



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 20th March 2017



Head of School's Message:

Last week, the children took part in Science Week! The week started off with year 4 and 5 having a robot workshop come into school! The children were given a short presentation about robotics before constructing and testing their robots.

After building them, some groups resembled their robot to make them quicker before the robot races!

Later on in the week, every class carried out an experiment to help out a teacher in the school - Year 4 finally settled the sports day debate as it turns out that you do not need long legs to be fast so we now know that Mr Tyne did lose! Finally, on Friday, each class got to take part in 3 fun science activities with different teachers around the school. There were so many engaging activities going on throughout the school; Year 1 and 3 were launching rockets with Mr Giez while year 5 and 4 had a go at making a potato battery; there were secret messages being written in lemon juice in KS2 and string telephones in year 2. A big thank you to Mr O'Driscoll for planning this wonderful week.

There are some great photos in our photo gallery of these fun events. Do have a look!

This week we have our first Easter Service which our talented year 4 and 5 children will be leading. Attlee and Morris Houses will be in church on Friday morning at 9.30 and the next service for Wilson parents will be on the 27th March. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Just a little reminder that this week is the last week for clubs for this term – with the exception of Tea Time Club, booster and Drama Club, and with next week being the last week of term, we finish at 2pm on Friday 31st - so there will be no Tea Time Club on that day.

Have a great week.
Faye Rider
Head of School

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Our good run continues with 97.88% last week. Well done everyone!

Attendance Winner

No classes achieved 100% last week, but well done to 4M who were the closest with 99.33%.

Punctuality Awards

5 Attlee are continuing their early bird status, with everyone here on time every day. They were joined by RA, RW, 2A, and 6A. Keep those alarm clocks on!

Punctuality was also much improved again last week, with just 26 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.

Don't forget Clocks go forward one hour this weekend

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 Marcus, Alana & Scarlett
- 1M Kwayerah and Amiera
- 1W Matty and Destinee
- 2A Penelope and Martha B
- 2M Elliot and Scarlett
- 2W Zerah and Malachi
- 3A Treyvon and Sam
- 3M Amiya and Emir
- 3W Conan and Nina
- 4A Rafael and Renee
- 4M Myla and Zara
- 4W Finley and Billy
- 5A Joy and Julienne
- 5M Damien and Mary
- 5W Roshawn and Rochelle
- 6A Zach and Edith

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



Red Nose Day

This Friday, 24th March will be Red Nose Day. All our red noses at the office have now sold out.



Don't forget, children may wear Red on Friday for a £1 donation and after last year's success, we will again have a bake sale in the playground from 3.30 till 4.00. If children bring additional money for the cake sale, please ask them to keep it separate from the £1 donation.

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!

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.

Class Corner

All the children have been very busy working on their writing this week. We have been learning to write explanation texts based on the book we have been reading called 'How to Train Your Dragon'.



In RE we have been learning about the topic of justice within Christianity. We focussed on how Jesus demonstrated justice in the story of Cleansing the Temple.

The children have also learnt about the importance of mapping. We have been focussing on our geographical skills by reading maps and creating our own with a key including all the symbols.

Miss Uddin and Class 5 Wilson

SHINE and Achievement School

Just one session of SHINE and Achievement School left for this half term – this Saturday, 25th March. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay.

**SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT
SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring**

March 25th 2017

Next term SHINE will take place at Stoneydown Primary.

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.

Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is:

Faith

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:34

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PHOTO GALLERY



Science Week

Scientific experiments galore – from string telephones to sky high rockets. Ask your child to tell you about what exciting activities took place in their class last week!

Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Friday 24th March 2017</i>	<i>9.30 in Church - Easter Service Attlee and Morris Houses to attend</i> <i>Red Nose Day</i> <i>3.30 – PFA Cake Sale – see PFA Newsletter for further info</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).