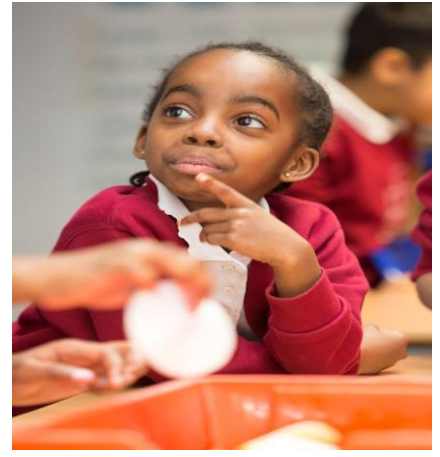




Weekly Newsletter
Monday 27th November 2017



Head's Message

Last week every class worked on a special display project. Each year group were given a theme linked to their current topic. Children created artwork and written work to be displayed in our corridors. Year 3 created a very imaginative Greek Myths display- complete with a very large Medusa! Around the beautiful art work children's own mythical stories are on show. Year 6 were inspired by their topic World War 2 and created a beautiful display. Hanging from the ceiling are propaganda posters, thought provoking questions and even spitfires (miniature size of course). Our wonderful reception children took inspiration from one of their favourite authors Julia Donaldson! Hand-print crabs, a giant whale, and a very pesky snail are all on display along with some fantastic photographs and writing! We have received such lovely comments from parents and carers about our new displays. We are very glad you like them as much as we do.

Next week is Panto Week with KS1 having their panto in school on Tuesday and on Friday KS2 will be visiting Hackney Empire for their Pantomine Trip! I think the adults are as equally excited as the children. This is always a highlight of ours and we cannot wait to watch the performance. This year's KS2 Panto is Cinderella. We will be using this as inspiration for our next writing topics after Christmas

Mr Ogle, Head Teacher

Reception Intake 2018

We have two meetings left for prospective parents for 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 fell slightly below that target at 96.25% and from 6th September 2017 remains above that target at 97.18%.

Attendance and Punctuality

No class managed perfect attendance last week, but well done to 3M who had the best attendance of the week with 99.26%. Punctuality was every day! Well done everyone.

Bicycle Safety

Now that the evenings are drawing in and if your child is staying for any kind of club it may well be dark when you are collecting your bicycle from the rack outside school, it might be a good idea to double lock your bike to ensure that it is securely stored.

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

We are learning through the rainbow fish this week. We will be using our phonic knowledge to write labels and captions in our challenge time and will be writing WOW words in our big write this week. We will be investigating this week and discovering how things can change for example water to ice. Our Challenge is to discover how we can retrieve Ms Boyce's keys for the ice so she can drive home!

We have also started to learn our Christmas songs and the children are getting very excited preparing for Christmas.

Reception Attlee

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.

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 and were presented with their award in assembly on Friday:

1 Attlee	Anabelle & Sion
1 Morris	Beato & Nimi
1 Wilson	Gideon & Kasie
2 Attlee	Holly H & Rhazel
2 Morris	Sonny C & Ellie H
2 Wilson	Amanda & Lucas
3 Attlee	Audrey & Shalom
3 Morris	Whole Class
3 Wilson	Ishaaq & Frank
4 Attlee	Marc & Caspar
4 Morris	Jada-Marie & Emilija
4 Wilson	Milo C & Zakiyyah
5 Attlee	Caleb & CJ
5 Morris	Ciena & Evan
5 Wilson	Genesis & Callum K
6 Attlee	Rylie & Matthew
6 Morris	Cory & Hannah
6 Wilson	Jeverl & Ethan



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
2 nd Half
Venue: St Mary's 9:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday 2 nd December
Saturday 9 th December
Saturday 16 th December
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Saturday 6 th January
Saturday 13 th January
Saturday 20 th January
Saturday 27 th January
Saturday 3 rd 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: Year 5

Morris: Year 5

Wilson: Year 3

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

Not that long until we finish for the Christmas break. Please ensure that all outstanding balances for clubs, trips, lunches, music, breakfast and after school club are all cleared before we finish.

Useful Contacts

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Value of the Week Truth

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



Christmas Jumper Day Appeal

On Friday 15th December, we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers to school, for a donation of £1 – although you may, of course, contribute more if you wish.

Throughout this year, we will be supporting Christian Aid, starting with our Christmas Jumper Day. The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal is called **“Enough for Everyone”**

“Every day, children in South Sudan and Burkina Faso are dying from hunger. They are bearing the brunt of ongoing conflict and climate change.

At Christmas, a time of plenty, when we come together with family and friends to celebrate, relax and often overindulge, it feels particularly unjust that so many families will go without food, security and hope.”

See here for more details about the appeal in general:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal>

On that same day, 15th December, the school council will be running a cake sale after school. All donations and contributions of cakes, either shop bought or home made, gratefully accepted at the school office on 14th and 15th December.



School Visitors

This week Year 5 pupils enjoyed a visit from the local police service who came to speak to us about online safety. We were surprised to hear the age restrictions of some common social media sites and began to understand how these age restrictions help keep us safe. We learnt what the law says about posting, sending and receiving comments or pictures and what to do if anything online makes us feel unsure or unsafe. We were really proud of how sensibly our pupils consider the privacy of their personal information when online.



Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

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
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day and Cake Sale (further details to follow)
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).