



**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 children 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.

*EYFS 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.

**Lines of the week: Congratulations to the following classes for best lines for last week**

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.

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| 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 part-time 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](mailto:emma.cowie@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk)

## **PFA upcoming events**

**Summer fair** is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Family Camping Trip** is also coming up on 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 9:30am

**Wilson:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 2pm

**Morris:** 4<sup>th</sup> June - 9:30am

### **Y6 Leavers Service:**

**Atlee:** 15<sup>th</sup> July - 9:30am

**Wilson:** 15<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm

**Morris:** 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 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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