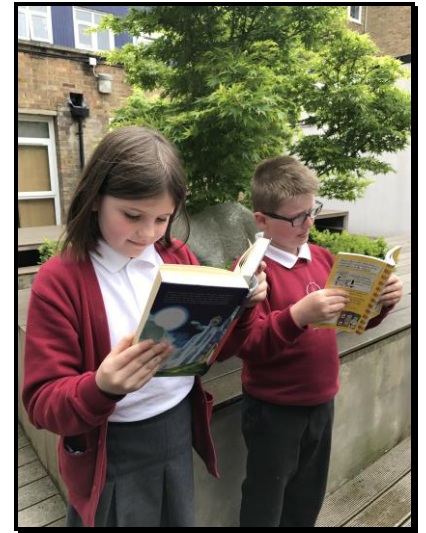




Weekly Newsletter

Monday 30th April 2018



Head's Message

At St Mary's we understand how important it is that children get a good, nutritious meal at lunchtimes that positively contributes to their healthy lifestyle. With this in mind, we would like to let parents know that, following their success in the recent tendering process, *Olive Dining* will be our new caterers from 4th June.

Olive Dining greatly impressed pupils, parents and staff with the quality of their food in our very rigorous selection process and deservedly won the catering contract for the three schools in the trust.

All of *Olive Dining's* food is handmade daily from fresh ingredients without the use of any preservatives or additives. The company provide a varied menu reflecting different cultures and food trends. Menus for the 3-week rotation are attached to this letter for pupils and parents to peruse.

The price of a meal will rise slightly to £2.20 from £2.16. We think that the marked difference in the quality of food and service provided in future by *Olive Dining* will justify the slightly higher price. Parents wishing to know a little more about the company can find information at the following web address: www.olivedining.co.uk/

We will of course monitor the standard of food being provided by the new company once they have begun their contract at St Mary's, and very much look forward to welcoming them to the school in June.

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 this Thursday 3rd May. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

SHINE

There will be no SHINE this Saturday. It will continue at St Saviours for the Summer Term, as follows:

Saturday 5th May – NO SHINE

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 is now due.

Class Corner

Year 6 Morris have been working incredibly hard this term, showing such a great attitude to their work, and I want to thank them for their amazing efforts all year! The children in year 6 have enjoyed reading 'Ice Trap' and have been writing some very descriptive pieces using a range of figurative language brilliantly. As well as this, all the children in the class - and the school - have been taking part in the walk to Haiti to raise money for an Earthquake-proof house. Once we have clocked up enough miles to get us there, we will be fundraising for the house!

Mr O'Driscoll and 6 Morris

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.

Y6 Achievement School

Year 6 A.S. continues here at St Mary's and this Saturday 5th May will be the last one for this school year!

Stars of the Week

Well done to our Stars of the week who were presented with their award on Friday in assembly:

1A	Hector & Clara
1M	Zuzanna & Brody
1W	Elijah & Gabriella
2A	Angelo & Dylan
2M	Leandre & Grace A
2W	William & Natasha
3A	Kieron & Malukah
3M	Lily & Ali Efe
3W	Jack & Viki
4A	Isa & Naya
4M	Alessandra & Dhaham
4W	Olivia & Conan
5A	Alfie & Renee
5M	Mabel & Julian
5W	Zach & Billie
6A	Damali & Syliva
6M	Damien & Nana
6W	Ethan & Mia

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! Thanks 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 hugely improved last week so thank you to everyone who made an extra effort to be here on time. There were 29 late marks – getting much closer to our target of 0!

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.

Well done to all the superstars in 1W. They had the best attendance this week with 99.67% and also had everyone here on time every day. Fantastic punctuality too from RA, RW, 1A, 1M, 3W, 4W, 5W, and 6M who also had amazing punctuality and had no late marks. Well done everyone!

Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. and finally last week we exceeded that target with attendance at 97.39%. The bit of sunshine we had obviously did everyone the world of good shame its gone again today!

From September 2017 to last week, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.21%. There have been 1402 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

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 10th May**. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP by responding to school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk

Request for donations

Please could we ask that parents of children in Reception and KS1 send in a spare pair of pants, tights and/or socks and trousers to be kept in their child's PE bag in case of toilet accidents. Along the same lines, if your child has outgrown any tights and trousers or if you would like to donate any underwear, we would be very grateful. Many thanks.

Useful Contacts

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499
Nursery: stmarysnursery.net
Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2018

Thursday 3 rd May	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 4M and 2W
Monday 7 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 10 th May	Class Assembly for 4W 3.45 – Online Safety Workshop
Friday 11 th May	Year 4 Trip to National Gallery
Monday 14 th -Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 17 th May	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 5M (Note this is a change – was originally 5A)
Friday 18 th May	Year 3 Trip to British Museum
Thursday 24 th May	Class Assembly for 5A (Note this is a change – was originally to take place on 17 th May)
Monday 28 th -May to Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

Term Dates 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).

Autumn Term 2018 First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September 2018

Start – Wednesday 5th September 2018

End – Thursday 18th October 2018

INSET – Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018

Second Half (39 Days)

Start – Monday 29th October 2018

End – Thursday 20th December 2018

Holidays: Friday 21st December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2018