



**Weekly
Newsletter**
12th February 2019

Headteacher's News

The weeks have flown past as we enter the last few days of this half-term. The children have been working towards an **art exhibition** for the last few weeks and one piece from each child will be exhibited in the gym on **Friday** after school. Last summer we had a similar event and we hope this will be as successful and well-attended by parents.

This week parents will be invited to sign-up for **teacher/parent conferences**. We successfully trialled an online method of booking appointments last autumn and will be using the same site again this term. We are giving a lot of notice prior to the conferences and if you find after booking that you need to change your time please do this so that slots can be re-allocated to other parents. The online booking system will go live at **12pm tomorrow**.

This week at St Mary's the children are going to be given some time to write **prayers** that can go into their class prayer/worship corner. The picture on the right is of a new prayer display on the first floor with prayers written on paper doves (if you look closely, the very life-like 'child' holding the prayer book is a stuffed jumper with hairpiece!). The children will be asked if they want to write prayers; these may well touch upon themes including thankfulness, hope, concerns for others, and forgiveness.



Parents might find it easier to receive information from St Mary's using the **ParentMail App** - this alerts you to any messages from us as soon as they are sent. The App can be downloaded from your apple or android app store.

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **94.6%**
Last week we achieved 96.6% Fantastic work!

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to Year 4W and RW who had 99.6% attendance last week!

Well-done to 2 Wilson and Reception Wilson who had no late marks!



Young Voices Trip!

St. Saviours and St. Mary's school choirs attended the Young Voices project at the O2 arena in Greenwich last week. They have spent 3 months learning 13 songs off by heart; it has been a real challenge. Finally, they got to sing with a live band and 7000 other school children and even some famous pop stars, like Tony Hadley. The children were full of enthusiasm and had a great time; it was really an evening like no other, one they will not forget in a hurry.

Ms Baron, Music Teacher



Year 4 Pizza Making

Last week, the pupils in Year 4 became gourmet chefs! They planned, prepared and produced their own individual pizzas using a range of toppings, from mozzarella to pineapple.

As part of our 'Food' topic this half term, the pupils also calculated the food miles of the toppings that they used. Did you know that some pineapples are imported from Kenya, which is 4,237 miles away?

Ms Bham, Year 4 Teacher



Stars of the Week

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

Y1A - Nathaniel

Y2A- Myles

Y3A- Hailey

Y4A - Emili

Y5A- Shakera

Y6A- Elina

Y1M- Amelie

Y2M- Darcie

Y3M- Rayah

Y4M- Jermaine

Y5M- Eliza

Y6M- Layla

Y1W- Alma

Y2W- Lottie

Y3W- Destinee

Y4W- Marissa

Y5W- Ellis

Y6W- Laurie



End of Term Art Exhibition on Friday

This Friday at 3.30 in the gym!

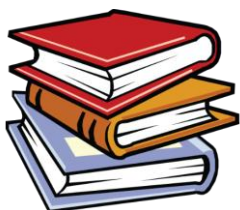
Please come and see some of the wonderful art work displayed in our exhibition.



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 28th of Feb until Thursday 7th April.



Little Learners Nursery

Little Learners Nursery at St Mary's wants to remind school parents that they should be contacting the nursery as soon as possible if they would like a place. With an extensive waiting list, they recommend getting in touch whilst pregnant to hopefully secure a place for your child. The nursery is very popular and wants to ensure parents are aware that booking as far in advance as possible will help them to secure the days they would like. Please contact Nursery Managers if you need to get in touch.

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 the 14th 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 have 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.

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.

Parents' Open Week – 1st Week Back After Half-term

We are opening the St Mary's doors the first week back after half-term and inviting all parents to come and see what we do in class, what is being taught and how well our children learn! You should have received a letter via Parentmail inviting you to come along. These slots do need to be pre-booked and limited spaces are available. Please contact the office if you did not receive the letter and would like to secure a space. The dates for the visits are listed below.

Yeargroup Parents' Visit	Date
Year 1 Open Week 12:45-2:30- Topic	Monday 25 th February 2019
Year 1 Open Week 12:45 – 2:30- Science	Tuesday 26 th February 2019
Year 2 Open Week 1:30-3:15pm-Science	Thursday 28 th February 2019
Year 2 Open Week 1:30-3:15pm-Topic	Friday 1 st March 2019
Year 3 Open week 1:30-3:15pm- Science	Tuesday 26 th February 2019
Year 3 Open Week 1:30-3:15- Topic	Wednesday 27th February
Year 4 Open Week 1:30-3:15- Science	Wednesday 27th February
Year 4 Open Week 1:30-3:15- Topic	Tuesday 26th February
Year 5 Open Week 1:50 – 3:20- Topic	Monday 25th February
Year 5 Open Week 1:50 -3:20- Science	Thursday 28th February
Year 6 Open Week 1:50 – 3:20- Topic	Tuesday 26th February
Year 6 Open Week 9:30-11:30- Core	Monday 25th February

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 14 th February 2019	Parent Workshops - Positive Behaviour (3:30pm- 4:00pm)
Thursday 14 th February 2019	Year 3 Atlee Class Assembly
Friday 15 th February 2019	Year 3 Hindu Temple Trip
Friday 15 th February 2019	Pupils' Art exhibition opens in the gym @ 3.30pm
Friday 15 th February 2019	End of half term- 1 week holiday
Monday 25 th February 2019	School returns
Tuesday 26 th February 2019	Year 2 Gilwell Park Trip
Thursday 28 th February 2019	Scholastic book fair arrives
Thursday 28 th February 2019	Parents Workshops- Fabulous Phonics
Wednesday 6 th March 2019	Parents Evening- 4-7pm
Thursday 7 th March 2019	Parents Evening- 4-6pm
Thursday 14 th March 2019	Parent Workshops- RE- Understanding Christianity(3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Parent workshops- Enjoy reading together (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Parent Workshops- Growth and mindset (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Year 4 Morris Class Assembly

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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