





Weekly Newsletter 10.5.2019

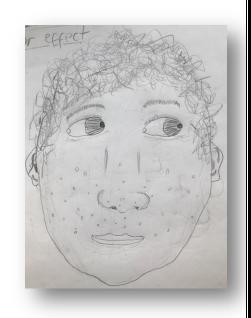
Headteacher's News

One of the things that I am often asked about life at St Mary's is how we ensure that standards of teaching and learning are maintained from year to year. Of course every now and again we are visited by an inspector from one agency/diocese or another, but these visits are not very frequent, so parents might indeed wonder how we check standards in between those evaluations. Ultimately, the answer to the question is that we take it upon ourselves to ensure that the good ship St Mary's is on course and we do this in various ways.

Most weeks senior staff do what we call a 'learning walk' where we drop into classes to check the quality of what is going on; this week, amongst other things, I saw some division with remainders challenging children in a Y2 stream; some modelled descriptive writing in a Y5 stream, where the language being used was very inspiring; some art in a Y4 class (see the excellent pencil portrait by Coco on the right); and a very busy Reception Morris class admiring their new worms (see pictures overleaf) and absorbed in their activities at the youngest end of the school. Feedback is given to staff following these visits, including any aspects of lessons seen that could be further developed.

Another type of monitoring we employ is to regularly look at pupil books so that we can check that all the childrenn are moving on in their learning and receiving the help they need to improve.

Other less formal types of monitoring can be very useful too - my daily lunchtime chats with children in the hall as we eat our meals are often very revealing and give a very insightful child's perspective to life at the school!



Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target - **96.5%**Last week we achieved 96.77%. Great work!

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to 2 Morris and 4 Morris who had 100% attendance last week! Runner up with 99% was 3 Atlee. Keep up the good work!





Reception's Wormeries

Either side of this text are photos of a Reception class wormery, that our youngest children created this week as the ideal home for their new slimy occupants! The children thought about the ideal ingredients for a worm-friendly habitat.

FYFS Team



Parking and Pollution

Parents are still parking immediately outside the school gates on double-yellow lines at both the start and end of the day. It is fair to say that 98% of our parents disapprove of this and feel that it is endangering their children's safe passage to and from school. If you are a car driver, please use one of the many legal parking bays in the local streets – it is not at all necessary to park right outside the school gates and it is putting children in danger, both from being hit and from breathing in car fumes as they are left to idle. This week a meeting took place with some parents and a local councillor regarding a possible solution to this problem; no decisions have been made regarding the way forward at this stage, but all parents would be consulted extensively before any significant changes to local parking arrangements were made.

Phone Calls

The office would appreciate it if all phone calls about after school arrangements are made before 2:45pm. This allows us ample time to pass on the message. Thank you.

<u>Lines of the week: Congratulations to the</u> <u>following classes for best lines for last week</u>

Atlee: Year 1 and year 4 Morris: Year 2 and year 4 Wilson Year 1 and Year 3



Stars of the Week

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



1A Sumayyah	1M Tahlia	1W Sebastian
2A Sophie B	2M Nimi	2W Luke
3A Holly H	3M Alfie	3W Kiyanna
4A Tiyanna	4M Erin C	4W Minnie Ek
5A Treyvon	5M Ameen	5W Tessa
6A Evie S	6M David	6W Ysrael



After School Clubs

After school clubs have started this week! If you are unsure if your child has a place in a club, please let us know. If you are unsure on the day if you have a club, ask your child's teacher.

Bake Sale!

The Reception Class team are raising money for their trip to the zoo on Wednesday 15th May, 3:20-4:30.

Come along and buy a cupcake or two!

Depending on the weather, there may be iced lollies available too!



Advert from Little Learners Nursery

Little Learners Nursery are recruiting a parttime Nursery Assistant, the hours being quite suited to parents of children in the school.

If you are interested in learning more about the role, please contact Emma Cowie (Nursery Manager)

emma.cowie@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk

<u>PFA upcoming events</u>

Summer fair is on Saturday 22nd June

Family Camping Trip is also coming up on 28th- 30th June.

More information to come in the PFA newsletter.



Year 6 Gilwell Park- Residential Trip

The Y6 residential is fast approaching! Please ensure you are still paying instalments off as you can. Keep an eye out for a date on the diary page.



Pentecost Service Church Dates:

Atlee: 3rd June - 9:30am Wilson: 3rd June - 2pm Morris: 4th June - 9:30am

Y6 Leavers Service:

Atlee: 15th July - 9:30am Wilson: 15th July - 2pm Morris: 16th July - 9:30am

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 16 th May	Year 4 Wilson Assembly, 9am Half term break	
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st		
Monday 3 rd June	Church visit: Atlee- 9:30am Wilson- 2pm	
Tuesday 4 th June	Church Visit: Morris- 9:30am	
Wednesday 5 th June	Year6 Information session for Gilwell Park-9:00am (come to main office	
Thursday 6 th June	Year 6 Information session for Gilwell Park- 6:00pm (come to the main office)	
Thursday 6 th June	Year 5 Wilson and Year 2 Altee Assembly, 9am	
Thursday 13 th June	Year 2 Morris and 4 Morris Assembly, 9am	
Thursday 20 th June	Year 2 Wilson Assembly, 9am	
Saturday 22 June	School Fair	
24 th , 25 th & 26 th June	Year 6 Gilwell Park Residential trip	
Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Atlee Assembly, 9am	
Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 Wilson Assembly, 9am	
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Church Service: Atlee- 9:30am Wilson- 2pm	
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Church Service: Morris-9:30am	

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.

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