



Weekly Newsletter 31st October 2019

Headteacher's News

Welcome back! Before the break, we had what appeared to us to be a very successful pair of **parent/teacher interview evenings**; we hope you found them useful and feel informed about how your child is progressing and what they will be focusing on for this new half-term. Thank you very much if you were one of the 219 parents that completed the **questionnaire** while you waited for your appointment - the feedback from it will be very useful in helping us to further improve. Given that around half the parents have more than one child at the school, the questionnaires will have included over 350 children's parents which is a huge section of the school so we feel we will have got a representative snapshot of views about our effectiveness. Overall, of those that expressed a view either way, 96% of parents said their child enjoyed school; 97% said their child was making good progress because teaching was good; and 98% said their child was well cared for at St Mary's. Another really good source of feedback for the school is the Parent Council who meet with senior leaders each half-term; meetings will continue this term and I am sure that lots of good ideas and constructive feedback from the Parent Council will give us lots of valuable information that will support us to further improve.

Also before half-term, two of our first **class assemblies** of the year took place with Y3A and Y5M taking centre stage. Today, Y6A informed the children and their parents of the danger presented to the world community by the excessive use of plastic – their class assembly launched their environmental themed topic work for the rest of the term. Lots of parents attend our class assemblies and the children enjoy showing off their new learning. Over the course of the year all classes will take their turn to lead a class assembly. Please keep an eye out for your child's class in the Dates for Your Diary section.

Matt O'Brien
Headteacher

Imperial War Museum and William Morris Gallery Trips

Y6 recently visited the **Imperial War Museum** as part of their history topic where they were able to see various 2WW exhibits including tanks, war planes and weaponry from the period. The children then drew upon their experiences to make their own videos about the 2WW sharing their knowledge of the conflict for others to learn from. While at the museum they were able to see first-hand some of the original propaganda posters that they had reproductions of back at school on their classroom wall.



Y5 also were on their travels recently as they explored the **William Morris Gallery**. They were met by an expert in all things William Morris and told about the artist's life and inspiration for his famous heavily-patterned works. The children looked at William Morris classics in the gallery and got the chance to do some block printing as well – just as William Morris would have created many of his masterpieces in days gone by.



School Uniform

School uniform can be bought from the Victoria 2 School shop (near McDonald's on Hoe Street) or ordered on line via Mapac. If you order on line, uniform is delivered to school. May we also remind you that coloured trainers do not form part of our school uniform. Please can children wear sensible, black shoes. Thank you.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. No class has 100% attendance in the last week of the first half of autumn term, but 3 Morris had the best attendance with 98.77%. Attendance overall this year has been 96.3%.

Reception Intake September 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between October and 15th January 2020 for admission in September 2020. We have a series of Open Days/Evenings as follows:

Saturday 16th November at 9.30am

Monday 9th December at 6pm

Monday 13th January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.20 per day, which is £11.00 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £88.00. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

If your child has packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include cakes, sweets, biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either please. Thank you.

Finance Matters

May we remind parents about some payment items that might require attention on ParentPay. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have two items - £10 for the book deposit, and £20 for the Panto. Year 6 also have a £50 deposit to pay for the summer residential trip. The KS1 Panto has also just been added to ParentPay and a payment of £2.50 per child is now due from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please could we ask that if you have not already done so, payment is made to these items at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

Flu Vaccination

We will be having a visit from the School Nursing Service on **Wednesday 27th November** for the administration of the Nasal Flu Spray. The vaccination will be offered to every child from reception through to Year 6. A flu consent letter will be sent home later this week, which needs to be returned to us by **Wednesday 20th November**. Public Health England wants **100%** return on these forms so even if you do not wish your child to have the spray, we need that in writing on record. Contact details for Public Health England are on the consent pack so if you do have any questions about the spray you are welcome to get in touch with them.

The attached link to a child friendly short video, which can be found on You-Tube gives some helpful tips and information regarding the Flu Spray. <https://youtu.be/1jHWwm8NQUw>

Save the Date!

St Mary's PFA Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 12-3pm in the hall & gym

All welcome!!

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. Workshops start tomorrow and we hope to see you there.

Wednesday 13th November	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 19 th November	Cyber Safety
Tuesday 26 th November	EYFS Homework
Tuesday 3 rd December	Homework
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Stories
Tuesday 14 th January	Fabulous Phonics
Tuesday 21 st January	Magic Maths
Tuesday 28 th January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4 th February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11 th February	Science
Tuesday 3 rd March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10 th March	History Projects
Tuesday 17 th March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 rd March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 th April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 th May	Writing
Tuesday 19 th May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 nd June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 th June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 th June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Values and Growth Mindset

Diary Dates

<i>Monday 4th November</i>	<i>1 Wilson Trip to St Saviours</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th November</i>	<i>1 Attlee Trip to St Saviours</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th November</i>	<i>1 Morris Trip to St Saviours</i>
<i>Thursday 7th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 6 Morris School Photographs – Individuals and siblings</i>
<i>Thursday 14th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 6 Wilson</i>
<i>Thursday 21st November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 5 Attlee</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th November</i>	<i>Flu Vaccination in school – Years R to Year 6</i>
<i>Thursday 28th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 5 Wilson</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 8th May](#).

Useful Contacts

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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

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Dates for 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 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 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH 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