



Weekly Newsletter 1/5/19

Headteacher's News

This term is the term of **statutory assessments** as you may well know. Four of our yeargroups will be assessed, starting with our oldest children in **Year 6** the week after next, who will take tests in grammar, spelling, reading and maths, with writing being assessed on the basis of a portfolio of work in the month after the tests. Y2 will take the same kind of SATs in the same subjects in the last week of this half-term – these are then marked internally by our **Year 2** staff and moderated by external colleagues to ensure their validity. In the second half of this term, the **Year 1** children will take a phonics screening test where they have to read a mixture of real and nonsense words using their phonological awareness. Finally, towards the end of June, the **EYFS** children will be assessed against the descriptors in the EYFS Foundation Stage Profile to assess whether they have met or exceeded the expectations of a 'Good Level of Development'. In the case of the younger children in the EYFS and Y1, they will not even know that they are being assessed; it won't feel any different to any activity done in a normal day. Y2 will be a bit more aware of the tests that they will do but no pressure will be applied of any kind so that they are able to do their best in the tests and then forget all about having done them! The Y6s will be more aware of the nature of the tests they are doing than the rest of the children at St Mary's but all that is asked of them is that they give their all for the 4 days of the assessments, before turning their thoughts to residential holidays, day trips and rehearsals for the end of year musical production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Our children have had a great year and will be a credit to themselves, as well as St Mary's, as the assessment period draws near.

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target - **96.5%**

Last week we achieved **96.34%**.

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to Year 1 Wilson who had 100% attendance last week!

Runner up with 99% was 3 Atlee. Keep up the good work!



Year 2 National History Museum Trip

On Monday, Year Two embarked on a prehistoric adventure to the Natural History Museum! At the museum, they learnt about dinosaurs, how extinction came to be and what kind of dinosaurs still roam the land today.

They also learnt about archaeology and how to delicately and carefully extract ancient patterns that can be found inside fossils! Overall, the children had a fantastic day out and the weather held off to add to the enjoyment of the day.

Y2 Team



Stars of the Week

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

1A Lilla

1M Dwanese

1W Teddy P

2A Evan M

2M Moriah

2W Gabriella

3A John W

3M Grace A

3W Sami

4A Arthur

4M Domantas

4W Jack

5A Susan

5M Andrea

5W Tishauna

6A Alfie

6M Elliot

6W Philieshia



Phone calls

The office would appreciate it if all phone calls about after school arrangements are made before 2:45pm. This allows us ample time to pass on the message.

After school clubs

After school clubs have started this week! If you are unsure if your child has a place in a club, please let us know.

Interventions have also started back up this week. We will be inviting more children to the interventions as the weeks go by.

Clubs/Interventions are from 3:30-4:20pm

Pick up is from the Reception Outdoor Area entrance.

Poetry Competition

Calling all young poets!

We are entering a poetry competition which is taking place on May 19th.

There's no criteria for length or topic- it can be anything that your imagination allows!

Please hand in your poems to the office no later than Monday 13th of May.



Parents' Prayer Club

Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be next **Thursday the 9th May**. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

Year 6 Gilwell Park- Residential Trip

The Residential is fast approaching! Please ensure you are still paying instalments off as you can. Keep an eye out for a date on the diary page.



PFA Summer Fair

The date for the Summer Fair is the 22nd of June, 12-3pm.

Come along and pick up a bargain at our stalls and pick up some tickets for the raffle!

More information to come!



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 2nd May</i>	<i>Year 1 Atlee Assembly, 9am</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th May</i>	<i>Dental Service in school for selected children from Reception and Year 1</i>
<i>Thursday 9th May</i>	<i>Parents Prayer Club, 9.05</i>
<i>Thursday 16th May</i>	<i>Year 4 Wilson Assembly, 9am</i>
<i>Wednesday 5th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Information session for Gilwell Park-9:00am (come to main office)</i>
<i>Thursday 6th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Information session for Gilwell Park- 6:00pm (come to main office)</i>
<i>Thursday 6th June</i>	<i>Year 5 Wilson Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 13th June</i>	<i>Year 2 Atlee Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 20th June</i>	<i>Year 2 Morris Assembly</i>
<i>24th, 25th & 26th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Gilwell Park Residential trip</i>
<i>Thursday 27th June</i>	<i>Year 2 Wilson Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 4th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Atlee Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 18th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Morris Assembly</i>

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