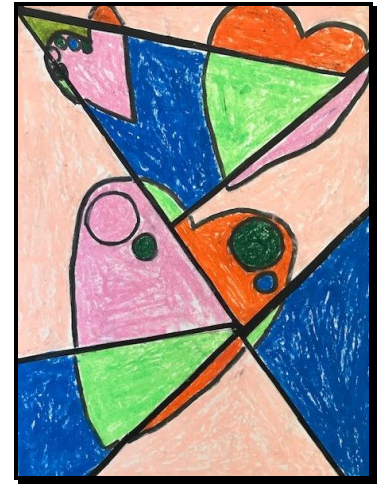




Weekly Newsletter

Monday 14th May 2018



Head's Message

I would like to bring to parents' attention a couple of issues concerning the health and safety of some of our children.

Dietary Needs

If your child has any dietary needs or allergies, or if their dietary needs have changed, please inform the school office immediately. It is not uncommon for a child to go into lunch and inform the staff, "I'm not vegetarian any more" or "I'm not allergic to that anymore". It is difficult for the lunch staff to cater for this when they have not been made officially aware of the child's changed dietary needs, so do please let us know should any changes arise. Thank you.

Morning Drop-Off

It has also been brought to our attention that children are being dropped off by their parents by car, but parents are allowing their children to get out of the car and run across the road unaccompanied to come into school. We do appreciate that parking around school can be difficult, but the safety of the children is paramount and children, particularly those in KS1, do need to be brought to the playground, or school office, by an adult.

Walk to Haiti

On a different note, as you are aware, this year we have teamed up with Christian Aid. In the autumn term, we collected over £700 pounds to support communities in Burkina Faso. This term we have decided to support Haiti. Haiti

has been badly affected by natural disasters over the last ten years. First there was the terrible earthquake in 2010 and in recent years they have had hurricanes striking the island as well. This means that even now, people are still displaced and homeless. Christian Aid supports communities by building hurricane-proof houses and we are joining forces with them. St. Saviours and St. Marys children are taking a daily walk around the play ground in the afternoons to not only boost their fitness levels but also to try to reach Haiti on foot. The aim is to add up all our distances and see if we can reach Haiti together – at the moment we are approaching the middle of the Atlantic Ocean! When we reach Haiti, we will invite all the children to wear 'funny shoes' to school and we ask our school community to make a donation on the day. We have the Bishop of Barking linking up as well and we hope we will get the press involved to raise the profile of Haiti once more. Your support is much appreciated as always and I am sure together we can make a big difference again to less fortunate people around the globe.

Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher

Class Corner

Reception Morris has been crawling with insects over the last few weeks! We've been looking after some crickets, meal worms and giant snails, getting lots of lovely ideas from seeing these creepy crawlies. We've also been watching our caterpillars grow into butterflies - we released them on Friday just in time for them to enjoy the sunny weather. Here we are waving them off...



This week we will be learning about the book 'From Head to Toe' so we're going to be busy singing the entire book as well as creating our own imaginary animals with unusual features. Get ready to hear all about this at home!

Mr Giez and Reception Morris

Parents' Prayer Club

It was great to see a few new faces at our last Parents' Prayer Club, and it would be lovely to see a few more at our next meeting which is this **Thursday 17th May**. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

Stars of the Week

Well done to our Stars of the week who were presented with their award on Friday in assembly:

1A	Edward & Evan
1M	Lottie & Luke
1W	Hanna & Elijah
2A	Alan & Phillipa
2M	Alfie & Sophia
2W	Whole Class
3A	Mya & Amy
3M	Scarlett & Dante
3W	Marissa & Raphael
4A	
4M	TRIP
4W	
5A	Alisha & Raffi
5M	Frankie & Ayman
5W	Maya & Lewis
6A	Zora & Ainsley
6M	Marquez & Mary
6W	Louise & Leticia

Huge congratulations to you all – you had a great week.



Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies.

Monday assemblies continue to be split by Key Stages, while Fridays remain split by Houses. This term **Wilson House** are in the School Hall, and **Attlee and Morris** houses in the Gym.

SHINE

SHINE continues at St Saviours for the Summer Term, as follows:

Saturday 19th May

HALF TERM

Saturday 16th June

Saturday 23rd June

Saturday 30th June

Saturday 7th July

Saturday 14th July

Payment of £13.50 is now due please.

Achievement school for Year 6 has now finished for this school year.

