



ST.  
MARY'S  
SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 9th October 2017



### Head's Message

Last week, a group of KS1 pupils took part in a Waltham Forest cross country competition. All eight children were incredible and represented the school fantastically.

Out of 150 girls, Jamia finished in 11th place, Sandra 20th, Bianca 94th place and Mia 116th. The boys' race included 163 children where Lucas came 16th, Denzel 24th, Sami 79th and Rhazel, 141<sup>st</sup>. I am sure you will agree that our pupils performed incredibly well and we would like to send huge congratulations! Mo Farrah should watch out!

This week KS2 children will be taking part in tag rugby at Lammas school - watch this space for the highlights from this sporting activity!



On Friday our Year 2 pupils were treated to a very special morning. We had a story teller come in to visit us. The children listened to Anansi stories. The story teller used music, puppets and lots of drama to bring the story to life much to the enjoyment of our year two pupils.

**Mr Ogle**

*Head Teacher*

### Reception Intake 2018

We have now set a series of visits for prospective parents for Sept 18 intake. Please spread the word to anyone who may be looking for Reception places for next year.

Dates are:

8<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 11am  
18<sup>th</sup> November 9am to 10am  
6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm to 7pm  
5<sup>th</sup> January 10am to 11am

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week attendance was good and we exceeded our target at 98.19%, which makes our attendance from 6th September 2017 is 97.68%.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Reception classes are really leading the way when it comes to both attendance and punctuality! Reception Morris and Reception Wilson both had perfect punctuality for the second week running, and Reception Wilson also had the best attendance with 99.21%.

Thank you to all. Please help us to keep this up!

### Diary Dates

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

### Friday Coffee Mornings

For many years - since being a small, one-form-entry school - we have run a coffee morning for parents/carers after our Friday morning assembly. Recently, attendance has been very low - just two or three parents.

Unfortunately, if numbers do not increase then we will need to cancel this coffee morning. Due to the number of children we have who are entitled to 1:1 support from a teaching assistant, assigning a TA to this club does reduce the time available for 1:1 support.

Unless numbers do significantly increase, this Friday will be the last coffee morning which we are able to run (the last Friday of term - 20th October - is an Inset training day; no children in school). We hope that you understand this decision.

### 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.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Behaviour

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Values and Growth Mindset

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**

SATs – Years 2 and 6

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

On-line safety

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

SEND

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Writing

### Water in School

Whilst we still encourage every child to bring their own water bottle to school every day, and to refill it when necessary, we have now provided jugs and disposable cups in each class so that drinking water is available at all times.

### School Questionnaire

At Open Evening, we usually hand out a Parent Questionnaire for you to give us your views on how we are doing. This year, that questionnaire is being submitted electronically. You should have received notification from ParentMail that the questionnaire is available to fill in. It is in the Forms Section.

If you have not already done so, and would like to give your view, please complete it as soon as you can, as the survey closes on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks.

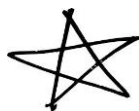
### English Conversation Classes

We have just been advised of a new English Conversation Class running on Saturday mornings at Wood Street Library, aimed at those adults still perfecting their English. A flyer with full information is at the end of this newsletter.

### 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	Julia and Isaac
1 Morris	Lucas and Zuzanna
1 Wilson	Lilian and Arlo
2 Attlee	Alex and Holly H
2 Morris	Ipediah and Sonny M
2 Wilson	Destinee and Sami
3 Attlee	Martha and Abiola
3 Morris	Jermaine and Martha
3 Wilson	Ida and Idris
4 Attlee	Sam and Naya
4 Morris	Ameen and Davinia
4 Wilson	Fraser and Phoebe
5 Attlee	Grace and Luke
5 Morris	Theo and David
5 Wilson	Maya and Deshae
6 Attlee	Kobie and Joe
6 Morris	Shanice and Neriah
6 Wilson	Thianna and Amelie



### Weekly Reflection



**Value of the Week: Caring**

**Matthew 7:12**

***So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.***

### Class Corner

In 5 Attlee we have been getting excited about our current History topic - the Victorians. We have been comparing our own lives to the lives of Victorian children and influential Victorians such as Dr Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury. This topic is linked to our literacy and reading focus book, 'Street Child', an exceptional story based on real experiences.

