



Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd October 2017



Head's Up!

Last week our Year 5 children enjoyed visiting Waltham Forest Islamic Association Mosque. They represented the school beautifully, demonstrating their wisdom, respect and care. It's always a pleasure to see our St Mary's kids enjoy their learning outside of school as well as inside school!

This year we are ensuring that children have more opportunities to take part in sporting competition. Starting this week, we have some very exciting sporting events. Selected pupils will be competing in a cross country event at Peter May sports ground! Then the following week our pupils will be developing their Rugby skills at Lammas. In November some of our Year 5 and 6 girls will be taking part in a borough football competition. We wish our wonderful sporting pupils the very best of luck!

Could we please remind you that all correspondence for class teachers should be sent through the school e-mail at school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk, or directly to any of the office staff, and not to any other staff member's direct e-mail address. Thank you.

David Ogle
Head Teacher

Reception Intake 2018

Our series of visits for prospective parents for Sept 18 intake starts this. Please spread the word to anyone who may be looking for Reception places for next year. Dates are:

4 th October	10am to 11am
8 th November	10am to 11am
18 th November	9am to 10am
6 th December	6pm to 7pm
5 th January	10am to 11am

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we exceeded our target at 97.52, which makes our attendance from 1 September 2017 97.54%.

Attendance and Punctuality

Huge well done to Class 1W who were the only class achieving 100% attendance last week. Fantastic! Punctuality across the whole school was amazing last week and there were only 9 late marks across the whole school which was an **AMAZING** improvement on last week. Certificates will be awarded to RA, RM, RW, 1M, 2A, 2M, 2W, 3M, 4A, 4W, 5A, 5M, 5W, 6A and 6M who all had perfect punctuality last week.

Neighbours

A gentle reminder: as we're in a residential area, if you're dropping off early for Breakfast Club or boosters or picking up late from Teatime Club or other clubs, please consider neighbours by ensuring cars are not left idling and all of us are as quiet as possible. Thank you.

Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies. Monday assemblies will continue to be split by Year Groups and Friday assembly by houses. This term Attlee house are in the Hall and Morris and Wilson in the Gym. This Friday assembly is followed by a coffee morning in the main school hall. All parents/carers are welcome.

Class Corner

4 Wilson have adjusted well to the expectations of the new academic year. They have all started with a positive attitude and are working really hard. Last week, we created a large painting of a coastline where we identified the different features. The children all had great fun!

Ms Atkins-Lindo and 4 Morris

Data Sheets

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home a copy of the data that we hold on your child in our electronic record. Please check it carefully and return to school with changes clearly marked. You only need return the sheet if you have made any changes. Thank you.

Activity Clubs

Don't forget, as previously advised, there will be NO after school booster or activity clubs on Wednesday or Thursday this week due to Open Evening. Tea Time Club continues as normal.

Please remember to check the newsletter each week for upcoming dates and information.

Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Reception parents will be issued with an activation letter in due course.

Items such as trips, music lessons etc will be added as appropriate. Please note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times. We have a waiting list for both these clubs so failure to keep your account in credit may lead to your child being removed from the club and space offered to another child.

Similarly, dinner money accounts should please be kept up to date. Failure to do so could mean you are asked to provide a packed lunch until your child's account is back in credit.

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again today, from 4pm to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 9th Oct

Behaviour

Mon 30th Oct

Values and Growth Mindset

Mon 6th Nov

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

Lost Book Bag

We have a lost book bag, which contains a very precious book. Please could you check that your child has brought the right bag home and not one belonging to Imogen Murdoch. It has a book about Ancient Greece in it, which we would very much like back. If you find you have it at home, please could you drop in to the school office so we can reunite with its very anxious owner. Thank you!

