in science using a range of equipment – with a focus on evaporation, distillation and filtration.

Mrs Zaman and 6 Wilson



Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need appeal efforts last Friday. We all had spots before our eyes all day and managed to raise a spotacular £405. Thank you for your generosity.

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops are well underway now, running from 4 to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety

Weds 29th Nov

Reading workshop

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who were nominated to be Stars of the Week this week:

1 Attlee Mariela & Kukhanya
1 Morris Ibrahim & Jada
1 Wilson Emma & Nathan
2 Attlee Jamia & Franklin
2 Morris Milo & Sophia
2 Wilson Sandra & Esther
3 Attlee Audrey & Nsika
3 Morris Alyssa & Nile
3 Wilson Krystian & Minnie
4 Attlee Treyvon & Erin
4 Morris Mya & Emir
4 Wilson Samantha & Nina
5 Attlee Evie & Nicole
5 Morris Thomas & Ariana
5 Wilson Fawn & Micah
6 Attlee Livia & Hayden
6 Morris Arissa & Cory
6 Wilson Kiera & Louise



SHINE

SHINE continues here at St Mary's on the following dates: Payment of £15, which takes you through to the Christmas break, is now due if you have not already paid. Achievement School for invited year 6 pupils runs alongside on the same dates from 9am to 12:30pm.

SHINE AUTUMN TERM

2nd Half

Venue: St Mary's 9:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday 25th November

Saturday 2nd December

Saturday 9th December

Saturday 16th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Saturday 6th January

Saturday 13th January

Saturday 20th January

Saturday 27th January

Saturday 3rd February

SPRING HALF TERM

Lines of the Week

Well done to the following classes who won our first line of the week and get to keep their house cup all week:

Attlee: 3A

Morris: 1M

Wilson: 3W

Flu Vaccination

If your child is in Reception to Year 4, they should have brought home a consent form to have the flu vaccine in school. This will take place on Thursday 30th November. Please ensure you return your form, indicating whether or not you give consent, as soon as possible please. Many thanks



Finance Matters

This half of the Autumn Term is always a very busy one with the weeks whizzing by. Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. Both KS1 and KS2 have a panto experience – KS1 in school and KS2 at the Hackney Empire. Please could you ensure that payment for these items is made as soon as possible. Many thanks

Christmas Card Competition

Stella Creasy, our Local MP, has invited our children to participate in her Annual Greetings Card competition. The winning design will be sent by Stella to over 3,500 people.

If your child would like to participate, they are encouraged to design a card expressing the celebrations of Christmas and the New Year in Walthamstow. In addition to having their design printed as Christmas cards, the winner will be invited, with their family, to tea with Stella in Westminster.

Deadline for entries is next week on **MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER.**

Entries can either be posted to: Stella Creasy MP

23 Orford Road, Walthamstow LONDON E17 9NL or e-mailed to jess@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk.

Entries should contain your child's name, address, telephone number, age and school attended.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Stella's secretary, Jess on 020 8521 1223.

Useful Contacts

Address: Brooke Road, Walthamstow, E17 9HJ

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Website: www.stmaryscofe.org

Email: school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk

Teatime Club: 07542 193499

Nursery: stmarysnursery.net

Church:

www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Value of the Week Equality:

"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality."

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 20 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6
Thursday 23 rd November	9.05 – Class Assembly – 3 Morris
Friday 24 th November	Classes 6A and 6M to Imperial War Museum
Saturday 25 th November	SHINE at St Mary's and Achievement School
Monday 27 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety
Wednesday 29 th November	4pm – Reading workshop in Gym PFA Social Event – Village Pub, Orford Road E17
Thursday 30 th November	9.05 – Class Assembly – 3 Attlee Flu vaccination for Reception and Years 1 to 4.
Saturday 2 nd December	SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School
Monday 4 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Panto in school
Wednesday 6 th December	6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening
Thursday 7 th December	9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Attlee 3.45 – Parent Council Meeting
Friday 8 th December	KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire
Saturday 9 th December	SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School
Monday 11 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing
Tuesday 12 th December	9.05 – Christmas Carol Assembly
Wednesday 13 th December	Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris
Thursday 14 th December	9.05 – Class Assembly – 6 Wilson
Saturday 16 th September	SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School PFA Christmas Fayre – 12 to 3pm.
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Services – further details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January 2018	Children back to school
Friday 5 th January 2018	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Start – Thursday 4th January 2018

End – Friday 9th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 – Friday 16th February 2018

Second Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 19th February 2018

End – Thursday 29th March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)

Start – Monday 16th April 2018

End – Friday 25th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 (during Half Term)

Second Half (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4th June 2018

End – Friday 20th July 2018

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