



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 22nd May 2017



### Stars of the Week

### Head of School's Message:

It looks like summer has finally arrived. We have had some glorious weather already and the forecast is that it will be warming up this week. With rising temperatures, there are a few things to consider. Children do tend to take off their jumpers when it is hot. Can I ask you to ensure your child's name is clearly written in all clothing items. This will make it easier for us to return lost items when found. Secondly, we encourage children to wear a sun cap and carry a water bottle with them so they stay cool and hydrated throughout the day. We also recommend applying protective sun cream lotion before the children come to school.

Year six was slightly unfortunate with the weather last week when they were on their residential but I have heard that this did not affect their enjoyment in any way or form. I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 pupils for their outstanding attitude throughout the residential week – Mr. Lemouchi spoke very highly of you all.

I can't believe we are in the final week of the half term. I would like to thank you all for a fabulous term and wish you a fun and peaceful half term. We are looking forward welcoming you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for the final term of this academic year.

**Faye Rider**  
**Head of School**

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We met our target last week, achieving 96.86%. Our overall attendance figure for the academic year to date is 96.66%.

### Attendance Winner

Well done to 2Morris and 3 Attlee who both managed a magnificent 100% attendance last week.

### Punctuality Awards

Punctuality is on the up!! Five classes achieved 100% punctuality last week. A huge WELL DONE to Reception Morris who are keeping up their fantastic track record for a FOURTH week running! 2 Morris and 3 Attlee had good weeks overall, winning not only the attendance award, but had no lates either, and 4Morris and Reception Morris were all early birds too. Great news and well done everyone

Punctuality overall improved slightly, with 30 late marks but improvement could still be made. Last week of this half term, please make every effort to be here on time every day.

### Parent Prayer Group

It was lovely that some parents could join us for the Parent Prayer Group this week. It will now run fortnightly, commencing Wednesday 7th June. Full list of dates are outlined below. Please do consider joining us. It's a lovely way to get the day off to a calm, relaxed start.

Our Stars of the Week for last week were:  
6A were away on school journey and are all to be commended for their fantastic behaviour all week.

5A: Boluwatife and Rylie  
5M: Alfie and Vodie  
5W: Lucy and Mia  
4A: Nicole and Caleb  
4M: Jordi and Jasmine  
4W: Lolu and Billie  
3A: Taegan and Daisy  
3M: Pearl and Xavi  
3W: Chloe K and Nico  
2A: Jacob and Jenson  
2M: Dante and Elliot  
2W: Georgie, Rudy and Lilly D  
1A: Nicole and Bethel  
1M: Grace W and Ayla  
1W: Pene and Matty



### Pentecost

We hope that you will be able to join us for our Pentecost Services tomorrow, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> for Attlee and Morris Houses, and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, for Wilson houses. The service starts in Church at 9.45am but if you are able to accompany us on our walk there and back, please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you.

## **SHINE Summer Term**

This term SHINE will take place at St Saviours Primary on dates as follows:

<b>SUMMER TERM</b> <b>Venue: St Saviour's</b> <b>9.00am – 2.00pm</b>
HALF TERM
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July

No SHINE this weekend as it is half term.

### **Class Corner**

Here in Year One Morris our classroom is now full of growing things! As well as watching the new baby fish grow in the enormous tank in the corridor, we have just had some tadpoles move into our reading corner! This is an exciting new challenge for myself and the rest of IM as we're used to things wanting to stay in the tank as they grow up. Along with our topic with plants we are lucky enough to have some tomato plants growing on our windowsill – see if you can spot them from the playground! We have been learning all about the care that plants need to grow properly in our science lessons – we're currently taking a vote on where to plant these once they're ready to go outside as our lettuce plants didn't grow very well... We're putting our ideas on post its, so far they include: not planting them under the shade of the tree, digging the soil properly and being more efficient in our watering of them.  
**Mr Giez and IMorris**

### **Wedding Ring**

A wedding ring has been found, in the playground. There are initials and a date engraved on the inside of the ring. Please spread the word as we would love to reunite with its owner. Thank you.

## **Suntrap Half Term Activities**

Suntrap are running a range of activities over half term, which you may wish to take part in.

### **Tuesday 30th May - Animal Adventure**

Two and a half hours of animal based activities. Get up close and personal with our amazing Suntrap animals; fire salamanders, corn snakes and our bearded dragon. Be taken on an animal adventure into the forest, for a chance to find some amazing invertebrates and use a microscope to discover more. Suitable for ages 5 years and over only (under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult).

10am-12.30pm led by Suntrap staff (stay in the grounds for a picnic and stay until 2pm if accompanied by an adult). £12 per child (booking essential by email or phone).

### **Wednesday 31st May - Shelter building and tracking in Epping Forest**

Two and a half hours of forest based adventure. Suntrap staff will take you deep into the woodland where you can build a shelter which Ray Mears would be proud of! Use international tracking signs to set a trail for others to follow – will they find the treasure at the end?

Ages 5+ only (under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult). 10am-12.30pm (stay in the grounds for a picnic and stay until 2pm if accompanied by an adult) £12 per child (booking essential by email or phone)

### **Wednesday 31st - Squirrels Club**

Our monthly outdoor pre-school club, based on the highly successful Forest School model for 2-5 year olds and their carers. 10am-12.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month. £12 per session or £60 for 6 months (saving £12) - younger siblings go free (booking essential by email or phone)

**Drop-in event – no need to book** (Friday) Friday 2nd June - Family pond dipping. Drop-in session at our pond from 10am-1pm (£2pp) with grounds open until 3pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Cricket for Children** Please see attached to this e-mail a flyer from a local cricket club, looking for new players! Why not go along and give it a try.

### **Road Safety**

There have been a couple of near-misses with children and cars outside school over the last couple of weeks. Both drivers and pedestrians have a responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and take care of each other! Please reinforce road safety with your children, and drivers, please take additional care around school

### **After School Club**

May we just remind you that the school office opens at 8.30am and closes at 4.30pm and the main school phone will not be answered before or after these times. If your child is not attending school, you can leave a message on our answering service. 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.

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## ***Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017***

<b><i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</i></b>	<b><i>Attlee and Morris Houses in Church for Pentecost – 9.45am</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>	<b><i>Wilson Houses in Church for Pentecost – 9.45am</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – 5A Class Assembly 10.10 – 2W Class Assembly (Note this is a change of date) PFA AGM at Mirth, Marvel and Maud in Hoe Street, 8pm</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>	<b><i>School finishes for half term – normal end of school time</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>Return to school</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>Photographer in school for class groups, and individual pictures of Year 6 for their Leavers' Book</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – 4W Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.30 – End of Year Musical Show – Choir, Music Groups and Ukulele</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – 4M Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>PFA Family bike ride. Meet in playground at 9.30am.</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – 6A Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>Year 6 Bikeability Course</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 - Parent Prayer Group</i></b>
<b><i>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>PFA Camping Trip</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – 5M Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Year 4 5 and 6 End of Year Disco</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Summer Fair – further details to follow</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in church – further details TBA</i></b>

### **Summer Term 2017 - First Half (28 Days)**

**Start** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and **End** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at normal time

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

**Holidays** May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

**Second Half (33 Days)** - Start - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and End -Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 2pm

### **Term Dates 2017-2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017 - First Half (32 Days)**

**INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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).