



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 6th March 2017



Head of School's Message:

Wow what a fabulous effort both pupils, parents and teachers put in to World Book day this year! The playground was full of excitement on Thursday and filled with an array of characters from our favourite books. The children enjoyed a full day of learning around their focus text incorporating music, art, drama and writing to become fully immersed in the text. Mrs Goulding was very busy taking pictures of the pupils and created a wonderful display which the children have been admiring since its instalment! Have a look at the pictures on the Photo Gallery page of this newsletter.

On Monday, the huge Science Dome which came to visit caused quite a stir. Our year one children explored space whilst our year 4 children delved deeper into light and sound! The fun didn't stop there! In year 2, the children have been creating special potions in maths when learning about capacity. They were given a selection of weird and wonderful ingredients such as glittery slime and bubbly blue juice in order to concoct potions making maths come to life. You can see the fantastic concoctions on our Photo Gallery page.

This week we look forward to the Kinetic Theatre visiting on Tuesday. They will be performing a Science show for our Key Stage One and Stage Two children! Additionally, we look forward to greeting those of you who have signed up for our parent's open week.

Faye Rider
Head of School

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Attendance was much better again last week, and we achieved 97.98%.

Attendance Winner

The improvement in our overall school attendance was reflected in classes this week with Reception Wilson, 1 Morris, 2 Morris (second week running), 5 Attlee and 6 Attlee all achieving 100% attendance. Well done to those classes!

Punctuality Awards

Reception Attlee and 4 Attlee were our early birds last week, with everyone being here on time every day.

Punctuality was also much improved last week, with 31 late marks across the school. Let's all try really hard to improve that even further next week.

As a little reminder: Punctuality is so important for your child's education. Don't forget,

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!
10 minutes late = 6 days lost!
15 minutes late = 9 days lost!
20 minutes late = 12 days lost!, and
30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to get here on time every day

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who had an excellent start to the term and were nominated for Star of the Week in assembly on Friday 10th Feb:

1A Raphy and Annabel
1M Leondre, Mia and Ethan
1W Sami and Beau
2A Penelope and Misan
2M Elliot and Efe
2W Aina and Marissa
3A Rosie and Marion
3M Lily and Dhaham
3W Najeh and Klaudia
4A Divine and Grace
4M Julian and Mia
4W Eleanor and Philesha
5A Jack and Julienne
5M Nana and Hannah
5W Micaiah and Danice
6A Lemarnie and Rafe

Well done to all of you
keep up the good work!



Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to keep collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers for us. Please encourage friends and family to save too! Thanks.

Red Nose Day

24th March will be Red Nose Day this year. We have Red Noses at the school office at a cost of £1 each. We have got 120 and once they are gone, they're gone!



After last year's success, we will again have a bake sale in the playground from 3.30 till 4.00 on Friday 24th March.

We ask parents and carers and most importantly children to bake some delicious cakes which we will sell on the day.

All cakes need to be brought into the office on Friday morning to ensure freshness.

Happy baking.

Class Corner

This term in 5 Attlee we have been looking at the life cycles and metamorphosis of insects - as a science project, we are raising fruit beetle larvae, which will hopefully turn into brightly coloured beetles! We all dressed up as our favourite characters for World Book Day - there were some impressive costumes! Later this term we will be exploring how people lived in the Stone Age, and creating our own Stone Age villages out of paper, card, and other materials.

Mr Cladingboel and Class 5 Attlee

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School are both continuing here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay. Dates for the second half of this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring
March 11 th 2017
March 18 th 2017 – NB this is a full day for SHINE – 8am to 6pm
March 25 th 2017

Please do not forget to return your permission slip for the trip on 18th March.

Weekly Reflections Our value of the week is: Wisdom

And as Jesus grew up, he increased in wisdom, in favour with God and people.

Luke 2:52



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PHOTO GALLERY

WHAT A FANTASTIC ARRAY OF COSTUMES ON DISPLAY FOR OUR WORLD BOOK DAY!



YEAR 2 MIXING MAGICAL POTIONS IN THEIR MATHS LESSON



Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Monday 6th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 3 and 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20 4pm – Parent Workshop – Science</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 9th March 2017</i>	<i>5 Wilson Class Assembly Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 10th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 16th March 2017</i>	<i>3.45-4.45 – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Friday 24th March 2017</i>	<i>Red Nose Day 3.30 – PFA Cake Sale - further details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March 2017</i>	<i>Easter Service – further details to follow</i>
<i>Wednesday 29th March 2017</i>	<i>Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Core Lesson – 9.30 to 11.45 Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Topic Lesson 1.30 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 31st March 2017</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday. No After School Club today</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th April 2017</i>	<i>Return to school</i>

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2016-2017

Spring Term 2017 - Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 20th February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

Holidays: Monday 3rd April 2017 – Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017 - First Half (28 Days)

Start – Tuesday 18th April 2017

End - Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29th May 2017

Second Half (33 Days) -

Start - Monday 5th June 2017

End -Wednesday 19th July 2017

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 - First Half (33 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 Thursday 12th April 2018

Summer Term 2018 - First Half (30 Days)

INSET – Friday 13th April 2018

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).