



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 10th July 2017



Head of School's Message:

Last week we had the **NED** show in school. The children were in awe of Justin's incredible yo-yoing skills while learning about NEDs special message. **N**ever give up. **E**ncourage others. **D**o your best. Our pupils were able to confidently share examples of how they have achieved these values in their lives and how they can use them to overcome challenges in the future.

The children are busy in class getting ready for Enterprise week and competition is definitely in the air! All items will be on sale on Monday 17th at 3:30 in the playground. On Thursday we will be holding our annual Sports Day for KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon at the Cricket Sports Ground. This highly anticipated event will be fun for all and we can't wait to see you there.

Further to my recent letter regarding effective communication, I would like to clarify arrangements so that all parents and carers feel fully supporting whether they are working parents or home based. Speaking with a member of staff is the most effective way to communicate with the school about your child. Sometimes, parents/carers need a more in-depth discussion and a catch-up before/after school will not suffice. When this happens, a call or an email to the school office is the best way of ensuring you get to speak to your child's class teacher that day. The admin team will ensure that the class teacher calls you back by the end of the working day so that you can either arrange a meeting or have to a conversation over the telephone.

Faye Rider
Head of School

Class Corner

All sorts of exciting things have been happening in 3M. Last Tuesday, along with nine other classes, the children performed a selection of songs - with some enthusiastic and well-rehearsed dancing - at St Mary's Church. Their voices sounded wonderful and it was a really positive musical experience. Back at school we have been preparing for Enterprise Week by designing novelty sunglasses that I am sure will be going like hotcakes when the fair comes around. We've also been getting ready for sports day. Somehow, with all these things going on in the heat, we have still just about managed to remain cool in the classroom!

Mr Baines and 3 Morris

Parent Prayer Group

It would be really lovely if you could join us for our last prayer group meeting of this school year, at 9.05am this Wednesday, 12th July. It is a relaxing way to start the day in the middle of a busy week. Hope you can make it.

Sports Day

We are all looking forward to Sports Day this week. Hope you can join us at Walthamstow Cricket Ground, in Greenway Avenue on Thursday, KS1 at 9am and KS2 at 1pm. See you there!

Leavers' Service

We had the first of our Leavers' Services today, during which Years 3, 4 and 5 Stars of the Term were presented. On Wednesday 12th, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6 presentations will be made in church from 9.45am. Please come and join us! All welcome.

Stars of the Week

The Reception Children have joined us for our last few whole school assemblies of this term. Our Stars of the Week for last week were:

6A: Eleanor and Clarence
5A: Whole Class
5M: Noah and Alfie
5W: Debra and Thomas
4A: Alisha and Alina
4M: Daniel and Tanya
4W: Billie and Karim
3A: Isa and Marion
3M: Eliza and Emilija
3W: Chloe S, Ellis and Emma S
2A: Missan, Abiola and Grace
2M: London and Natty
2W: Iris and Sadie
1A: Rakshan and Holly B
1M: Kajus and Gabrielle
1W: Tate and Amanda
RA: Hector and Chloe
RM: Oskar and Shade
RW: Grace and Jayden



Well done everyone

Summer Fair

It's nearly here!!!! Summer Fair is THIS SATURDAY ! The PFA have worked really hard behind the scenes preparing what is sure to be a fantastic afternoon. Raffle tickets are on sale from the school office for those who cannot come on the day – 50p per ticket. List of prizes are at the end of this newsletter.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We fell just very slightly short of our target last week, achieving 96.43%. Our overall attendance figure for the academic year to date is 96.8%.

Attendance Winner

A big well done to I Morris and 5 Attlee who both had 100% attendance last week. Keep it up for the last week of term 😊

Punctuality Awards.

Well done to 6Attlee who had everyone here on time every day last week, for the second week running. They were joined this week by 4 Morris, 2 Wilson, 1 Attlee and Reception Attlee.

Being punctual is a good life lesson and good habits formed when young will stay with us forever. Punctuality is so important for your child's education.

Don't forget, 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late = 6 days lost!

15 minutes late = 9 days lost!