Playground Safety

Just a couple of points to be aware of regarding scooters and collection in the playground at the start and end of the day.

Please could we ask that children do not scoot around the playground before or after school. There are just too many people around to scoot and we have had more than one scooter crash. We really do not want anyone to be hurt so please could we ask that children walk their scooters to the scooter park and walk it off the premises again at the end of the day. Thank you.

Could we also ask those parents who are collecting children from the Reception playground after activity clubs to take your child and go straight away. As you will be aware, if your child is at a club, there are large numbers of children being dismissed so the quicker the playground empties, the safer it is for everyone. This space is also used by pre-school and nursery children who are here until 6pm, and they cannot come out to that area until everyone else has left so we would politely ask that you please go straight home after collection wherever possible. Many thanks.

Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality was on the up again last week – well done. We still had 31 late marks. It really does make a difference to your child if they are late – they miss the start of day instructions and it is sometimes hard to get the day off to a positive start.

We would just like to reiterate again, across a school year,

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late = 6 days lost!

15 minutes late = 9 days lost!

20 minutes late = 12 days lost!

30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to arrive on time every day.

Hackney Half Marathon

On May 20th Mr O'Driscoll, Mr Giez, Ms Kreft, Ms Myers and Miss John will be running the Hackney Half-marathon to raise money for Crohn's and Colitis UK. We would greatly appreciate any donations you could make for this good cause and to encourage them to finish the race!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fedrunners2018>

Thank you for your support.

Free On-Line Safety Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the On-Line safety workshop. We have had very positive feedback from those who were able to attend. We are awaiting copies of information provided that evening from the NSPCC and will send this out once received.

Whole School Attendance and punctuality

Well done to 2Attlee and 4Wilson who both had a perfect attendance last week with 100% present marks. Punctuality was amazing in 6W, 5W, 3W, 2M, 1W, RW and RA where everyone was here on time every day!

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We were bang on target last week, at 96.66%.

From September 2017 to date, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.24%, but it is creeping back up. There have been 1492 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

Donations Please!

The children really seem to be enjoying a pom-pom making activity that we are running over the lunch break every day. The only problem is we are fast running out of wool! Please could you have a look at home, and ask friends and relatives if they have any spare balls of wool that they would be willing to donate to us. All donations gratefully received at the office.

PFA Summer Fair News and Appeal for Help!

The weeks are whizzing past and before we know it, the summer fair will be here. We can't run it without your help and there are a few things under way that we'd like immediate help for:

Estate agent boards to advertise the fair. If you can help us out with this, **this is urgent as we would need parents to sign up by the end of this week to meet our target of 100 parents - that would be £1,000 school funds (we're currently at about 50). Deadline for sign up is Thursday this week.**

A Stow Brothers board promoting the summer fair goes up outside your house about 3 weeks before the event and comes down just after that. You don't need to be home or do anything else. If you live in a rented property you would need to check with your landlord. Please email Victoria to sign up: victoriajanekearney@gmail.com.

We are also seeking tombola prizes and used uniform (in good condition) to be left via the school office.

We can't do the summer fair without volunteers...

Sign up for volunteers - we are shortly going to be putting a sign up sheet in the Foyer but if you are willing to help out with a stall/ help clearing/setting up etc please email: stmaryse17pfa@gmail.com

Camping -still places left but going quickly - please send in this week to avoid disappointment!

As always – thanks for your help and support.

PFA Chairs

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Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2018

Monday 14 th -Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 17 th May	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club Class Assembly for 5M (Note this is a change – was originally 5A)
Friday 18 th May	Year 3 Trip to British Museum
Tuesday 22 nd May	PFA AGM – 8pm – St Mary's Welcome Centre followed at 8.30pm – Meeting re Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Thursday 24 th May	Class Assembly for 5A (Note this is a change – was originally to take place on 17 th May)
Monday 28 th -May to Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 16 th June	Summer Fair
Friday 29 th and Saturday 30 th June	PFA Camping Trip
Saturday 14 th July	PFA Family Bike Ride to Victoria Park

Term Dates 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 Summer Term (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4th June 2018

End – Friday 20th July 2018

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

Autumn Term 2018 First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September 2018

Start – Wednesday 5th September 2018

End – Thursday 18th October 2018

INSET – Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018

Second Half (39 Days)

Start – Monday 29th October 2018

End – Thursday 20th December 2018

Holidays: Friday 21st December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2018