



Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2018

Headteacher's News

Today we are being visited by **Lord Laming**, the well-known author of the Victoria Climbié report that made significant changes to safeguarding practice across the U.K. He will take a tour of the school and I'm sure he will enjoy seeing the great range of learning and activities taking place from Reception Class right through to Year 6.

Next week we celebrate **Harvest Festival at St Mary's church** – see dates below. Parents are of course very welcome to attend and we are sure that the three services will be joyous occasions. Recently I heard of twins in Y1, Leo and Luca, who asked guests to their recent birthday party to make donations to a local Food Bank rather than give them a present - an act of generosity that apparently made the volunteers at the Food Bank cry! In the spirit of our school value of compassion and of the twins' actions, we ask that our community gives generously as we think of others less fortunate than ourselves.

Please make a note of **Parent Interview dates** coming up after half-term. They take place on 6th and 7th November. The children have all made an excellent start to the academic year and teachers will look forward to telling you all about their achievements, as well as their areas for development.

Mr O'Brien
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

Harvest time has arrived and in the 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
15th October, 1.30pm All Attlee Houses
16th October, 9.30am All Wilson Houses

Thank you for your support.

Class Corner – Y3 Wilson this week

We have had a fabulous time in 3 Wilson over the past five weeks, getting to know one another and learning plenty of exciting information about the Ancient Greece. Last week we had an amazing time with the Freshwater Drama Company recreating our own Greek Myth, about King Midas. The children had a wonderful time being 100% involved in the story and being able to show off their knowledge of the Greek Myths.

Miss Jackson and Y3 Wilson

Book Fair

Our fantastic Travelling Books Book fair is due to be delivered to school tomorrow. Books may be purchased before school, from 8.30am, and after school until 4pm from tomorrow afternoon until next Tuesday morning. Prices start from 2.99. Please do come along and have a look. The more sales we make, the more commission we raise, the more books we can get for our school!

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 97.23% which exceeds our target figure. There were 70 late marks across the school, which we are sure will improve in the coming weeks.

Attendance and Punctuality Winner

Well done to **4W** who had the best attendance figures for last week with an almost perfect **99.7%**.

We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality. Well done to **1 Wilson, 1 Attlee, 2 Wilson, and 2 Attlee** who all had perfect punctuality. 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

Stars of the Week are presented in assembly on Friday. Well done to the following:

Y1A- Thea E	Y1M- IO	Y1W- Isolde
Y2A- Indiana	Y2M- Luke	Y2W- Sonny
Y3A- Joshua	Y3M- Iphidiah	Y3W- Matti
Y4A- Imogen	Y4M- Edu	Y4W- Edie
Y5A- Erin	Y5M- Thomas	Y5W- Klaudia
Y6A- Kamarli	Y6M- Julian	Y6W- Joshua

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.

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.

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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<i>Tuesday 9th October</i>	<i>9am – Year 6 Parents to Meet the Team (repeat meeting for those who were unable to attend previous meeting)</i>
<i>Friday 12th October</i>	<i>Year 4 School Church Workshop</i>
	<i>Year 5 Wilson William Morris Gallery</i>
<i>Monday 15th October</i>	<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>
<i>Tuesday 16th October</i>	<i>9.30 – Wilson Houses in Church for Harvest Festival</i>
<i>Thursday 18th October</i>	<i>Last Day of School- School finishes at 3.30pm</i>
<i>Friday 19th October</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>
<i>Monday 29th October</i>	<i>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</i> <i>Y4 Wilson 2 Week Swimming Sessions</i>
<i>Monday 6th November</i>	<i>Flu Immunisation for Reception to Year 5 (letter from school Nursing service to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 7th November</i>	<i>Parent Consultation Evening – details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 8th November</i>	<i>Parent Consultation Evening – details to follow</i>
<i>Saturday 17th November</i>	<i>9.30am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>
<i>Saturday 1st December</i>	<i>PFA Christmas Fair – further details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 10th December</i>	<i>10am – PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENT VISITS</i>
<i>Monday 7th January 2019</i>	<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