



**Weekly Newsletter  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**



### Head's Message

This week at St Mary's we are celebrating art with a series of activities devoted to the subject. This year's 'Art Week' will see our children take inspiration from well-known artists as they learn about their lives and artistic techniques. The children will create their own artistic masterpieces that will then be exhibited in the gym at 2pm on the final day of term. Each class will have their own section of wall space and the gym will be transformed into an art gallery for the afternoon. Parents are of course encouraged to come and visit the exhibition after children are picked up on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also taking place this week are three church services at St Mary's, one for each house - Attlee, Morris and Wilson. Some of our older classes have prepared dramatic re-tellings of the Easter story and will help to remind us of the most significant events. We hope you can join us for these services too.

Meanwhile, sponsor money is pouring in following the completion of the last year group run in the playground. The children have been asked to collect sponsor money and return it to school by the last day of term. If you were one of the many parents that attended the runs over the last fortnight, you'll know what fun the children had doing their laps of the playground; they showed great determination and endurance in trying to match the targets they had set themselves and were utterly exhausted come the end. Lessons that followed the runs were reported as being unusually quiet affairs!

We'd like to thank everyone involved in the event, including the many parents that ran with their children.

This Easter we say goodbye to three members of our staff. Mrs Tracey D'Vaz has served St Mary's fantastically in her 8 years with us and all of the many children and families that have been supported by her since 2010 will know just what a great contribution she has made to the pastoral side of the school. Mrs D'Vaz, in her role as learning mentor and family support worker, has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for children and families at St Mary's and has developed extremely positive relationships with everyone she has engaged with. The whole school community will, I am sure, join with me in wishing her well for the future and hoping that she very much enjoys her new challenge.

Mr Joe Cladingboel also leaves us this Easter - he is joining a school much nearer to where he lives in Bishop's Stortford; the children that have been taught by him will always remember him extremely fondly, as will parents and staff. Ms Leanna Brown moves on to pastures new this Easter as well; she has proved very popular in her time at St Mary's and her dedication and excellent contribution to life at the school will not be forgotten by the children she taught and the staff who worked alongside her.

I would like to thank all three staff for their industry and passion, and hope that they enjoy the next stage in their careers.

**Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher**

### 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 after Easter on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. 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 finished for the Spring term. After our Easter Holiday, SHINE remains at St Saviours as follows:

Saturday 21st April  
Saturday 28th April  
Saturday 12th May  
Saturday 19th May

### HALF TERM

Saturday 16th June  
Saturday 23rd June  
Saturday 30th June  
Saturday 7th July  
Saturday 14th July

Payment of £13.50 for the Summer Term will be due after the Easter holiday.

Year 6 Achievement school continues here at St Mary's from 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## Stars of the Week

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

- 1A Dominik & Tahlia
- 1M Zuzanna & Freddie
- 1W Arlo & Kasie
- 2A Kiki & Scarlett
- 2M Ayla & Milo
- 2W Tate & Theo
- 3A Mudassar & Jacob
- 3M Whole Class
- 3W Betsy & Ida
- 4A Kayode & Olivia L
- 4M Donte & Lily
- 4W Najeh & Zakiyyah
- 5A Year 5 were all out at the Science Museum so
- 5M no awards given this week
- 5W
- 6A Livia & Marcus
- 6M Leonie & Maya
- 6W Mabel & Daniella

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



## Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sport Relief event on Friday. We raised a magnificent £290 for a great cause.



## Library Bus Sponsored Run

Amazing effort from everyone, as already mentioned by Mr O'Brien. If you can manage to send in sponsorship money before we break up on Thursday that would be great. If you need to collect from your sponsors over the Easter break, money will of course be accepted the first week back.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality is improving week on week with 48 late marks! Obviously our target is for everyone to be here on time every day. The spring sunshine always helps with getting up and out in the mornings, so hopefully we will see an improvement in the Summer Term.

Class 6A achieved the best attendance last week, with an almost perfect 99.23%. Well done to RA, RW, 1A, 1M, 2M, and 6W who all had a perfect punctuality record with everyone here on time every day.

## Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Attendance last week fell below our target at 95.13%.

From September 2017 to last week, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.16%. There have been 1237 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

## Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Monday assemblies continue to be split by Key Stages, while Fridays remain split by Houses. After the Easter break, it will be all change for Friday's with Wilson House in the School Hall, and Attlee and Morris houses in the Gym.

## Finance Matters

Please could everyone take the opportunity over the Easter break to have a look at your ParentPay account and bring any arrears up to date.

An extra reminder for Year 6 that the full amount for the residential trip in June is due now. Many thanks.

## Class Corner

5M have been discussing the Easter Story in our RE sessions this term. The class have formed arguments in debates surrounding who might be the least responsible for Jesus' death on the cross, before he was resurrected. They have also been preparing for their Easter play - well done for working so hard to put on an amazing show!

## Miss Asare and 5 Morris

## 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](mailto:suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Activities are:

## BioBlitz Pokemon Adventure – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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?

### 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](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter)

### After School Clubs

Don't forget there are no after school activity clubs this week. Breakfast and after school club run as usual, but of course there is no Tea Time club on Thursday, as we finish at 2pm.

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### Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2018

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30 – Attlee Houses to Church for Easter Service</b> <b>2.00 – Morris Houses to Church for Easter Service</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.30 – Wilson Houses to Church for Easter Service</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School closes for Easter Holiday – 2pm close</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School returns for Summer Term</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Year 4 Attlee and 4 Wilson begin swimming lessons</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>SHINE returns at St Saviours</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3.30 - EYFS Literacy Workshop for Parents</b>

### [Term Dates 2018](#)

#### Second Half Spring Term (29 Days)

Start – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

End – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)

Start – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

End – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (during Half Term)

#### Second Half Summer Term (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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