



Weekly Newsletter

21st May 2018



Head's Message

This week has seen the various yeargroups attend St Mary's church to celebrate Pentecost which recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles; an event that the children recreated in church, making the sound of wind as the holy spirit was said to have made as it revealed itself to Jesus' followers. Children held and flapped 'tongues of fire' and a number of children who speak a range of different languages all spoke at the front of the church simultaneously, just as the apostles did spontaneously when the Holy Spirit descended. The Holy Spirit makes up the third part of the trinity, an essential aspect of the Christian faith that our children study in RE lessons. Throughout the service, the children sang songs of a very uplifting nature - it was a pleasant and very reflective end to the term's collective worship, and very engagingly led by our local clergy.

On the subject of community events, we have had a number of very successful class assemblies in recent weeks and it has been lovely to see the children getting the chance to teach the other children, and their parents, a thing or two about their recent endeavours; last week, for example, Y5-Morris took us on a very entertaining tour of the galaxy! These class assemblies are always highlights of the week and are not to be missed.

This week we have launched a competition to design a crest for each house and have already received some brilliant designs. We will also be seeking nominations for Head Boy and Head

Girl of each house; an honour that we hope to bestow on six of our older pupils soon after half-term.

Meanwhile in Y6, preparations are in full swing for the cohort's musical theatre production of Oliver which will razzle dazzle 'em in the hall in mid-July - it will be great to see the large stage showcasing the great all-singing all-dancing talent we have in abundance at St Mary's. If any parents could help us out with any temporary stage lighting, we'd love to hear from them!

Please do keep an eye out for notices and appeals from our PFA who, as described last week, have lots of great events taking place over the next few weeks. Email stmaryse17pfa@gmail.com if you can offer any kind of help at all.

Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher

Attendance and Punctuality

We had 35 late marks last week. 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.

Well done to 3A, 6M and 6W who all had perfect attendance last week with 100% present marks. Punctuality was good with 6W, 6A, 4A and 1W all here on time every day!

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week was a good week and our attendance was 97.7% - brilliant!

From September 2017 to date, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.29%, but it is creeping back up. There have been 1527 late marks from the beginning of this academic year to date.

Class Corner

In Reception Attlee we have been reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', learning all about what things we can see around us. We said goodbye to our butterflies, having watched their transformation from caterpillars, and created a nice new home for a bear out of recycled materials in our role-play area.

On the subject of re-used materials, if you have any boxes, empty bottles or any other usable materials please send them in to any of the Reception classes
Miss Brown and Reception Attlee

Parents' Prayer Club

Our Parents' Prayer Club is slowly growing and we are now even starting with a song! It would be so lovely to see a few more participants at our next meeting after half term, on **Thursday 7th June**. 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	Miles & Bosley
1M	Cameron & Eloise
1W	Luke & Lilimae
2A	Tise & Holly H
2M	Mia & Kwayerah
2W	Tate & Sammi
3A	Abiola & Emili
3M	Peter & Sophie
3W	Zerah & Ellis
4A	Jacob & Shakera
4M	Renucci & Renae
4W	Milo & Ecehavi
5A	Lewis C-L & Alexandra
5M	Whole Class
5W	Reiley & Zach
6A	Whole Class
6M	Whole Class
6W	Whole Class

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 it is all change for Friday's with **Wilson House** in the School Hall, and **Attlee and Morris** houses in the Gym.

SHINE

There is no SHINE this Saturday but it will continue at St Saviours for the Summer Term, as follows:

HALF TERM

Saturday 9th June

Saturday 16th June

Saturday 23rd June

Saturday 30th June

Saturday 7th July

Payment of £13.50 is now due please.

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

GDPR

The new GDPR comes into force this Friday.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines.

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 set out below: -

Data Protection Officer: Craig Stilwell

Address: Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium

Parent Contact Details

To ensure that we always have correct contact information held on file for your child, it is your responsibility to ensure you keep us fully informed of any changes. There is a blank data sheet sent home alongside this newsletter which you should use to let us know of any changes. Paper copies are, of course, available at the school office.

Donations please!

Further to our plea last week, we have not received any balls of wool in the office. Please could you ask around family and friends and gather any wool that you can for our pom-pom lunchtime project.

Hackney Half Marathon

Thank you so much to everyone who managed to sponsor our Fed Runners at the Hackney Half Marathon last Sunday. They all did amazingly well and all finished the course. It is still not too late to contribute if you wish via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fedrunners2018>

Thank you for your support.

Half Term Activity

We have received the following message from the manager of The Mall at Selborne Walk.

'For this half term we have created a Short Story competition to be judged with Karen Gee, a local author who has taken the experiences of her and her Dog Dodger, and turned them into a book series that is aimed at children aged 3 – 6 years. Responsible dog ownership is the recurring theme, however, each story delivers other messages about adoption, caring for the environment, disabilities and more.

Part of the competition is for young writers of primary school age to create their own short story, these can be handed in to the Ask Me Point at the Mall throughout the week and will be judged by Karen Gee herself, rewarding the lucky winner with a collection of her dodger dog books.

Our aim is to show our local community how one member who has created her own short story series can help give back to our talented young aspiring writers.

Also occurring on the 26th May is Oliver Jeffers Book signing at Waterstones from 10:30, another popular author for young children's story telling.'

Summer Fair news from the PFA and appeal for help!

We are still 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...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

As always – thanks for your help and support.

Key dates and times for the Summer Term 2018

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
Wednesday 6 th June	Class Group Photos
Thursday 7 th June	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club
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