



Weekly Newsletter

3rd April 2019

Headteacher's News

Last week we received a visit from a knight of the realm, Sir Robin Boshier. Sir Robin is a former national director of training and inspection quality at Ofsted and so is a good person to help us self-evaluate against national benchmarks. Sir Robin watched over 10 lessons during the course of his day with us, as well as speaking to children, middle and senior leaders, and viewing pupil books in a range of subjects.

Overall, Sir Robin described St Mary's as amongst one of the three best schools he has visited in the last 12 months, saying that it is 'a wonderful school'. He was very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the children throughout the day and found our curriculum challenging and engaging. He also gave us some really handy tips on a few things that we'll be refining over the coming months.

As St Mary's has an outstanding rating from Ofsted it is possible that we may not be officially inspected by Ofsted for a number of years, so in the meantime we invite experienced inspectors like Sir Robin to visit the school in order that we receive feedback on how we are progressing; we will conduct the same exercise again next year.

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **96.7%**

Last week we achieved 96.82%

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to **Year 3W** who had the highest attendance last week with 99.3%.

Runners up were **RA** with 98%.

Welldone to **6A** who had only 2 late marks.



Lost Property

Our large array of lost property is now **on display in the school playground**, and will be there until we finish on Friday. Anything left at the end of term will be disposed of so please do come along and have a look to see if you recognise and can claim anything!

On the subject of property and uniform, most of the lost property is un-named which makes it extremely difficult to return to its owners. Please could we ask that you ensure all school uniform, books, bags, pencil cases etc are **clearly named** (with class name written too) and also that items that are special or precious to your child are not brought in as their loss can cause great distress. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out in Friday's assembly.

Y1A - Sophie

Y2A - Emily

Y3A - Rhazel

Y4A - Lola

Y5A - Kayode

Y6A - Leah

Y1M - Edith

Y2M - Eden

Y3M - Nusayba

Y4M - Stacey

Y5M - Gabriel

Y6M - Arianna

Y1W - Bluebelle

Y2W - Charlie H

Y3W - Mya

Y4W - Reniah

Y5W - Johnny

Y6W - Delrojus



Messages to school office

Please could we respectfully ask that if you need alternative arrangements made for your child at the end of the school day, you contact the office **by 3pm** where possible. Whilst we understand that last minute changes are sometimes unavoidable, today we have had 17 calls between 3.25 and 3.30 asking for children not to be taken to clubs, or not to go into the playground and with 600 children being dismissed it is often difficult for office staff to locate your child.

End of term

How quickly this Spring term has passed!

Don't forget, we finish for our Easter break this Friday, 5th April at **2 pm**. There will be **NO Tea-Time club on Friday**.

Personal information

Please ensure that the school is kept up to date on any changes you make to your personal details. It is important that we have your correct home address and telephone contact numbers for you with at least two other emergency contacts.

We also need an up to date, relevant e-mail address. Please advise the office if you think you have not updated us to any recent changes.

Dental Survey

As we told you last week, children at St Mary's have been selected to take part in a nationwide NHS dental survey regarding the dental health of 5 years olds in England. A selection of children from Reception and Year 1 have been chosen to participate, and those children brought letters home last week, containing full information about what the survey involves. Letters needed to be returned to school by today and the dental team will be visiting on Wednesday 8th May.

Year 5 Mosque Trip

Recently, year 5 went on a fantastic educational visit to the Masjid and Madrasah Al-Tawhid Mosque in Leyton which was linked to our R.E. topic of Islam. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning about the similarities and differences between the Abrahamic religions, and some of the key tenets of Islam, particularly focusing on the five pillars. Year 5 impressed with both their pre-knowledge of Islam and the questions they asked: they were excellent ambassadors for St Mary's. A very important part of being a Christian is respecting other religions, so we were delighted to be able to find out even more about Islam on our trip.



Summer Term Clubs Sign-Up

After-school clubs can now be requested on ParentMail (under forms)! You will be notified if your child is successful via email in the first week back, and clubs will begin in the second week of the summer term. Information about clubs and timetables can be found in an email sent out last week via ParentMail or in the office. If you do not receive Parentmail, please contact the office ASAP. Please also make sure the choices correspond with your child's year group.

Year 1,2,3 options

Choir club- Monday
Art club-Wednesday
Minis Football- Tuesday

Year 4,5,6 options

Art –Monday
Netball- Monday
Journalist/Newspaper club -
Monday
Girls Football- Thursday
Boys Football- Tuesday
Ukulele Club- Friday

All Ages

Athletics-Wednesday
Circus Acts- Wednesday
Board Games-Wednesday
Film- Tuesday
Running- Monday
Yoga- Tuesday
Street Dance- Thursday
Number Shark-Thursday
Cricket Club-Friday
Amazing animals-Friday
Spanish Club-Thursday
Homework Club-Wednesday

DATES FOR 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

First half (32 days)

INSET – Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September, and Wednesday 4th

Start –Thursday 5th September

End - Friday 18th October

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 3^d 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 Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

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

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

End of term finances

Please take some time over the course of the Easter break to have a look at your ParentPay account and ensure that all items are up to date by the time we return to school for the Summer Term on Tuesday 23rd April. May we remind you that breakfast and tea time clubs and school meals should be paid for in advance so that your account is always in credit. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Diary Dates

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

<i>Thursday 4th April 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 Easter Experience- 1M & 1A at 1pm- 1W at 2pm</i>
<i>Friday 5th April 2019</i>	<i>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER BREAK AT 2.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 23rd April 2019</i>	<i>School Re-Opens for Summer Term</i>
<i>Thursday 25th April 2019</i>	<i>Parents' Prayer Club</i>
<i>Monday 29th April 2019</i>	<i>Year 2 Natural History Museum trip</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th May</i>	<i>Dental Service in school for selected children from Reception and Year 1</i>

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

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

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