In art we have been focusing on local legend William Morris and his particular style. This will set us up nicely for a trip to the William Morris gallery which, I'm sure, will inspire 5 Attlee onto greater things in their ongoing art projects!

In R.E. we have been focusing on the stories of The Bible, linked to caring for the planet. We also recently went on a trip to a local mosque which has whet our appetites to find out more when we move on to learning about Islam next half term.

Finally, we have been looking at animal life cycles in Science, looking at the similarities and differences between many animals' life cycles. We have also devoted time looking at metamorphosis and how it is different among different species. All in all, 5 Attlee have had a wholly positive start transitioning to year 5 and we can't wait to throw ourselves into our new learning next half-term!

***Mr Banks and 5 Attlee***

### Data Sheets

We have now sent out all the Data Sheets. If you need to make any changes, please could you do so and send your sheet back to the school office. There is no need to return the sheet if everything has stayed the same. Thanks.

### BOOK FAIR

Our book fair is due to arrive tomorrow. It will be located in the gym and is open from 3.30 to 4pm every day from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> until Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, and in the mornings from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### London Borough of Culture

As some of you may be aware, Waltham Forest is bidding to become the first London Borough of Culture, which will be awarded in 2019.

Further information can be found at the end of this newsletter, but we would really like to encourage you to get on board and BACK THE BID!

### SHINE

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

Payment is now due

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

### 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 or biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either, please. Thank you.

### Useful Contacts

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499

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

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

**Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017**

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Class 5 Attlee to William Morris Gallery</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SHINE at St Mary's</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Harvest Services – 9.30 – Attlee Houses</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Harvest Service – 9.30 – Wilson Houses and 2pm for Morris Houses 3.30 – Parent Reading Workshop</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.05 Class Assembly 2 Attlee</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>School Closed – INSET Day</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>NO SHINE TODAY</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Values and Growth Mindset</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Class 6W to visit Imperial War Museum</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Mary's</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4-4.30 – Welcome to Reception 4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop- Homework</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Marys</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Morris</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Mary's 9am -10am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Classes 6 Attlee and 6 Morris to visit Imperial War Museum</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Mary's</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>SHINE at St Marys</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.05 – Class Assembly – 1 Attlee</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SHINE at St Marys</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing</b>

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SHINE at St Marys</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Services – further details to follow</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Closes for Christmas at 2pm</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Children back to school</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>

## Term Dates 2017-2018

### **Autumn Term 2017 – First Half (32 Days)**

**INSET – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Start – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

End – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**INSET – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **Second Half (38 Days)**

Start – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

End – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

### **Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)**

**INSET – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

Start – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

End – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### **Second Half (29 Days)**

Start – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

End – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)**

Start – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

End – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (during Half Term)

### **Second Half (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 (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).**

**Practise your  
English!**

*Come to an  
English Conversation Club  
at Wood Street Library to improve your  
speaking and listening skills.*

*And have some fun at the same time.*

A Conversation Club is an informal meeting where people come together to practise speaking English. Clubs are facilitated by trained volunteers, and attending a club is an excellent way to practise your English, while getting to know other people in your local community.

***Interested?***

Contact Karen and Dawn,  
Conversation Club Facilitators, via email  
[woodstreetconversation@gmail.com](mailto:woodstreetconversation@gmail.com)  
or just turn up.

**When?**

**Saturdays  
from  
10.30am to  
11.30am**

**Where?**

**Wood Street  
Library**



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# Waltham Forest is bidding to be the first London Borough of Culture in 2019

Launched by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, the London Borough of Culture competition will bring over £1 million to the winning borough to stage a world-class programme of cultural events and activities.

Being awarded the title would bring huge economic and social benefits to local residents and businesses, as well as attracting visitors - from London, the United Kingdom and abroad - to Waltham Forest.

Ours is a vibrant borough - home to many creative people, historic

buildings and diverse communities with a rich heritage. We believe our borough is the perfect canvas on which to showcase and celebrate London.

However there's still much that can be done to improve our residents' life chances, boost the local economy and enhance the borough as a whole.

Winning will give us the international kudos and attract partners to deliver even more in terms of culture for residents and businesses, and bring amazing opportunities and investment into the borough to achieve even more.

## Back the bid

Pledge your support and get your family and friends to sign up too!

[wfculture19.co.uk](http://wfculture19.co.uk)

Get involved on social media, and tell us why you think Waltham Forest should win



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