



Weekly Newsletter

4th June 2018



Headteacher's Message

Next week at St Mary's will be 'Healthy Living' Week, with the children focussing on what it means to lead a healthy lifestyle. The children will participate in lessons that re-enforce messages that are in-keeping with our recognised 'Healthy Schools' status. Amongst other things, the children will be researching where different vitamins and minerals come from; creating exercise plans; making fruit salads; designing lunch menus and preparing and delivering presentations about staying healthy to younger yeargroups. The children will do more 'Walks to Haiti' in the playground and in PE lessons will begin to prepare for the upcoming sports day at the cricket ground.

Continuing the healthy living theme, I'd just like to remind parents that at breacktimes, only healthy items (preferably fruit) should be consumed as a snack; so this obviously excludes crisps or chocolates/biscuits. Most of the children are abiding by this, but we have seen some recent examples of very sugary snacks being brought in and which are not in the spirit of our general drive to encourage health eating habits. Similarly, children should only have water to drink during the day, with no fizzy drinks.

Finally, I'd like to let parents know that Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be receiving Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons later in the term, about which there will be a letter issued to parents very soon. The RSE sessions build very much from the position of relationships and friendships first, which we feel is in sympathy with a Christian standpoint. We will be using a widely taught scheme of work which has been approved by the Walthamstow Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education and our own governing body. Parent workshops will also be on offer in the coming weeks to provide the opportunity for materials to be viewed that will be used in the lessons.

News From Our Two PFA Chairs

*Our **Summer Fair** is drawing very near now – just two more weeks to go! We are still in need of items for our Tombola, raffle prizes and second-hand uniform in good condition. More than anything, we really need volunteers as we cannot run the fair successfully without your help. There are a range of jobs from setting up, to running a stall, and clearing away again. If you are able to offer your services, there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers by the school office.*

*Spaces for the **camping trip** are now full as per previous communication. You would still be very welcome to come for the day at the cost of £3.50 per person. Slips/payment for this to be left at the office please. Please make sure you provide contact details on the slip.*

***Bike ride** change of date - there has been a change to the date of the PFA annual bike ride which will now take place on Sunday 8th July. Meet time will be 9.30am with a second meet point at Copper Mill Car Park at approximately 10.15am. The destination is Victoria Park. More details to follow.*

We had a really good turn out for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which took place just before half term and updates will be circulated very soon in a PFA newsletter.

Fiona Barrett and Fiona James – Chairs PTA

Attendance and Punctuality

We had 71 late marks in the week before half term, which is double what it was the week before. 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.

No class had 100% attendance, but well done to Reception Attlee who had an almost perfect 99.33%.

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. In the week before half term, we were right on target at 96.54%

From September 2017 to date, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.30%, but it is creeping back up.

Stars of the Week

Well done to our Stars of the Week who were presented with their award in the Friday assembly before half-term:

1A	Miya and Apolonia	1M	Nimi and Jada	1W	Darcey and Tommy
2A	Alan and Denzel	2M	Whole Class	2W	Sandra and Lexi
3A	Penny and Zach	3M	Whole Class	3W	Georgie and Rudy
4A	Casper and Tia	4M	Jude and Solomon	4W	Jaheem and Tishauna
5A	Whole Class	5M	Damilola and Daniel	5W	Lonesha and Deshae
6A	Julienne and Kacper	6M	Shanice and Hannah	6W	Teddy and Benjamin

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

Class Corner

In Reception Attlee we are reading the story 'The Great Pet Sale'. For our topic lesson we will be acting out the story in small groups and describing the pets for sale, using wonderful descriptive language.

We are still on the lookout for any boxes, empty bottles or any other usable materials; please send them in to any of the Reception classes. Thank you.

Miss John and Reception Wilson

Parents' Prayer Club

Our Parents' Prayer Club has formed a wonderful group, and we are now even starting with a song! It would be so lovely to see a few more participants at our next meeting which will take place tomorrow, Thursday 7th June. Meet at the school office at 9.05am. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

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!

The children are loving their lunchtime pom-pom making activities, and our supply of wool can't keep up with the demand! Thank you to anyone who has contributed any balls of wool but if you could still ask around family and friends and gather any wool that you can we would be very grateful.

SHINE

SHINE resumes this Saturday at St Saviours for the rest of the Summer Term, as follows: Saturday 9th June; Saturday 16th June; Saturday 23rd June; Saturday 30th June; Saturday 7th July. Payment of £13.50 is now due please.

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. 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 as follows:

Data Protection Officer: Craig Stilwell, Address: Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium



Key dates and times for the Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 6 th June	Class Group Photos
Thursday 7 th June	9.05 – Parents' Prayer Club
Friday 8 th June	Year 5 at Natural History Museum Year 4 Viking Theatre Workshop
Monday 11 th June	Parent Workshop – Data – 4pm
Wednesday 13 th to Friday 15 th June	Year 6 on School Residential
Thursday 14 th June	Year 6 children not on school journey visit to Cinema
Friday 15 th June	Year 3 out at British Museum
Saturday 16 th June	Summer Fair
Monday 18 th June	Year 6 out at Junior Citizens Meeting to discuss the Yr 6 Leavers' Party at The Village Pub, from 8pm
Friday 29 th and Saturday 30 th June	PFA Camping Trip
Sunday 8 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