



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 13th March 2017



Head of School's Message:

Last week we opened up our doors inviting parents and carers into our classrooms for the afternoon. It was a great experience for both parents and children alike, where children were able to demonstrate how well they learn each and every day at St Mary's. Many thanks to Mrs Matthews and Miss Cherry for being such great hosts and making the whole week such a success! On Tuesday, we also had a special visit from the Kinetic Theatre. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to be part of an exciting show whilst learning about plants and life cycles along the way! There are some great photos in our photo gallery this week.

Miss Cherry has been so pleased with the children's efforts for 'Waste Week'. Some children have recycled a simple milk carton and transformed it into something amazing! I am sure you will agree a lot of time, effort and creativity has been put into these marvelous creations. Miss Cherry will be handing out prizes shortly. Have a look at just a few of the entries in our photo gallery.

This week is Science Week. The children will be looking forward to an array of exciting investigations. We will be creating a science themed area in school to display the wide range of activities that will be taking place so watch this space. Our Year 4 and 5 children will be busy this week preparing for the Easter Service. The church services for Attlee and Morris will be held on Friday 24th March and Wilson service will be on the 27th March. We hope you can join us.

Faye Rider
Head of School

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We had a great week last week and achieved 98.26%, our best for a while now. It seems the sunshine makes everyone feel a bit brighter and those winter bugs seem to be on their way out.

Attendance Winner

The improvement in our overall school attendance was reflected in classes this week with 4Wilson and 5 Attlee (second week running), achieving 100% attendance. Well done to those classes!

Punctuality Awards

5 Attlee had a particularly good week, winning not only the best attendance, but 100% punctuality too. They were joined by 5 Wilson, 4 Morris, 3 Attlee and 2 Attlee who all had everyone here on time every day. Well done everyone keep it up!

Punctuality was also much improved again last week, with 29 late marks across the school. Thank you to everyone for really trying hard to get here on time. Let's all try really hard to keep the upward trend and get here on time every day.

As a little reminder: 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

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who had an excellent start to the term and were nominated for Star of the Week in assembly on Friday 10th Feb:

- 1A Joshua and Angelo
- 1M Gabrielle and Robert
- 1W Dean and Theo
- 2A Arthur and Loana
- 2M Helena and Eden
- 2W Betsy and Jack
- 3A Susan and Naya
- 3M Renucci and Xavi
- 3W Nico and Jonny
- 4A Harry and Alina
- 4M Frankie and Elliot
- 4W Christabel and Delrojus
- 5A Imogen and Monika
- 5M Kamaira and Ioana
- 5W Daniella and Adedayo
- 6A Ruby and Roni

Well done to all of you keep up the good work!



Red Nose Day

24th March will be Red Nose Day this year. We have Red Noses at the school office at a cost of £1 each. We have got 120 and once they are gone, they're gone!



After last year's success, we will again have a bake sale in the playground from 3.30 till 4.00 on Friday 24th March.

We ask parents and carers and most importantly children to bake some delicious cakes which we will sell on the day. All cakes need to be brought into the office on Friday morning to ensure freshness. Happy baking!

Parent Council

The next Parent Council Meeting is this week, on Thursday 16th at 3.45 (crèche provided).

The parent council do have an e-mail address if you would like to have any issues added to forthcoming agendas. Please feel free to contribute. Details as follows:

stmaryscofeparentcouncil@gmail.com
password: stmaryse17

Apprenticeships

Do you know anyone who would be interested in undertaking a Level 2 or Level 3 apprenticeship with us? We are currently looking for Nursery apprentices, Teaching Assistant apprentices, and an assistant caretaker apprentice.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Mrs Smith on 020 8521 1066 or on carmel.smith@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk

Class Corner

Year 5 have had a very busy term so far. 5 Morris have been studying life cycles in science and using egg identification charts to find out which eggs belong to which birds. We even had a chance to look at an ostrich egg! For world book day we had some fantastic costumes ranging from Vikings from our focus text (How to train your dragon) to Bobbi from the Railway Children. We also wrote newspaper reports based on Anthony Browne's book 'Voices'. This week is science week and we are very excited to take part in a science workshop which involves making robots!

Miss Barrett and Class 5 Morris

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School are both continuing here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay. Dates for the second half of this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring

March 18 th 2017 – NB this is a full day for SHINE – 8am to 6pm
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March 25 th 2017

Please do not forget to return your permission slip for the trip on Saturday. If your child has any medication – asthma pumps and Epi pens in particular – please ensure that your child has them for the trip. If they don't – they will not be able to accompany us.

After School Club

May we just remind you that the school office closes at 4.30pm and the main school phone will not be answered after this time. If your child is at After School Club and you are running late, or need to speak to a member of the after school club staff, please call their mobile on 0775 997 8824. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to keep collecting the Sainsburys vouchers for us. Please encourage friends and family to save too! Thanks.

Financial Matters

As the end of term is approaching, please take a moment to check your ParentPay account and ensure that all accounts relevant to you – dinner money, music fees, SHINE, breakfast and tea time clubs and any outstanding trip or workshops – are up to date and if not, please make payments at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

Congratulations

We are sure you will wish to join us in saying a huge congratulations to Miss McPharlane who was married recently and has become the new Mrs Buckley. We wish her and her husband every happiness for the future.



Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is:

Truth:

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Pslam 25:5

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www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

PHOTO GALLERY



The children were engrossed with Kinetic Theatre's production of Robin and The Withering Wood, learning about plants and life cycles



Upcycling at its best! Who would have thought that these creations started out as plastic milk bottles

Well done everyone who took part.

Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Thursday 16th March 2017</i>	<i>3.45-4.45 – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Friday 24th March 2017</i>	<i>Easter Service – Note change of date – Attlee and Morris Houses to attend</i> <i>Red Nose Day</i> <i>3.30 – PFA Cake Sale - further details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 27th March 2017</i>	<i>Easter Service – Wilson Houses to attend</i>
<i>Wednesday 29th March 2017</i>	<i>Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Core Lesson – 9.30 to 11.45</i> <i>Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Topic Lesson 1.30 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 31st March 2017</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday.</i> <i>No After School Club today</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th April 2017</i>	<i>Return to school</i>

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2016-2017

Spring Term 2017 - Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 20th February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

Holidays: Monday 3rd April 2017 – Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017 - First Half (28 Days)

Start – Tuesday 18th April 2017

End - Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29th May 2017

Second Half (33 Days) -

Start - Monday 5th June 2017

End -Wednesday 19th July 2017

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 - First Half (33 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 Thursday 12th April 2018

Summer Term 2018 - First Half (30 Days)

INSET – Friday 13th April 2018

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).