



**Weekly Newsletter
Monday 12th March 2018**



Head's Message

Later this week, on Thursday and Friday, the children will be visiting the Walthamstow Cricket Ground to do their sponsored run in aid of the library bus. We are hoping that a fun time is had by all. Also, we are certainly hoping that we will be blessed with good weather, but should there be (a lot of) rain, we will either hold some of the runs in the playground instead (so that we are nearer to a dry place once finished!) or postpone the run and re-schedule it for a little later in the term. Hopefully none of that will be necessary though so that we can complete the runs by Friday afternoon when our last class goes, and the children can then begin the business of collecting their sponsor money (the last day for handing in being the last day of this term). As the children are going to be very active, it would be helpful if each child brought with them a water bottle on the day. I'd just like to re-iterate what was said last week by reminding parents to please not take their cars to the cricket ground (as we received complaints about parking at the summer sports day last year). Thank you.

As communicated last week, the runs this Thursday and Friday are taking place at the following times.

- YRec** - 9.00am on Thursday
- Y1** - 9.30am on Friday
- Y2** - 1.00pm on Friday
- Y3** - 2.00pm on Friday

- Y4** - 11.30am on Thursday
- Y5** - 10.30am on Thursday
- Y6** - 1.45am on Thursday

Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher

Attendance and Punctuality

Although we have seen off the bad weather, our punctuality last week was worse than when we had the snow! There were a total of 64 late marks which is too still too high. Please make a real effort to get here on time this week. Many late marks are just by a few minutes so please try to leave home just that five minutes earlier – it could make all the difference!

Class 2W had a bumper week last week, achieving not only the best attendance for the week, at 98.67%, but also managing to be the only class with everyone here on time every day. Well done to everyone in 2W.

Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Attendance improved greatly last week from the week before, but we are still short of our target at 94.95%. From September 2017 to last week, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.17%. There have been 1133 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

Library Bus Sponsored Run

We are all excited at the prospect of our forthcoming sponsored run in aid of our Library Bus. Everyone will take part, regardless of whether or not they have any sponsors. A paper copy of the sponsor form is available from the school office if the original has been lost.

School Gardening Club

Thank you to those of you who have put yourselves forward for our Gardening Club. There are still a couple of spaces left. Please contact the school office if you are interested in taking part.

Parents' Prayer Club

It's lovely to see some of our parents regularly attending Parent Prayer Club and we would be very happy to see some new faces at our next meeting on 22nd March. We would love you to join us starting the day with a reflection and a prayer. Please join us. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

SHINE

SHINE has now relocated to St Saviours and will continue for the rest of this term as follows:

SHINE SPRING TERM
St Mary's 9am – 2pm
AT ST SAVIOURS
Saturday 17th March (Trip)
Saturday 24th March

Year 6 Achievement school continues here at St Mary's.

Stars of the Week

Well done to our Stars of the Week for last week:

1A	Evan M & Angeline
1M	Kya & Mei
1W	Avis & Arlo
2A	Hailey & Annabelle
2M	Lorrian & Cameron
2W	Ruby & Love
3A	Shalom & Loana
3M	Zak & Natty
3W	Vela & Ishaq
4A	Wiktor & Doxa
4M	Aless & Aimee
4W	Nina & Chloe K
5A	Evie Skye & Elina
5M	Elliot & Ciena
5W	Genesis & Finley
6A	Romia & Kobie
6M	Tomlinson & Martin
6W	Katherine & Roshawn

Well done to each and every one of you. Keep up the good work!



Sport Relief

On Friday 23rd March, we will be supporting this year's Sport Relief by dressing up in sporting attire, or as your favourite sports personality. We would ask, if possible, for a contribution of £1. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing generosity for all causes we support in school.



Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Monday assemblies are split by Key Stages, while Fridays remain with Morris House in the School Hall, and Attlee and Wilson in the Gym.

Class Corner

4W are excited about performing at the Easter service. We have been practising a lot and are very excited about everyone seeing us. Also this term, we have been studying the ancient Mayan civilisation. We tasted a Mayan chocolate drink, which the class all thoroughly enjoyed! (Actually we did *not* – it did not taste good at all!)

Miss Atkins Lindo and 4 Wilson

Easter Activities

During Easter Holidays, LBWF run the ever popular **Easter Holiday Activity Programme**.

There are **FREE** exciting activities and events that are running in Waltham Forest throughout the Easter break. There really is something for everyone including amazing arts and crafts, dazzling dramatics and outdoor adventures! We have **FREE** family sessions for 5 to 11 year olds and 11 to 19 year olds (25 for children with SEND). This means that there is always something fun to do. For more information please visit

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter

Suntrap School Holiday Club - booking now for the Easter holidays

For children aged 8-12 years only (no adults allowed). Just £29 per day or all three days for £80. Drop off 10am, pick up 4pm. Six hours of fun!

Bring snacks & packed lunch. Wear old clothes ready for an outdoor adventure!

Enquire today. Call 0208508 0611 or drop us an email at suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk

Activities are:

BioBlitz Pokemon Adventure - Wednesday 3rd April

Become a wildlife explorer for the day, going on a scientific expedition gaining points for every animal you find and identify in the habitats of Epping Forest. Who can get the most points - now go catch 'em all!

Stone Age Warriors -

Thursday 4th April

Can you survive a day in Epping Forest during the Stone Age? Build shelters, light a fire, boil water, make a pot and make your own cave painting like a Stone Age Warrior.

Science Extraordinaire -

Friday 5th April

An active fun packed day of outdoor science experiments. Can you make your own ice cream, the most disgusting coloured slime and build a water rocket that travels high into the sky?

Useful Contacts

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Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 14 th March	3.45 – Maths Calculation Workshop
Thursday 15 th March	Class 4A Class assembly – 9.05 9.00-10.00 – Reception children to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run 10.30-11.30 – Year 5 children to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run 11.30-12.30 – Year 4 to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run 1.45-2.45 – Year 6 to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run
Friday 16 th March	9.30-10.30 – Year 1 to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run 1.00-2.00 – Year 2 to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run 2.00-3.00 – Year 3 to Cricket Ground for Sponsored Run
Thursday 22 nd March	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club
Friday 23 rd March	Year 5 to Science Museum Sports Relief Day - £1 contribution to dress up as your favourite sports personality, or in sporting attire.
Monday 26 th March	9.30 – Attlee Houses to Church for Easter Service 2.00 – Morris Houses to Church for Easter Service
Tuesday 27 th March	9.30 – Wilson Houses to Church for Eater Service
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter Holiday – 2pm close
Monday 16 th April	School returns for Summer Term

Term Dates 2018

Second Half Spring Term (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 Summer Term (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4th June 2018

End – Friday 20th July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days for the school year (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).