



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 25th September 2017



Head of School's Message

Last week, Year 6 were treated to a very special day indeed. Their teachers planned a hands-on day of learning all about World War Two. They started the day off by coming into class to the sounds of an air-raid! They then learnt about how people tried to keep safe - using gas masks and building Anderson shelters - before creating their very own gas masks.

Later in the day, they had a very special visitor (Mrs D'Vaz's Mum!) who came into school to tell the children what life as an evacuee was like. The children loved hearing the stories and had lots of interesting questions. We would like to say a huge thank you to both Mrs D'Vaz and her Mum for arranging this!

They ended the day by listening to some famous war-time poetry and wrote our own poems as well as creating large poppies for our classroom displays! Have a look at the pictures in the Photo Gallery at the end of this newsletter.

Year 1 also had a very exciting week with their first trip to the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. There they had a special tour and got to learn about toys from the past which will definitely support them with their new topic.

Mrs Rider
Head of School

Reception Intake 2018

We have now set a series of visits for prospective parents for September 2018 intake. Please spread the word to anyone who may be looking for Reception places for next year.

Dates are:

4 th October	10am to 11am
8 th November	10am to 11am
18 th November	9am to 10am
6 th December	6pm to 7pm
5 th January	10am to 11am

School Day Reminders

We would like to remind parents that Chestnut Avenue North and South entrances are for Children from Years 1 to 6. The entrance in Brooke Road is for Reception children. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please do not walk through the school, but go round and enter through the main school entrance.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we exceeded our target at 97.38, which makes our attendance from 1 September 97.38%.

Attendance and Punctuality Winner

To encourage good attendance, each week we present an attendance certificate to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

There was no 100% attendance last week, but a huge WELL DONE to Reception Wilson and Reception Morris who have started their

school life with a fantastic record of no late marks last week. They were joined by 1 Morris and 1 Wilson, and 5 Morris. Keep it up everyone.

Punctuality is very important, not only for school, but in life generally. Children who are regularly late for school miss vital morning information and a late start often sets the tone for the day. We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality.

Last week there were 34 late marks across the school. Let's see if we can have an improvement this week!

Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Monday assemblies will continue to be split by Year Groups and Friday assembly by houses. This term Attlee house are in the Hall and Morris and Wilson in the Gym. This Friday assembly is followed by a coffee morning in the main school hall. All parents/carers are welcome.

Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

Neighbours

As we are in the middle of a residential area. Especially if you are dropping off early for Breakfast Club or boosters or picking up late from Teatime Club or other clubs, please consider neighbours by ensuring cars are not left idling and all of us are as quiet as possible. Thank you.

Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Reception parents will be issued with an activation letter in due course.

Items such as trips, music lessons etc will be added as appropriate. Please note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times.

We have a waiting list for both these clubs so failure to keep your account in credit may lead to your child being removed from the club and space offered to another child.

Similarly, dinner money accounts should please be kept up to date. Failure to do so could mean you are asked to provide a packed lunch until your child's account is back in credit.

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again today, from 4pm to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 25th

Worship

Mon 2nd October

Maths

Mon 9th Oct

Behaviour

Mon 30th Oct

Values and Growth Mindset

Mon 6th Nov

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

* Parent Information evenings to meet your Year Group Phase Leader and find out more about the term ahead. Meetings are: Welcome to Year 1 (following on from Phonics Workshop), Welcome to Year 2 and Welcome to Key Stage 2.

Class Corner

The Year 4 Morris 'Allstars' have entered this year with a bang!

They have enjoyed reconnecting after time away from each other over the 6 weeks and have come back ready to go!

We have looked at school expectations as a class and everyday there has been evidence of great effort to comply.

These 'Morrisonians' have also attended their first week of school swimming lessons where the children received huge encouragement and praise.

What a pleasant start to the year, and we are sure the best is yet to come.

Ms Greaves and 4 Morris

Data Sheets

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home a copy of the data that we hold on your child in our electronic record. Please check it carefully and return to school with changes clearly marked. You only need to return the sheet if you have made any changes. Thank you.

Community Events

This Saturday, 30th September, Countryside Live are hosting an event at Walthamstow Marshes which looks like it will be a fun family day out.

Alongside this newsletter, you will also receive a copy of the September Newsletter from Suntrap, together with details of their Annual Open day on 14th October. This is always a fun day out so why not go along, spend some time in the great outdoors and try your hand at the activities on offer.

