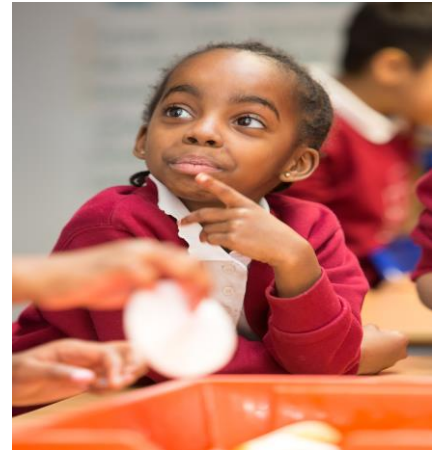




Weekly Newsletter
Monday 4th December 2017



Head's Message

Last week, Year four had a marvellous treat. Mr Cladingboel brought in a very special visitor. A corn snake called Mr Az. The children were delighted to meet this impressive guest. This was linked to their current topic of habitats and adaptation.

Year 3A gave us a real treat on Thursday morning during their class assembly. We had a few technical glitches but the pupils handled it like pro's and gave a fantastic performance with various highlights of their learning in year 3 so far.

It's Panto Week! A highly anticipated date in the diary. On Tuesday Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be in for a real treat. They will be watching the fairy tale Hansel and Gretel come to life! On Friday KS2 children will make their way by coach to Hackney Empire to watch Cinderella.

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 remained slightly below that target at 96.24% and from 6th September 2017 remains above that target at 97.10%.

Attendance and Punctuality

No class managed perfect attendance last week, but well done to 6 Attlee who had the best attendance of the week with 99.23%. Punctuality across the school saw 58 late marks, but both 6 Attlee and 4 Wilson had everyone here on time every day!

Parent Workshops

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

Mon 4th Dec - SEND

Mon 11th Dec - Writing

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

Here in Reception Morris our last two books of the week have been about aquatic things! Last week we were learning all about our book *The Snail and the Whale*. We did all sorts of crafts around this book such as salt dough snails and an enormous whale that all three classes made together! We also did some fantastic writing about what the snail would say at the end of her journey – see if you can spot these things in the corridor when you're next in for challenge time, there are also some lovely photos and child voice scattered all around.

This week in our science lessons we have been learning about the changing states of water. We froze lots of shiny things into large blocks... but would you believe it all the change I needed to get the bus to see the library before our trip on the 12th December fell in too! Fortunately we thought of so many different ways to melt the ice to get the change out such as smashing it and warming it up with our hands – well done Morris!

Mr Giez and Reception Morris

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 on 20th December.

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 Evan and Emily
1 Morris Ada and Amy-Anne
1 Wilson Dulcie and Aiva
2 Attlee Aliza and Alana
2 Morris Rayah, Alfie and Amiera
2 Wilson Dean and Marvin
3 Attlee Whole Class
3 Morris Sophie and Sidor
3 Wilson Iris and Isa
4 Attlee Sophia and Susan
4 Morris Amiya and Eliza
4 Wilson Conan and Alfie
5 Attlee Luke and Evie-Skye
5 Morris Layla and Zara
5 Wilson Philiesha and Finley
6 Attlee Whole Class
6 Morris Tia and Abdullah
6 Wilson Daniella and Ebum



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 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 line of the week and get to keep their house cup all week:

Attlee: Y1

Morris: Y2

Wilson: Y1

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 cosy 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.



KS1 and KS2 Panto

This week is Panto week! A theatre company are visiting tomorrow for KS1 and on Friday, KS2 are off to Hackney Empire. Don't forget, ALL of KS2 are need to bring a packed lunch on Friday, unless you have already ordered a packed lunch from school.

School Christmas Lunch

Due to ordering issues, the date of our school Christmas lunch has been changed and will now take place on THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school meal on that day, please ensure you let the office know by this Wednesday.

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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.



Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

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 Intake 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 Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Cake Sale for Christian Aid
Saturday 16 th September	SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School PFA Christmas Fayre – 12 to 3pm.
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Services – 9.30 – Attlee Houses 11.00 – Morris Houses 1.45 – Wilson Houses
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).