



Head of School's Message

Last week all the children began their new literacy units focusing upon their new text for this term. In Year 3 the children have been reading famous myths and legends which has inspired them to write creatively about mythical creatures and evil Kings. This unit links with their new afternoon topic 'Greece is the Word'. The children became archaeologists for the afternoon uncovering a some hidden artefacts beneath the sand!

In Year 1 the teachers have been using the text Traction Man to follow him on geography excursions around our playground. Very soon they will be receiving some clues as to where Traction Man is hiding in our local area! The children will have to apply their mapping skills to locate him! The Year 1 children are also very excited about their upcoming trip to the Museum of Childhood where I know great fun will be had by all!

Mrs Rider
Head of School

Reception Intake 2018

We have now set a series of visits for prospective parents for September 2018 intake. Please spread the word to anyone who may be looking for Reception places for next year.

Dates are:

4th October	10am to 11am
8 th November	10am to 11am
18 th November	9am to 10am
6 th December	6pm to 7pm
4 th January	10am to 11am

School Day Reminders

We would like to remind parents that Chestnut Avenue North and South entrances are for Children from Years 1 to 6. The entrance in Brooke Road is for Reception children. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please do not walk through the school, but go round and enter through the main school entrance.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For our first full week back, we exceeded our target and attendance was 97.94%.

Attendance and Punctuality Winner

To encourage good attendance, each week we present an attendance certificate to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

Well done to Classes 4M and 5A who both had a brilliant start to the term with 100% attendance.

Punctuality is very important, not

only for school, but in life generally. Children who are regularly late for school miss vital morning information and a late start often sets the tone for the day. We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality.

Our first week back was an excellent start to the year with only 6 late marks across the school which is excellent. Keep it up!

Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Friday assembly is followed by a coffee morning in the gym and everyone is very welcome to stay for a cuppa and maybe even a chocolate biscuit!

As our school has grown, space has become less and less so we will be splitting assemblies – Years 1 to 3 will be in the gym (parents please enter via the playground) and Years 4 to 6 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 too. Dates will be published in our dates section.

Diary Dates

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

Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Reception parents will be issued with an activation letter in due course.

Items such as trips, music lessons etc will be added as appropriate. Please note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times. We have a waiting list for both these clubs so failure to keep your account in credit may lead to your child being removed from the club and space offered to another child.

Similarly, dinner money accounts should please be kept up to date. Failure to do so could mean you are asked to provide a packed lunch until your child's account is back in credit.

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again today, from 4pm to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 18th September

Y1 Phonics plus Welcome to phase*

Mon 25th

Worship

Mon 2nd October

Maths

Mon 9th Oct

Behaviour

Mon 30th Oct

Values and Growth Mindset

Mon 6th Nov

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

* Parent Information evenings to meet your Year Group Phase Leader and find out more about the term ahead. Meetings are: Welcome to Year 1 (following on from Phonics Workshop), Welcome to Year 2 and Welcome to Key Stage 2.

Class Corner

Each week one class will give us a report on what has been happening during the course of the term so far.

We have started this term with a report from 4 Attlee

This week in 4 Attlee we are looking at the theme of fairness, and how we can help to solve injustices on our planet. We have also been exploring rivers and coasts, and linking this to the artwork of Henri Matisse. We have all attempted to imitate the way he uses small brush strokes and bright colours to evoke emotions in his paintings. We are currently deciding what our class invertebrate pet might be - at the moment, the giant centipede is winning! We will have a final vote on Friday afternoon to decide.

Mr Cladingboel and 4 Attlee

Data Sheets

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home a copy of the data that we hold on your child in our electronic record. Please check it carefully and return to school with changes clearly marked. You only need to return the sheet if you have made any changes. Thank you.

Community Events

Don't forget our two forthcoming community events, as detailed at the end of this newsletter. This coming Saturday 23rd September, from 1pm to 4pm, St Saviour's School is hosting an Equinox Fair, which looks like it is going to be great fun with fairground rides and attractions, food and drink, bouncy castles, face painting and loads more!

The following weekend, Saturday 30th September, Countryside Live are hosting an event at Walthamstow Marshes which also looks like it will be a fun family day out.

School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.16 per day, which is £10.80 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £71.28 - or for the whole term, until Christmas, will be £153.36. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

If your child has packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include cakes, sweets, biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either please. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Nominees will be reported here.

Well done to the following children who have made an excellent start to this school year

1 Attlee	Bosley and Laura
1 Morris	Kya and Shade
1 Wilson	Riley and Tommy
2 Attlee	Dylan and Annabelle
2 Morris	Joseph and Ellie J
2 Wilson	Kiyanna and Marvin
3 Attlee	Jenson and Joshua
3 Morris	Zakariyah and Amariah
3 Wilson	Sade and Dillon
4 Attlee	Abass and Marc
4 Morris	Kieron and Alessandra
4 Wilson	Emma and Rae
5 Attlee	Jayden and Eva
5 Morris	Julian and Mia
5 Wilson	Callum B and Christobel
6 Attlee	Joseph and Damali
6 Morris	Alfie and Mary
6 Wilson	Ebun and Lucy



PFA News

(Parents and Friends of St Marys)

Our wonderful PFA will send news and information via their newsletter on a regular basis. Watch out for the first PTA newsletter of the term

Weekly Reflection



**Weekly Reflection:
Value of the week: Truth**

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

[1 John 3:18](#)

Useful Contacts

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

Friday 22 nd September	Year 1 out at Museum of Childhood
Monday 25 th September	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Worship
Thursday 28 th September	9.05 Class Assembly – I Wilson
Monday 2 nd October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Maths
Wednesday 4 th October	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Monday 9 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Behaviour
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual and sibling photographs to be taken
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest Services – Further details to follow
Wednesday 18 th October	3.30 – Parent Reading Workshop
Thursday 19 th October	9.05 Class Assembly 2 Attlee
Friday 20 th October	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October inclusive	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Values and Growth Mindset
Monday 6 th November	4-4.30 – Welcome to Reception 4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop- Homework
Wednesday 8 th November	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Thursday 16 th November	9.05 – Class Assembly – I Morris
Saturday 18 th November	9am -10am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Monday 20 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6
Monday 27 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety
Thursday 7 th December	9.05 – Class Assembly – I Attlee
Monday 4 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND
Wednesday 6 th December	6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening
Monday 11 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing
Wednesday 13 th December	Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris
Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Services – further details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 2pm
Tuesday 4 th January 2018	Children back to school 10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning

Countryside Live

Saturday 30th September 2017

at

Walthamstow and Leyton Marshes

Lea Bridge Road

Leyton

London

E10 7QL

Saturday 30th September 2017

until Sunday 1st October 2017

10am– 5pm

Adult £5, (two day pass £7), Child FREE

This family friendly event brings the countryside into London and has something for all ages and interests. Town and country combine with an ideal day out for explorers and wildlife lovers – perfect for all the family.

2017 brings a year of celebration to Lee Valley Regional Park as we celebrate 50 years since the park began, creating award winning open spaces and world class sports venues from old scrap yards and rubbish dumps!

Equinox Fair



Saturday, 23rd September

1pm – 4pm

New community event for Walthamstow

A fun day for all the family, with **Chair-O-Planes**, **Helter Skelter**, **Beat the Buzzer**, **Caterpillar Climb**, **bouncy castles**, **face-painting**, **Didi cars**, refreshments and much more. Do come along!
All are welcome!

Entry fee: 50p per person (under 5s FREE)

Rides 50p to £1

Join us at: St Saviour's School, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, E17 8ER

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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).