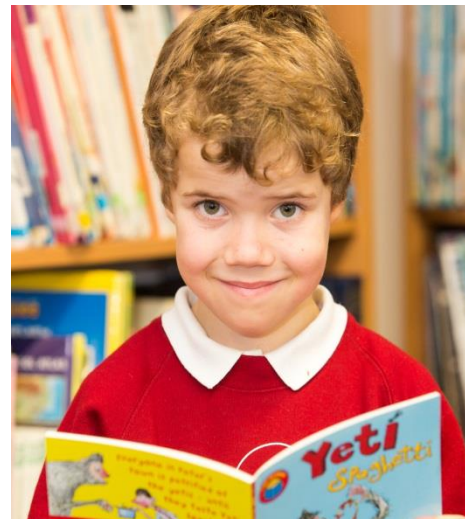




## Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018



### Headteacher's News

Look out for a letter this week regarding spelling. From next week onwards, classes will be asked to learn a short list of words each week that will then be assessed on a given day; the letter will explain which. The wordlist will be arranged by spelling pattern or rule and time will be spent in school focussing on this so that the learning is deep-rooted and not superficial as the rote learning of spellings sometimes can be if not specifically taught. As a number of words in the English language are irregular and have no particular rule or pattern that can be applied to them, sometimes children will be asked to learn the spelling of these words alongside more predictable ones. The revised National Curriculum is very demanding in terms of spelling and children are expected to show a proficiency in this area in statutory assessments in Year 2 and Year 6, where they'll have to spell 20 words accurately. A good knowledge of spelling rules and patterns will also assist a child to do well in the Y1 phonics Screening Test, such are the links between phonics and spelling.

Mrs Susan Akinmoyede has begun work with us as an Interim Assistant Headteacher; she will be with until Xmas, after which we expect a permanent Assistant Headteacher to have joined us. Ms Bethany Simpson joins St Mary's on Wednesday this week, taking Y1-Wilson as classteacher for the rest of the academic year.

Finally, I would like to say good luck to Charles Venn, our St Mary's parent in the BBC's 'Strictly Come Dancing' programme this autumn - if he would like to give any dancing tutorials in the playground he would be more than welcome! Keep voting for him to keep him in to the Final!

### Photographs

Just a reminder that the children will be having their individual and sibling photographs taken tomorrow – so best smiles all round please

### Toys and Games

Please could we ask that children do not bring personal toys and games into school from home. Children get distressed if they get misplaced and cannot be found, or if they get broken. We have plenty of play resources in school for children to use. Thank you.

### Harvest Festival

Harvest time has arrived and in true tradition of St Mary's we're asking if you and your child would like to donate dry goods/tins of food to share with our local community. Your child can start bringing these to school up until the morning of the service they're attending. Harvest Assemblies will take place in St Mary's Church, as follows:

15th October, 9.30am All Morris Houses and 1.30pm All Attlee Houses  
16th October, 9.30am All Wilson Houses

Thank you for your support.

### Cycles in the playground

No bicycles should be left in the playground – only scooters should be left there please. We now have a large number of bicycle storage spaces at the front of the school in Brooke Road. If you are going to use them, remember to bring a strong chain and padlock, or even two chains for extra security. CCTV covers the bike storage area.

### Contact Information

May we remind parents that it is your responsibility to ensure we are kept up to date with any changes in your own personal details – home address, relevant phone numbers and e-mails etc. It is so important that we have correct details in case we need to contact you at any point.

### School Day Reminders

Chestnut Avenue North and South entrances are for Children from Years 1 to 6. The entrance in Brooke Road is for Reception children only. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please do not walk through the school, but go round and enter through the main school entrance.

### Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Each week we will advise you of the percentage we achieved. Last week, we achieved 96.91% which exceeds our target figure. There were 62 late marks across the school, which we are sure will improve in the coming weeks.

### Attendance and Punctuality Winner

Well done to **2A, 4A and 6A** who had the best attendance figures for last week, with a perfect 100%

Punctuality is very important, not only for school, but in life generally. Children who are regularly late for school miss vital morning information and a late start often sets the tone for the day. We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality. Well done to **Reception Wilson, Reception Morris, 2 Wilson, 3 Wilson and 4 Wilson** who all had perfect punctuality. Well done everyone. Keep it up!

### Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We will be splitting assemblies – **Morris and Wilson** will be in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) on Fridays and **Attlee** in the main school hall. Class assemblies are on a Thursday morning, running throughout the year. You are more than welcome to come along to those too. Dates will be published in our date's section.

### Stars of the Week

Our first Stars of this academic year were presented in assembly on Friday. Well done to the following:

Y1A- Dominik	Y1M- Eden	Y1W- Poppy
Y2A- Edward	Y2M- Aleks	Y2W- Jayden
Y3A- Denzell	Y3M- Joseph	Y3W- Bianka
Y4A- Jason	Y4M- Nathaniel	Y4W- Idris
Y5A- Doxa	Y5M- Dhaham	Y5W- Samantha
Y6A- Kimberlee	Y6M- Julian	Y6W- Alice

Our Reception children do not get included in Stars of the Week at this point in the school year as they do not join us for whole school assembly yet. They do deserve a special mention at this point though, for settling so beautifully into school life.

### School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.20 per day, which is £11.00 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £72.60 - or for the full term, until Christmas, will be £158.40. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

If your child has packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include cakes, sweets, biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either please. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

### Class Corner

This term, yr3 Morris have been historians and scientists and we have had a fabulous time with it! We have explored how Ancient Greeks lived their lives hundreds and hundreds of years ago and how their lives back then still affects all our lives today! For example the idea of democracy was brought about by the Marvellous ancient Greeks.

In science, we have been carrying out one investigation after another. We have explored changing states of matter (how some solids turn into liquids and vice versa). We have also investigated which out of the three foods (chocolate, butter and cheese) melts the quickest. Can you have a go at guessing our findings? Come and find us in the playground and we'll let you know if you're correct. See you soon!

*Mr Damilura and 3 Morris*

### Local Police Drop-in Sessions

Our local community police officers have contacted us regarding a series of drop-in sessions to discuss any problems or issues you may have:

**Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be holding 1 hour contact sessions, on the following days in October 2018. If you want to report a problem or simply have a chat? Go along and speak to them:**

**3rd October 12pm – Peter House, Forest Rise E17**

**9th October 1pm – Troubridge Square, E17**

**16th October 1pm – Walthamstow Village square, Orford Rd E17**

**26th October 3pm – YMCA café, Forest road E17**

### 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.

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](mailto:dataservices@judicium)

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Nursery: [stmarysnursery.net](http://stmarysnursery.net)

Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<i>School Photographer in school for Individual Photos</i>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Year 3 Freshwater Greek Workshop</i>
	<i>Year 5 Attlee/ Morris William Morris Gallery</i>
	<i>Year 6 Wilson Imperial War Museum Trip</i>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>9am – Year 6 Parents to Meet the Team (repeat meeting for those who were unable to attend previous meeting)</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Year 4 School Church Workshop</i>
	<i>Year 5 Wilson William Morris Gallery</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>9.30 – Morris Houses in Church for Harvest Festival 1.30 – Attlee Houses in Church for Harvest Festival 6pm – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>9.30 – Wilson Houses in Church for Harvest Festival</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Last Day of School- School finishes at 3.30pm</i>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b><i>INSET DAY</i></b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b><i>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</i></b> <i>Y4 Wilson 2 Week Swimming Sessions</i>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Parent Consultation Evening – details to follow</i>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Parent Consultation Evening – details to follow</i>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>9.30am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>10am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<i>10am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>

## St Mary's Term Dates 2018-2019

### **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**

### **Spring Term 2019**

#### **First Half (29 Days)**

INSET – Monday 7th January 2019

Start – Tuesday 8th January 2019

End - Friday 15th February 2019

**Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019**

#### **Second Half (30 Days)**

Start - Monday 25th February 2019

End – Friday 5th April 2019

**Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April 2019**

### **Summer Term 2019**

#### **First Half (23 Days)**

Start – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

End - Friday 24th May 2019

**Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 - Friday 31st May 2019**

**Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019**

**Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019 (during Half Term)**

#### **Second Half (37 Days)**

Start - Monday 3rd June 2019

End – Tuesday 23rd July 2019