20 minutes late = 12 days lost!,

and 30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to get here on time every day for the remaining 7 days of this term.



School Bags

For those parents who like to be organised for September – may we just remind you that we cannot accommodate rucksacks in school as we just do not have the space to keep them. Book bags only please. Many thanks.

End of Term Parties

Classes will be holding an end of term party on the last morning of term, Wednesday 19th. If you would like to send something in to share, you are welcome to do so, but please bear in mind that it is the last day of term, and parties will be before lunch, so please don't send too much! Please don't forget that we are a Nut Free school. We do have some children with serious nut allergies so please do not send anything containing nuts. Thank you.

Please do not allow your child to bring in electronic games on the last day either as they won't have any time to play with them, and there is always a danger of them getting lost or broken.

Sals Shoes

Next Wednesday, the last day of term, we are hoping for your support for our Sals Shoes appeal. Further to our recent letter regarding the appeal, may I just remind you of how it works. On the last day of term, your child will leave their old school shoes on the desk, with £1 placed inside one of the shoes (don't forget to send another pair to come home in). We will collect the shoes and transport them to an agency which then ships them off to children in need – many of whom have never owned a pair of shoes in their life! We hope you can support us with this appeal. Thank you.



Parent Council Meeting

There will be a Parent Council Meeting, next week on Monday 17th July at 3.45pm.

End of Term

Don't forget, school closes for summer next week at **2pm on Wednesday 19th July**. There will be NO After School Club that day.

Useful Contacts

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Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Wednesday 12th July</i>	<i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group</i> <i>9.45 Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6 in Church – Leavers' Service</i> <i>3.30-5pm – Parent Appointments to see Class teachers re reports</i>
<i>Thursday 13th July</i>	<i>9.05 – 3M Class Assembly</i> <i>Sports Day at Walthamstow Cricket Club – KS1 in the morning, KS2 afternoon – letter to follow</i> <i>3.30-6pm – Parent Appointments to see Class teachers re reports</i>
<i>Friday 14th July</i>	<i>Year 4, 5 and 6 End of Year Disco</i> <i>TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!</i>
<i>Saturday 15th July</i>	<i>Summer Fair – further details have been contained in the PFA Newsletter</i>
<i>Monday 17th July</i>	<i>3.30 – Class Enterprise Sale in playground</i> <i>3.45 – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th July</i>	<i>Sals Shoe Day – Leave your old school shoes with £1 in the shoe, at the end of the day.</i> <i>Last day of term. School finishes at 2pm.</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th September</i>	<i>Children return for new school year.</i>

Raffle Prizes for Summer Fair 15th July 2017

Price: 50p per ticket

1. Feel Good Centre has donated 4 vouchers for 4 different experiences given away separately of course:
 - A. Extreme Session
 - B. Soft Play Session
 - C. Spa Experience £10.00 voucher
 - D. Family Swim Lesson
2. Sodo Pizza voucher £30.00
3. Back To Balance 2 separate vouchers
 - A. 1-2-1 Pilates Session
 - B. Physiotherapy Treatment Massage
4. Paradise Wildlife Park Buy one get one free ticket
5. Nando's full Platter, 2 meals plus 4 drinks
6. Turtle Bay 2 x SEPARATE vouchers £40.00
7. Empire Cinema Tickets 2 Guest Passes
8. Pizza Express 2 main meals
9. Lea Valley Park Farms entry for 2 adults and 2 children
10. Mahogany Haircut value of £94.00
11. Ryman 3 adult colouring books (given away separately)
12. Grill Stock Smoke House T-shirt
13. The Mall £5.00 Gift Card
14. Bottle of alcohol Royal Brackla
15. Debbie Bliss Gift
16. Art House Picture Frame
17. Expresions two children's Hair Cuts
18. Tickets to Motown Musical

Summer Term 2017 - Second Half (33 Days)

Start - Monday 5th June 2017 and End -Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 2pm

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 - First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6th September 2017

End – Thursday 19th October 2017

INSET – Friday 20th October 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 - Friday 27th October 2017

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).