



**Weekly Newsletter**

**Monday 23rd April 2018**



### Head's Message

The coming few weeks are very important ones in the life of the school, with various yeargroups undergoing statutory assessments. Our Year 6 will take a series of 'Standardised Attainment Tests' (SATs) in the week beginning 14th May and they are currently refining their understanding and knowledge in preparation for them. The attitude the Y6s have shown this year has been excellent and they will be able to approach the tests with great confidence, knowing that they have the skills to give as good an account of themselves as possible. The SATs record how ready a pupil is for secondary school where, in order to access the curriculum, they will need core skills as well as a wider set of abilities and personal qualities. Once a few first-test nerves are settled, Y6 children tend to take the tests in their stride and find that the week goes by in flash; I'm sure that this will be the case again.

A week after the Y6 SATs, it is the turn of Y2 to take some SATs, and the yeargroup are set to perform very well. In a recent set of assessments, the Y2 children demonstrated what a great year they are having and their teachers are confident that they will both do well and tackle the tests with a smile on their face. Y1 also get in on the statutory assessment act after half-term, when they are asked to read 40 words in the Phonics Screening Test; this test requires the Y1s to read a mixture of real and made-up words, and as it is done one-to-one with an adult, the child will not really register

the fact that they are being tested at all!

Next door, also in June, our youngest children in YRec will be assessed using the 'Foundation Stage Profile' in a range of aspects, including personal, social, and emotional development, in addition to core subjects like early reading, writing and maths. The youngest ones are assessed in a different way than the other older yeargroups in that for the majority of the assessments the evidence has to come from where the child has initiated activity, not where an adult has initiated – this makes the art of assessing Reception children a more lengthy, but ultimately very rewarding activity!

Some parents might have read in the press that there will be a new statutory test next year; this will come in the form of a times-tables test for Y4 pupils. St Mary's has always ensured that children know their times-tables so this extra test will not faze our Y4s!

In order to track the progress of pupils as they pass through the school we assess their progress on a termly basis and have recently completed checks of all yeargroups, including the years *not* subject to a statutory assessment this year: Y3, Y4 & Y5. The development of the pupils in 17-18 so far has been very strong and the vast majority of children are due to meet their challenging but achievable end of year targets. Where children need support in meeting those targets,

steps already have been, or are being, taken to support them.

*Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher*

### Parents' Prayer Club

It was great to see a few new faces at our last Parents' Prayer Club, and it would be lovely to see a few more at our next meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 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, as follows:

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 is now due.

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

### Stars of the Week

Our first Stars of the Week of the Summer term had a great first week back!

1A	Isaac & Mariella
1M	Aaron & Ellie
1W	Violet & Charles
2A	Franklin & Jamie
2M	Nusayba & Shreya
2W	Maya & Kiyanna
3A	Audrey & Imogen
3M	Whole Class
3W	Sharon & Dillion
4A	Marc & Max
4M	Eliza & Arlo
4W	Phoebe & Aaron
5A	Luke, Rafael & Evie Smith
5M	De'Andre & Layla
5W	Ysrael & Mataya
6A	Jaydan & Mila
6M	Cory & Deborah
6W	Kieram & Katherine

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



### Library Bus Sponsored Run

We are still unable to give you a final figure for money collected from our sponsored run, as money is still trickling in but we currently have just about the £5000 mark which is amazing. Thank to everyone for your support. If you still have any money to send in, please do so by the end of this week. Thank you.

### 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.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality was so much better in the first week of the Summer Term, although it could still be better. 40 children received a late mark. 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.

Reception Attlee led the way for attendance, with a perfect 100%. Well done to 1A and 6A who had a perfect punctuality record with everyone here on time every day, as they were in the week before the Easter holiday too. They were joined this week by RW, 1W, 3M, 4W and 6W. Well done everyone.

### Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Attendance last week was just a tiny bit short of that target, at 95.96%.

From September 2017 to last week, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.17%. There have been 1373 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

### Class Corner

6A have been working extremely hard in class. They are busy preparing for their long awaited SATs. We have also been developing our fielding and ball skills in cricket and have started our 'walk to Haiti'. In R.E. we have just started our new topic on the Holy Spirit. In ICT we are researching and carrying out discussions on how to stay safe online which is really important as we all move on to secondary school in September.

*Ms Neville and 6 Attlee*

### National Writing Competition ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL CLOSING DATE!!

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 the address below: [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.

### School Issues

May I just remind you that if there are any issues or concerns you have around your child, your first point of contact should be with your child's class teacher. If the issue remains unresolved, you should then contact the phase leader:

- Mrs Matthews, Y2/3
- Mrs Zaman, Y5/6
- Miss Cherry, Y1/4

Normally, if you are unable to resolve the issue after these two stages, Mr Lemouchi or Mr O'Brien would become involved.

Mr O'Brien is, however, always available for the Headteacher drop in on Tuesday mornings from 9.00-10.00am.

Please contact the school office if you wish to make an appointment to see any of the Senior Leadership Team as mentioned above.

### **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)

### **Dinner Money**

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

### **Hackney Half Marathon**

On May 20th Mr O'Driscoll, Mr Giez, Ms Kreft, Ms Myers and Miss John will be running the Hackney Half-marathon to raise money for Crohn's and Colitis UK. We would greatly appreciate any donations you could make for this good cause and to encourage them to finish the race!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fedrunners2018>

Thank you for your support.

### **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)

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

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Attlee and 4 Wilson begin swimming lessons
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30 – EYFS Literacy Workshop for Parents
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Workshop - Music
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 4M and 2W
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Assembly for 4W 3.45 – Online Safety Workshop
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to National Gallery
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 5A
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Trip to British Museum
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**