



**Weekly
Newsletter**
19th March 2019

Headteacher's News

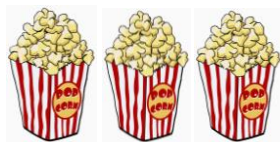
This week I'd like to mention the various **student teachers** that we have at St Mary's during the course of the year. As we are a nationally recognised Teaching School with all of the responsibilities that come with that, we are a hub for trainee teachers eager to get their foot on the first rung of the teaching ladder. Student teachers work alongside more experienced teachers and develop their practice in response to the guidance of those that have been in the role for a number of years. This relationship between teacher and trainee also benefits the more experienced member of staff, allowing them to develop coaching and mentoring skills that will support their career progression towards middle and senior leadership – ideally at St Mary's! We have relationships with **Buckingham, Middlesex, and Goldsmiths Universities** and look forward to continuously fruitful partnership work with them over the coming years.

Finally this week, I'd like to draw parents' attention to the information on the 2nd page of this letter concerning the need for parents to be **attended to all times** when inside the school building. From a safeguarding point of view, with young people from the ages of 0 to 11 on site, we cannot allow any adults to be unattended when inside the school. Thank you for your help with this.

Parent/Friends Association (PFA) Events

Please keep an eye out for information from the PFA regarding this upcoming event...

PFA 'Film Night' in the hall – **'The Greatest Showman'**, 6.15pm on 29th March (film starts at 7pm)



Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **96.7%**

Last week we achieved 96.3%

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to **Year 3A** who had the highest attendance last week with 99.6%.

Runners up were **6A** with 99.2%. Well-done to **R1,3M,3W,4M,5A,6A and 1A** who had only 1 late mark.



Parents/carers entering school unattended following after school clubs

Please note that, due to **safeguarding requirements**, we are not able to admit parents/carers to enter the school unsupervised.

Staff who take after school clubs, as well as class teachers, have been reminded to ensure that all children have packed lunches, coats and book bags before they are dismissed; these seem to be the problems which parents/carers are understandably trying to resolve at the end of the day.

If your child does still arrive for pick-up without any of these (or other) items, staff have been reminded that someone will need to accompany you to pick up missing items.

It would be most helpful, especially for older children, if you could remind children at the start of the day that they should make sure that they have everything when going to and leaving clubs.

Thanks you for your assistance on this.

Museum of London trip

On Friday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the **Museum of London**. We were lucky enough to visit two exhibitions linked to our history topics - the **plague**, from last half term, and **prehistoric Britain** linked to the **Stone Age** topic which we are studying this term. The children loved exploring the zones, impressing everyone with their pre-knowledge and learning even more along the way! *Mr Banks, History Leader*



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out in Friday's assembly.

Y1A - Lucy	Y1M – Dwanese	Y1W - Omega
Y2A - Clara	Y2M - Ellie	Y2W - Kasie
Y3A - Aliza	Y3M - Ellie H	Y3W - Zia
Y4A - Kieron	Y4M - Amelle	Y4W - Dillion
Y5A - Zavier G-L	Y5M - Emilija	Y5W - Nico
Y6A - Simon	Y6M - Andreas	Y6W - Finley



Change to How We Send Out Trip Letters

There is currently a simple yes or no survey that is on Parentmail; you can have your opinion on going paperless there. We would love to hear from you!

In an effort to decrease the amount of paper we use in the school, we will be trialling an electronic trip letter. The trip will appear on **Parentpay**, along with information and price. There will be a prompt to say that you consent to your child going on the trip and also a prompt for you to pay. If you do not have access to Parentpay or a computer, please let us know and we can still print you out a form.

Parents' Prayer Club

Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be next **Thursday the 28th March**. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

The front office has lost property over flowing!

Please come to the front office and claim your lost property!



Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We are splitting assemblies – Attlee and Wilson are in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) on Fridays, and Morris in the main school hall. Class assemblies are on a Thursday morning, running throughout the year. You are more than welcome to come along to those as well. Dates will be published in our date's section.

Year 2 needs your toilet rolls (and boxes)!

Year 2 need donations of any cardboard boxes and cardboard toilet rolls (not the paper) for an upcoming project.

If you have any, please bring them to the office and we can hand them on. Thanks!

ART PROJECT - CALLING ALL PARENTS!



We are looking forward to **fundraising** for an exciting and upcoming **art project** involving **Maud Milton**, one of our amazing local artists (and the creator of the mosaic above). If your workplace offers any **match funding** or you are able to get prizes together for a raffle, please get in contact with Miss Ellen Hanley via email. ellen.hanley@genesistrust.net

DATES FOR 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

First half (32 days)

INSET – Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September, and Wednesday 4th

Start –Thursday 5th September

End - Friday 18th October

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

INSET - Monday 6th January 2020

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3rd April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days

Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 Wilson Class Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Parent workshops – Enjoying Reading Together (3:30-4:00pm)</i>
<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Year 5A and W Mosque Trip</i>
<i>Thursday 28th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 5M Mosque Trip</i>
<i>Thursday 28th March 2019</i>	<i>Parent Workshops - Growth Mindset (3:30-4:00pm)</i>
<i>Friday 29th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 3 British Museum trip</i>
<i>Monday 1st April 2019</i>	<i>Easter Service at the Church – Atlee 9:30am, Morris 2pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd April 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 Easter Experience- 1A at 9.30am</i> <i>Easter Service at the Church – Wilson at 2pm</i>
<i>Thursday 4th April 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 Easter Experience- 1M at 1pm- 1W at 2pm</i>
<i>Monday 29th April 2019</i>	<i>Year 2 Natural History Museum trip</i>

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

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