



## Weekly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Headteacher's Message

#### New Caterers

Olive have made a very promising start to their new service at St Mary's with the initial feedback from staff and children being very positive. The standard of food has been very good and the new menu has met with general approval. The new team and new cook in the kitchen had a few teething issues in terms of timings last week, but now have the full measure of the school's 600 pupils. A few nice touches, like table cloths and table decorations, have made a difference too. Since starting at St Mary's in January, I have had lunch with the children every day and always enjoy hearing about what they think of the school lunches and their ideas for their improvement; hopefully the children will remain impressed as the new menu completes its 3-week cycle at the end of next week.

#### Summer Fair

The summer fair takes place this Saturday between 12pm and 3pm, and it promises to be a great event. The PFA chairs still need a few more pairs of hands for a few stalls so do please contact them if you can help. There is a summer fair sign-up sheet in the reception area for those parents dropping off/picking up from Brooke Road. One summer fair competition is to guess the number of balloons stuffed into my car - good luck to all the entrants for that!

#### House Head Boy & Girl Applications

We have received some excellent applications for the Head Boy/Girl vacancies for each of the three houses and are absorbed in the very difficult process of choosing winners. The applicants have put forward their suitability in highly eloquent terms and whoever gets to represent their house will, I am sure, do an amazing job. The new Heads will be announced later in the term ready for them to take on their roles in September.

#### Outdoor Assemblies

Today we had the first of our summer term alfresco assemblies. It was lovely to be able to take advantage of the sunshine, and with the microphone and amplifier, the children probably heard the speaker more clearly than when we are inside! It occurred to us when doing the assembly that the 'football pitch' is the one place we have that the whole school could all meet at the same time and place, so hopefully weather-permitting we can have a whole-school assembly outdoors at least once before the end of the summer term.

*Mr O'Brien, Head Teacher*

#### News From Our Two PFA Chairs

*Well this is it... the countdown is really under way now for our Summer Fair this Saturday. The more help we can get from you, the bigger a success it will be. Just a few reminders and requests for help. There is a sign-up sheet outside the school office, which still has quite a few gaps...if you can spare us some time to run a stall or help set up or pack away we would be very grateful.*

***We need Tombola prizes, anything new or unused please, and also second-hand uniform for our uniform stall may be left at the school office.***

One of our most popular attractions are always the **refreshments** and we know that we have some absolutely amazing bakers in our school community. Contributions of cakes and biscuits may be left at the office on Friday, or dropped into school on Saturday morning. If you feel that baking is not your strongpoint, we are very happy for shop-bought contributions too. Thank you!

Fiona James and Fiona Barrett, PFA Chairs

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to 6W, 6A and 1W who all had perfect punctuality last week with every child here on time every day.

No class had 100% attendance, but well done to 1W, who as well as being very punctual, had the best attendance at 99.67%.

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we were very nearly at that target with a 96.47% attendance.

From September 2017 to date, attendance remains just short of that target at 96.30%.

### **Stars of the Week**

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

1A	Sophie and Julia	1M	Zuzanna and Mei	1W	Sonny and Jojo
2A	Betty and Marcus	2M	Cameron and Ella	2W	Marvin and Penelope
3A	Misan and Jason	3M	Jermaine and Erin	3W	Aina and Ida
4A	Zavier and Sophia	4M	Tomos and Lily	4W	Nina and Yasmina
5A	Leah and Caleb	5M	Elliot and Layla	5W	Karim and Isadora
6A	Monika and Daniel	6M	Tominsin and Neriah	6W	Micaiah and Jeverl

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

### **Class Corner**

In Year 1 Attlee we have been having a lot of fun together recently. Last week we were learning facts about the sea and the different creatures that live there. We learnt about coral reefs and how the animals and plants there support each other and the importance of looking after them. We learnt that corals take 100 years to grow and just by touching them, the oil from our skin can kill them! Afterwards we looked at different artists' pictures of the sea. We looked at many ways to create texture using oil pastels and did some primary sketches before creating full-blown sea pictures.

In PE we are practising for Sports Day and we are getting quite good at team games - parents do please come along to watch us and see if we win!

Miss Baron and Mrs Theoklitou – 1 Attlee

### **Finance Matters**

For those of you who prefer to pay for school meals a half-term at a time, the amount due for this second half of the summer term is £77.00.

As there are only a few weeks of this school year remaining, please could we ask that everyone checks their ParentPay account and ensure you keep on top of all outstanding payments. If you have any payment issues of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

### **Online Safety Tech Tips (brought to you by our Y2-6 'Learning Councillors')**

We know that learning with technology can be fun. It's also great for unwinding and taking a break from your studies. Here's a top tip to help you keep safe - your full name, address, email address and phone number are all examples of personal information. Never post personal information online and tell someone you trust if you are asked for personal information while connected to the internet in any way.

*The Learning Councillors, Yrs 2 to 6 (with Bonnie Buckley, ICT Lead)*

### **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 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Meet at the school office at 9.05am. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

### **SHINE**

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

### **Arts and Drama Festival**

Walthamstow based Beartuza Theatre Company, who run our after school drama classes, are producing and curating a brand new festival in Waltham Forest.

Running from 21st June - 1st July *From The Forest - Theatre & Arts Festival* has lots of great family-friendly shows suitable for children of all different ages.

An outline of shows available will be e-mailed home alongside this newsletter.

### **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

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**MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL WALTHAMSTOW**

# **SUMMER FAIR**

**SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018  
12-3PM**

**Bouncy  
Castle  
and  
games!**

**BBQ,  
Pimms  
and  
Tombola!**

**Face  
painting  
and  
tattoos!**

**Brilliant  
raffle  
prizes!**

**Stalls  
and  
activities!**

**ENTRANCE: £1 ADULTS - CHILDREN ARE FREE!**

**CHESTNUT AVENUE SOUTH, LONDON E17 9EL**

### Key dates and times for the Summer Term 2018

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Workshop – Data – 4pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 on School Residential Trip
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 children not on school journey visit to Cinema
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 out at British Museum
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 out at Junior Citizens Meeting to discuss the Yr 6 Leavers' Party at The Village Pub, from 8pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Camping Trip
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PFA Family Bike Ride to Victoria Park

### Term Dates 2018

#### **Second Half Summer Term (35 Days)**

Start – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Start – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

End – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**INSET – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

#### **Second Half (39 Days)**

Start – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

End – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Holidays: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**INSET – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**