



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



### **Head's Message**

The summer term has arrived and, thankfully, brought some sunshine; long may it continue! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Easter and, like us, are looking forward to a new term filled with lots of exciting learning and events.

Today you will receive a copy of your child's curriculum letter outlining all the broad themes of learning that will be explored in the next three months. A 'WOW Day' next Monday will be one of the first big school events of the term, with children invited to dress in-keeping with their new topic: whether it is the Vikings or the Egyptians, Florence Nightingale or even one of the world's seven natural wonders! I look forward to the school undergoing another dazzling transformation.

On a literary front, the children will all study new high-quality fiction texts this half-term and this will in turn inspire their own compositions. Among some of the classic texts inspiring our young minds this term will be *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'* and *'The Iron Man'*, with more contemporary classics like *'Kensuke's Kingdom'* and *'Cosmic'* showing off the very best of more modern fiction. Children at St Mary's love reading and having read all of the books above myself, I know that they are in for a treat!

It was wonderful to see so many parents come to the Art Week exhibition on the last day of term - the gym was absolutely packed! The children excelled themselves and were very proud of their work (see pictures above). It was a delight to see the

children both getting the chance to learn about the life and work of a famous artist and also getting the chance to deploy some of the techniques that the artist used in their own creations; we had recreations of pointillism, surrealist collage and Picasso-esque pastel drawings, amongst many other styles and interpretations. We will use some of the pieces to create a more long-term display of Art Week work in one of the school corridors so it can be admired for a little longer. The Art Week exhibition will become a regular (and no doubt very popular) feature of the St Mary's annual calendar.

The Easter services seem a long time ago now, but I would like to thank parents for attending the various Easter services at St Mary's church in such high numbers. I am sure those in attendance would agree that the Year 4 and 5 classes entertained us wonderfully with their dramatic recreations of the Easter story, and helped to make the services so memorable. The Attlee performances were made more challenging by the technical difficulties we experienced with the sound system, but they carried on admirably with determination and aplomb.

The themes for the assemblies this fortnight are respect and wisdom. The infant classes will be drawing inspiration from Luke (6:31) where we read, *'Do to others as you would*

*have them do to you'*. Meanwhile, the juniors will be inspired by James (1:5), *'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you'*. Next week, for the infants and juniors, the two themes will swap over.

**Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher**

### **Parents' Prayer Club**

We would love you to join us starting the day with a reflection and a prayer at our Parents' Prayer Club this Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

### **SHINE**

SHINE remains at St Saviours for the Summer Term, starting this Saturday, as follows:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**HALF TERM**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

In the last week of term, there were no Stars of the Week awarded, as we presented our Spring Star of the Term awards. A huge well done to:

RA	Ted and Evie-Jean
RM	Lebron and Eden
RW	Arthur and Omega
1A	Shaka and Annabelle
1M	Missy and Freddie
1W	Nathan and Elle
2A	Toby and Alex
2M	Ellie J and Joseph
2W	Bianka and Pavel
3A	Joshua and Lola
3M	Alyssa and Ali Efe
3W	Krystian and Reniah
4A	Jacob and Shakera
4M	Aless and Gabriel
4W	Fraser and Charlotte
5A	Kimberley and Alfie
5M	Theo and Ciena
5W	Laurie and Finley
6A	Kobie and Romia
6M	Arissa and Jacob
6W	Ethan and Mia

Huge congratulations to you all – you had a great term.



## Library Bus Sponsored Run

Thank you to everyone who has already collected up and sent in their sponsor money. You have all been amazing and we have collected somewhere in the region of £4000 and more money has been sent in to school today. If you have any money outstanding, we would be grateful if you could send it in this week. Many thanks.

## After School Clubs

A letter will be sent by ParentMail this week, asking you to re-select clubs for your children for the Summer Term, which will run until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Initially children will be allocated just one club each (unless your child has been invited to particular clubs). We anticipate that clubs will begin again next week and payment of £11 will be due for any club your child has been allocated to.

## Attendance and Punctuality

In the week before the Easter Break, punctuality fell below our expected standards and there were 100 late marks across the school. Being punctual is an important life skill and being late can become a habit. The start of each school day is so important for your child and even five minutes lateness every day across a week can have a detrimental effect on your child's learning. Across a school year,

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late = 6 days lost!

15 minutes late = 9 days lost!

20 minutes late = 12 days lost!, and

30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to arrive on time every day.

Class 6A achieved the best attendance for the second week running, and went a step better with a perfect 100%. Well done to 1A and 6A who 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 before the holiday last week fell below our target at 94.10%.

From September 2017 to last week, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.18%. There have been 1333 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. This term it is all change for Friday's with **Wilson House** in the School Hall, and **Attlee and Morris** houses in the Gym.

## Class Corner

5W have returned to school refreshed and raring to go after the Easter break and boy did we need it! The Easter term was very busy for us – We had the responsibility of an all singing, all dancing performance of the Easter story. After many rehearsals, we performed beautifully which made our teachers and parents very proud. We also created some art work based on our new science topic, space. This was also accompanied by a trip to the science museum where we were able to explore lots of different things. In literacy, we are beginning to read Kensuke's Kingdom, a story about a boy who becomes stranded on a desert Island. We've had lots of fun imagining what it would be like if this happened to us. We are looking forward to the last term in year 5 and all the new things we're going to learn.

*Mrs Barrett-Horbury and Y5 Wilson*

## National Writing Competiton

Alongside this newsletter, you will have received details of a writing competition that children may wish to enter. Full details are contained in the flyer but entries should be made directly to this address: [www.explorelearning.co.uk/National-young-writers-awards](http://www.explorelearning.co.uk/National-young-writers-awards) and not directly to school. Closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## Useful Contacts

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499  
Nursery: [stmarysnursery.net](http://stmarysnursery.net)  
Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

### **Free On-Line Safety Workshop**

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? The **NSPCC** and **O2** are **running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online**. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult –build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place at **3:45pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP by responding to [school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk)

### **Congratulations**

Huge congratulations to Charlotte in Year 5. Charlotte participated in an Earth Promise campaign run by the First News group of newspapers, which is a paper specifically produced for children. Charlotte's comments impressed the panel and her quote was published in the last edition of the paper. Charlotte's pledge was "I will recycle, go green and go local". Well done Charlotte - we are all very proud to see your name in print!

### **Dinner Money**

For those of you who prefer to pay dinner money on a half-termly basis, the amount due from now until the May half term break is £62.64.

### **Parking Public Meeting**

There has been a public meeting arranged with the election candidates for the forthcoming local elections about the Waltham Forest parking issues and road closures. The meeting is due to take place **THIS THURSDAY, 19th APRIL** at WFIA Grove Road Hall at 7pm.

If you have concerns about local parking and road closures, and would like to be heard, it is a great opportunity to hear what the local prospective councillors have to say.

This is certainly an issue that affects us here in Brooke Road, so some parental support would be much appreciated.

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

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School returns for Summer Term</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 Achievement School for Year 6 at St Mary's</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>WOW day for all year groups (except Year 6) Parent Workshop – Geography</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Year 4 Attlee and 4 Wilson begin swimming lessons</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3.30 – EYFS Literacy Workshop for Parents</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Parent Workshop - Music</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 4M and 2W</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Class Assembly for 4W 3.45 – Online Safety Workshop</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 5A</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> -May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>HALF TERM BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

### Term Dates 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).

#### **Autumn Term 2018 First Half (32 Days)**

**INSET – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Start – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

End – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**INSET – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

#### **Second Half (39 Days)**

Start – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

End – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Holidays: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**