



**Newsletter**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



### Headteacher's News

I hope that those parents that were able to attend the new caterer's presentations on Friday found them useful. We are very optimistic that **The Pantry** will be the caterer that we have been looking for – the extra choice that they offer and the greater flexibility for parents is something that we hope proves popular. Meanwhile, still on the food front, following Parent Council feedback in December, we have adjusted the Tea Time Club menu. The food offered at **Tea Time Club** is always intended to be a snack rather than a main evening meal but we have changed the following items: pasta was apparently popular, so that is offered twice a week now; vegetables are offered every evening now alongside the main snack; hot dogs and burgers have been removed (with healthier options like beans on toast replacing them); desserts are much healthier; and sandwiches are offered on two days now. Chicken dippers are still offered once a week as they are so popular and are balanced out by the other lower calorie food offered on other days. The overall package is healthier now and we hope that the children respond well to the menu.

The value for this week is **Wisdom** and we will be taking inspiration from John 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."* In the last few weeks we have been revisiting our school vision and with this in mind we asked the children what they wanted to see included; they overwhelmingly chose a quote from the bible about God's love and how we should in turn love each other – in-keeping with the week's value, a very good and, I think, *wise* choice.

We have had lots of fantastic **science symposium competition entries** in the last few days, including the excellent ones on page 2 of this newsletter. The Symposium takes place this Friday after school in the hall and neighbouring rooms near the Reception area. Again, see page 2 for more information.

Thank you to all those parents who completed the **annual GDPR form** at the parents' evening – any parents who have not completed it will be requested to very soon so that we are clear about every parent's wishes regarding information held on them and their child.

Please note that we have **changed our school e-mail address**. Please address future correspondence to:  
**st-marys-school@genesistrust.net**

*Matt O'Brien*  
*Head Teacher*

### School Meals

Representatives from The Pantry visited our Parents' Evening last week, and also gave two presentations on Friday. In these sessions, **The Pantry** were able to gather some information that they require from parents. Because not all parents could attend, The Pantry has asked us to send them a list of up to date **parent e-mail addresses**. Your child brought home a form yesterday which we would be grateful if you could return by tomorrow, giving permission for us to share your e-mail address with The Pantry. Please be aware, all **lunch money arrears** will need to be cleared by the end of this week. Any child who still has arrears on their account by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** will need to bring a packed lunch to school as we will not be able to provide a meal with the new provider if there are arrears showing on your account. Thank you.

## Science Symposium

Don't forget our forthcoming **Science Symposium** which will take place after school on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. We are excited about what is sure to be a great event, and hope that children have enjoyed working on their science project at home. These projects will be displayed on the day of the event and will be judged by a team of scientists. **Winners will receive amazing scientific prizes!** This competition was announced to the children before Christmas and a letter with instructions was sent home. **The deadline for the project is today, 28<sup>th</sup> January.**



Please note – there will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS** on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> due to the Symposium. Tea Time Club however continues as usual.

## Quiz Night - 7<sup>th</sup> March

You are invited to a **quiz night** with fish & chip supper on Sat 7 March, 6-9pm, at Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Rd, E17 4EY. Tickets are £10 per person, including fish & chips, sausage & chips or veggie sausage & chips. Teams of a maximum of 8 people. Licensed bar



plus and raffle with prizes including a Butlins holiday for 4 and tickets for Elton John or Queen & Adam Lambert at the O2. This fundraiser is to support 7 teenagers from **St Mary's Church youth group**, all ex-St Mary's pupils, going to Mexico to build a house for a family in poverty this summer. Contact Jen Powell (parent of Beth in 5W) at [jenlockley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jenlockley@yahoo.co.uk) for more info or to buy tickets.

## Class Corner – Reception Morris

**Reception Morris** had a busy week last week helping the Billy Goats Gruff to cross the river and get away from the smelly, horrible troll! The children have loved working collaboratively to build bridges using a range of materials, explaining why they have chosen those materials. They have loved re-telling the story using masks in our lovely story garden and we even invited the troll to a special party!

