



**Weekly  
Newsletter**  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Headteacher's News**

The first week back after half-term is **Parent Open Week** where parents are invited to come in and see what school life is like on the inside on a typical afternoon. In each case, a short presentation in the gym on a current educational theme will be followed by a tour of the school including thirty minutes in the parent's child's class. Like most schools, we tend to teach core (literacy and maths) in the mornings so it will be either science or history/geography/DT/art that our children will be enjoying in the afternoons when parents visit. Parent Open Week was very popular last year, particularly amongst the younger yeargroups, and we hope it will be again in 2019. Unfortunately we have to cap the number of parents that can visit on any one afternoon for logistical reasons, so if you would like to come, do please keep an eye out for the sign-up letter and let us know ASAP that you'd like to attend. *Mr O'Brien*



**Gilwell Park Trip**

Last week, Year 4 took a trip to Gilwell Park for a full day of fun and adventure. After arriving at school in the early hours of the morning, we set off by coach to a landmark of the scouting world. Upon arriving at the campsite, we were split into seven groups and were assigned four activities for the day. These included **orienteering, rock-climbing, outdoor and indoor archery** and **'backwards' cooking** (which means cooking in the back of the woods). Our bodies may have been cold but our spirits were not as we tackled each activity with zeal! Orienteering involved walking around the entire site looking for numbered posts. We used maps and compasses to find our way around as we tried to locate all sixteen of them. Mr Sands' group found thirteen in the 90 minutes time limit which was the most out of all other groups (not to brag or anything!). Rock-climbing was an intense activity that required teamwork, co-ordination and heaps of courage. Archery was very much focussing on using the correct technique and improving our form. Finally, the cooking activities taught us valuable lessons for eating in the depths of the wilderness. We learned that flour is a useful ingredient to have on treks because it is light and can be mixed with water to make dough. Once the dough is made you can wrap it around a stick and cook it into tasty bread (which went very well with jam). Of course, we also made a scout's favourite: **s'mores**. *The Y4 Team*

### Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **96.6%**

Last week we achieved 96.5% - *nearly* at the target



#### Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to Year 5 Atlee and 3W who had 100% attendance last week!

Well-done, also, to 2 Wilson who had no late marks!

### Waltham Forest 'Active Numeracy and Literacy' event

Last week 20 of our year 4 pupils participated in the 'Waltham Forest Active Numeracy and Literacy' event. This event aimed to provide the pupils and accompanying adults with ideas about incorporating maths and literacy into sport. It was a great event that the children really enjoyed and proved that maths and literacy can be made active and fun – the children probably didn't realise how much "classroom" based work they were actually doing on the day. They will be given certificates this week for being amazing and taking part in this great event.



## Notice Board

### Art Exhibitions



Term ends next Friday with an after-school Art Exhibition in the gym – look forward to seeing you there!

### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is making its way to St. Marys! It's time to start saving up some pocket money to buy a new book or stationary! The book fair will be running from **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Parents' Prayer Club

It was good to see some of you at our Parents' Prayer Club this last Thursday. Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

### Change to How We Send Out Trip Letters

*There is currently a simple yes or no survey that is on Parentmail; you can give your opinion on going paperless there. We would love to hear from you!*

In an effort to decrease the amount of paper we use in the school, we will be trialling an electronic trip letter. The trip will appear on Parentpay, along with information and price. There will be a prompt to say that you consent to your child going on the trip and also a prompt for you to pay.

If you do not have access to Parentpay or a computer, please let us know and we can still print you out a form.

### PE Kits

We have noticed quite a few children wearing their school uniform during PE.

This is proving to be dangerous and unhygienic.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit at school that they can use during PE.

### Breakfast and after school club

In reviewing our membership of Breakfast and After School Tea Time Club, it has come to light that many children do not now attend the same amount of sessions that they did when the clubs first started up. We have therefore decided to ask all parents to complete a new contract. This will be distributed by Miss Bailey and members of the breakfast and after school club team. Please complete your contract and return to school at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

### Missing Scooter

Please could everyone check their children's scooters.

A Petrol Blue Micro Maxi Scooter was taken home by accident before the end of half term. It has Neon Yellow writing on the foot plate. The owner's mobile number is in black, near the brake.

If you believe your child has picked up that scooter by mistake, please notify the office and we can arrange a swap of scooters.



### Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We are splitting assemblies – Morris and Wilson are 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 as well. Dates will be published in our date's section.

### Finance Matters

We now have the facility to send an automated text message to parents showing ANY arrears on their account, regardless of how big or small the debt is, or what payment plans you have already put in place with our finance team.

Please do check your account regularly and make any outstanding payments. Thank you.

### School Shoes

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate black and enclosed shoes to school – **trainers are not part of the school uniform.**

Runners/Trainers are only to be worn during PE sessions.



### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out at Friday's assembly.



Y1A - Lawrence  
Y2A- Shaka  
Y3A- John W  
Y4A -Brian  
Y5A- Naya  
Y6A- Monfie

Y1M- Ishmaeel  
Y2M- Cameron  
Y3M- Sonny C  
Y4M- Efe  
Y5M- Dante  
Y6M- Finn M

Y1W- Zayn M  
Y2W- Lilly-Mae  
Y3W- Matti  
Y4W- Ishaq  
Y5W- Klaudia  
Y6W- Christian



### Diary Dates

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

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| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | <b>Year 5 Attlee Class Assembly @ 9am</b>                         |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | <b>Parent Workshop - Maths Calculations (3:30-4:15)</b>           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | <b>Parent Workshop - Positive Behaviour (3:30pm- 4:00pm)</b>      |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019   | <b>Year 3 Hindu Temple Trip</b>                                   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019   | <b>Pupil Art Exhibition opens at 3.30pm in the gym</b>            |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | <b>Year 2 Trip to Gilwell Park</b>                                |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | <b>Young Voices performance in assembly (9.00am)</b>              |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | <b>Scholastic book fair arrives</b>                               |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | <b>Parent Workshop - Fabulous Phonics (3:30pm- 4:00pm)</b>        |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2019      | <b>Street dance performance in assembly (9.00am)</b>              |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | <b>Parents' Evening- 4-7pm</b>                                    |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019     | <b>Parents' Evening- 4-6pm</b>                                    |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | <b>Parent Workshop - Understanding Christianity (3:30-4:00pm)</b> |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019    | <b>Parent workshop - Enjoying Reading Together (3:30-4:00pm)</b>  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | <b>Parent Workshop - Growth Mindset (3:30-4:00pm)</b>             |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | <b>Year 4 Morris Class Assembly</b>                               |

### 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.

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