School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.16 per day, which is £10.80 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £71.28 – or for the whole term, until Christmas, will be £153.36. 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.

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Nominees will be reported here.

Well done to the following children who have made an excellent start to this school year

1 Attlee	Sion and Angeline
1 Morris	Evie and Toby
1 Wilson	Esme and Gabriel
2 Attlee	Toby and Bethel
2 Morris	Amiera and Leandre
2 Wilson	Penny and Rayyan
3 Attlee	Imogen and Zachary
3 Morris	Edu and Stacey
3 Wilson	Aina and Edie
4 Attlee	Amber and Shakera
4 Morris	Holly and Lilly
4 Wilson	Echevi and Sean
5 Attlee	Alex and CJ
5 Morris	Ayman and Damilola
5 Wilson	Karim and Zachary
6 Attlee	Jaydan and Georgette
6 Morris	Serena and Jacob
6 Wilson	Teddy and Mabel



PFA News

(Parents and Friends of St Mary's)

Our PFA would very much like you to join them for their first social event of the term this Wednesday, 27th, at the Bell Pub.

SHINE

Shine begins again this weekend for those children invited to attend. This term, SHINE will take place here at St Mary's on the following dates:

Payment is now due and is available on ParentPay

AUTUMN TERM
SPRING TERM 1ST Half
Venue: St Mary's
9.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 30 th September
Saturday 7 th October
Saturday 14 th October
HALF TERM
Saturday 4 th November
Saturday 11 th November
Saturday 18 th November
Saturday 25 th November
Saturday 2 nd December
Saturday 9 th December
Saturday 16 th December
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Saturday 6 th January
Saturday 13 th January
Saturday 20 th January
Saturday 27 th January
Saturday 3 rd February
HALF TERM

Weekly Reflection



Value of the week: Wisdom

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 25 th September	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Worship
Wednesday 27 th September	PFA Social Event – Bell Pub Forest Road
Thursday 28 th September	9.05 Class Assembly – I Wilson
Friday 29 th September	Year 5 trip to Waltham Forest Islamic Association Mosque
Saturday 30 th September	First session of SHINE – at St Mary’s
Monday 2 nd October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Maths
Wednesday 4 th October	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning 3.30-6.50 – Parental Consultation Open Evening
Monday 9 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Behaviour 3.30-5.50 – Parental Consultation Open Evening
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual and sibling photographs to be taken
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest Services – Further details to follow
Wednesday 18 th October	3.30 – Parent Reading Workshop
Thursday 19 th October	9.05 Class Assembly 2 Attlee
Friday 20 th October	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October inclusive	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Values and Growth Mindset
Monday 6 th November	4-4.30 – Welcome to Reception 4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop- Homework
Wednesday 8 th November	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Thursday 16 th November	9.05 – Class Assembly – I Morris
Saturday 18 th November	9am -10am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Monday 20 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6
Monday 27 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety
Thursday 7 th December	9.05 – Class Assembly – I Attlee
Monday 4 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND
Wednesday 6 th December	6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening
Monday 11 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing
Wednesday 13 th December	Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris
Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Services – further details to follow

Wednesday 20th December

School Closes for Christmas at 2pm

Tuesday 4th January 2018

**Children back to school
10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning**

PICTURE GALLERY



What an interesting morning we spent in Year 6 learning all about life as an evacuee in the Second World War. We even tried out our Gas Masks. Luckily they weren't needed!

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 – First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6th September 2017

End – Thursday 19th October 2017

INSET – Friday 20th October 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Start – Thursday 4th January 2018

End – Friday 9th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 – Friday 16th February 2018

Second Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 19th February 2018

End – Thursday 29th March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 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 (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4th June 2018

End – Friday 20th July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).

Countryside Live

Saturday 30th September 2017

at

Walthamstow and Leyton Marshes

Lea Bridge Road

Leyton

London

E10 7QL

Saturday 30th September 2017

until Sunday 1st October 2017

10am– 5pm

Adult £5, (two day pass £7), Child FREE

This family friendly event brings the countryside into London and has something for all ages and interests. Town and country combine with an ideal day out for explorers and wildlife lovers – perfect for all the family.

2017 brings a year of celebration to Lee Valley Regional Park as we celebrate 50 years since the park began, creating award winning open spaces and world class sports venues from old scrap yards and rubbish dumps!