In their maths learning, the children have been thoroughly enjoying learning about capacity and filling different containers to show if they are full, half full or empty. Well done Reception Morris!



## Stars of the Week



Well done to the following pupils who were presented with their Star of the Week award in assembly last Friday:

1 Attlee	Rafee	1 Morris	Sophia	1 Wilson	Alexus
2 Attlee	Samson	2 Morris	Mylo	2 Wilson	Nikola
3 Attlee	Mariela	3 Morris	Whole Class	3 Wilson	Kasie
4 Attlee	Noah	4 Morris	Ipheideiah	4 Wilson	Amanda
5 Attlee	Audrey	5 Morris	Jermaine	5 Wilson	Reniah
6 Attlee	Rhys	6 Morris	Soloman	6 Wilson	Klaudia

Congratulations everyone!

## Finance Matters

Please could we ask that you take a look at your ParentPay account and pay any outstanding balances. For those parents who prefer to pay for school lunches on a half termly basis, the amount due up to February half term would be £63.80.

## Parental Communication

We have just recently started to utilise a text messaging service, and will use it to send out any head-bump or general messages to the school community. Messages are limited to 160 characters so may often be short and sweet! You will still continue to receive messages, letters, newsletters via ParentMail. Please remember that it is very important that you keep us updated as to changes in phone numbers and email addresses etc.

## Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.08% and last week, we exceeded that target at 96.17%. Well done to 1Wilson who had 100% attendance, the first class to do so this year, and also to 3 Morris who had perfect attendance and no late marks.

## Coffee Mornings on Mondays at 8.40am

Parents are invited to join together and meet for a coffee every Monday, starting at 8.40am and ending at 9.00am. If you would like to join us, coffee will be served in the gym. Some parents may then like to stay at 9.00am to watch the Y1-3 gym assembly or Y4-6 hall one, both of which end at 9.25am. Only one parent attended this morning. Parents have asked for an opportunity to meet so we would love a few more of you to join us.

## Friday Assembly

This term, Attlee Houses will have their Friday assembly in the school hall and Wilson and Morris Houses will be in the gym. This is a change to the arrangement for last term.

### Parent Workshops

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend.

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Science
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	History Projects
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 <sup>rd</sup> March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Writing
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Values and Growth Mindset

### Dates for your Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Year 6 Fashion show in the gym – 2.15-3pm – Parents very welcome</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Parent Consultation Evening for 6-Morris and Y4-Attlee only 3.45 to 7pm</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	<i>Science Symposium in Gym – all parents invited. No after school activity clubs on this day – Tea time Club continues as usual</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<i>New Caterers "The Pantry" to start</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>4 Morris Class Assembly @ 9am</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>9.30am – Morris House to Church for Candlemas Service 2pm – Attlee House to Church for Candlemas Service Class 2 Wilson Trip to Sutton House (Details to follow)</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>9.30am – Wilson House to Church for Candlemas Service Class 2 Attlee Trip to Sutton House (Details to follow)</i>
12 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Class 2 Morris Trip to Sutton House (Details to follow)</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>4 Wilson Class Assembly @ 9am</i>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>School Closes for Half Term break – usual finish time – <u>not 2pm</u></i>



Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May](#).

### Useful Contacts

Address: Brooke Road, Walthamstow, E17 9HJ

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499

Nursery: stmarysnursery.net

Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

### General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows: **Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE **Email:** dataservices@judicium

### Dates for 2019-2020

#### Spring Term 2020

**First half (29 days)**

**INSET - Monday 6th January 2020**

**Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020**

**End – Friday 14th February 2020**

**Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020**

**Second Half (30 days)**

**Start – Monday 24th February 2020**

**End – Friday 3d April 2020**

**Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020**

#### Summer Term 2020

**First Half (24 days)**

**Start - Monday 20 April 2020**

**End Friday 22nd May**

**Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)**

**Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020**

**NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Second Half (35days)**

**Start – Monday 1st June**

**Finish Friday 17th July**

**This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.**