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Nominees will be reported here. Well done to the following children who have made an excellent start to this school year

1 Attlee	Tahlia and Shaka
1 Morris	Eden and Eloise
1 Wilson	Violet and Lis
2 Attlee	Kiki and Marcus
2 Morris	Ellie H and Ethan
2 Wilson	Madison and Love
3 Attlee	Misan and Lola
3 Morris	Katerina and Domantas
3 Wilson	Raphael and Georgie
4 Attlee	Rhys and Marion
4 Morris	Marina and Eliza
4 Wilson	Jonny and Charlotte
5 Attlee	Charlotte and Harry
5 Morris	Layla and Matas
5 Wilson	Fawn and Lolu
6 Attlee	Romia and Imogen
6 Morris	Nana and Adam
6 Wilson	Adedayo and Danice



Weekly Reflection



Value of the week: Forgiveness

Matthew 6 14-15

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

BOOK FAIR

Next week we will be having a Book Fair in school. It will be located in the gym and is open from 3.30 to 4pm every day from Tuesday 10th until Monday 16th, and in the mornings from Wednesday 11th to Tuesday 17th from 8:40 - 8:55 (apart from Friday morning due to the achievement assembly).

Payment by cash only, please. We get a great commission of up to 60% back if we sell enough, so please support if you can.

We would prefer that children are accompanied by an adult to buy a book, but if your child attends breakfast or after school club and you cannot accompany them, you can put money in an envelope with their name and class on it, and a member of staff will ensure they get to choose a book.

School Lunches

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.16 per day, which is £10.80 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £71.28 – or for the whole term, until Christmas, will be £153.36.

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.

Useful Contacts

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SHINE

This term, SHINE will take place here at St Mary's on the following dates:

Payment is now due

AUTUMN TERM
SPRING TERM 1ST Half
Venue: St Mary's 9.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 7 th October
Saturday 14 th October
HALF TERM
Saturday 4 th November
Saturday 11 th November
Saturday 18 th November
Saturday 25 th November
Saturday 2 nd December
Saturday 9 th December
Saturday 16 th December
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Saturday 6 th January
Saturday 13 th January
Saturday 20 th January
Saturday 27 th January
Saturday 3 rd February
HALF TERM

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 2 nd October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Maths
Tuesday 3 rd October	Individual and sibling photographs to be taken
Wednesday 4 th October	10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning 3.30-6.50 – Parental Consultation Open Evening
Thursday 5 th October	9.05 – Class Assembly 1 Wilson 3.30-5.50 – Parental Consultation Open Evening
Saturday 7 th October	SHINE at St Mary's
Monday 9 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Behaviour
Saturday 14 th October	SHINE at St Mary's
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest Services – 9.30 – Attlee Houses
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Service – 9.30 – Wilson Houses and 2pm for Morris Houses 3.30 – Parent Reading Workshop
Thursday 19 th October	9.05 Class Assembly 2 Attlee
Friday 20 th October	School Closed – INSET Day
Saturday 21 st October	NO SHINE TODAY
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October inclusive	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Values and Growth Mindset
Saturday 4 th November	SHINE at St Mary's
Monday 6 th November	4-4.30 – Welcome to Reception 4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop- Homework
Wednesday 8 th November	10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Saturday 11 th November	SHINE at St Marys
Thursday 16 th November	9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Morris
Saturday 18 th November	SHINE at St Mary's 9am -10am – Reception 2018 Open Morning
Monday 20 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6
Saturday 25 th November	SHINE at St Mary's
Monday 27 th November	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety
Saturday 2 nd December	SHINE at St Marys
Monday 4 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND
Wednesday 6 th December	6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening

Thursday 7 th December	9.05 – Class Assembly – I Attlee
Saturday 9 th December	SHINE at St Marys
Monday 11 th December	4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing
Wednesday 13 th December	Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris
Saturday 16 th September	SHINE at St Marys
Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Services – further details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January 2018	Children back to school
Friday 5 th January 2018	10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 – First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6th September 2017

End – Thursday 19th October 2017

INSET – Friday 20th October 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Start – Thursday 4th January 2018

End – Friday 9th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 – Friday 16th February 2018

Second Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 19th February 2018

End – Thursday 29th March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 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 (35 Days)

Start – Monday 4th June 2018

End – Friday 20th July 2018

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