



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 16th October 2017



Head's Message

In Year 5 the children have been looking at some of the works of William Morris in Art this term, particularly his illuminated letters, reflected/repeated patterns and how he intertwines these with nature. On Friday 13th October, year 5 were lucky enough to have a trip to the William Morris gallery in Lloyd Park. Whilst at the gallery, they took part in two workshops: one included a tour, identifying patterns in William Morris' work and creating similar sketches; the other, a practical exercise where we got to use tools very similar to William Morris himself to create their own repeated pattern designs. All in all, it was an engaging, practical and informative trip, and the children left inspired and excited to continue their Art topic.

This week our wonderful year two and three children are leading the Harvest Services at church. A very special mention to Miss Hanley who has shown her lyrical flare creating her very own songs for the children to perform as well as teach all of year 3 the most incredible rap. All children and staff in year 2 and 3 have worked incredibly hard and we applaud you!

I would like to remind all parents, carers and children that scooting in the playground is not allowed. Please remember to walk your scooter sensibly through the school grounds. We have lots of younger children who could get a nasty bump if there was to be a collision and we must avoid

happening. Your support on this matter is very much appreciated

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 th November	10am to 11am
18 th November	9am to 10am
6 th December	6pm to 7pm
5 th 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 97.29%, which makes our attendance from 6th September 2017 is 97.61%.

Attendance and Punctuality

Reception classes continue to lead the way with punctuality! Reception Morris and Reception Wilson both had perfect punctuality for the third week running, being joined this week by 6 Attlee.

1 Attlee, 1 Wilson and 2 Wilson had a great week, all having a perfect 100% attendance.

After half term, with the onset of winter, it is harder to get up and get going. It might be worth setting your alarm clock just for

that 5 minutes earlier to ensure you all get here on time.



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

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. After half term, Attlee house will continue 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

this

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin are well underway now running from 4pm to 4.30pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 30th Oct

Values and Growth Mindset

Mon 6th Nov

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

SHINE

SHINE has now finished for this half term and will re-start here at St Mary's on the following dates:
Payment of £15 is now due

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

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 Miles and Stanley
- 1 Morris Brody and Aleks
- 1 Wilson Elijah and Charlie
- 2 Attlee John and Hailey
- 2 Morris Sonny C and Kwayerah
- 2 Wilson Lucas and Sophie
- 3 Attlee Edie and Mya
- 3 Morris Peter and Alice
- 3 Wilson Betsy and Dillon
- 4 Attlee Rosie and Taegan
- 4 Morris Renae and Donte
- 4 Wilson Chloe K and Jaheem
- 5 Attlee Kamarli, Elina and Alina
- 5 Morris Frankie, Tanya and David
- 5 Wilson Marni and John
- 6 Attlee Stef and Rachel
- 6 Morris Tominson and Martin
- 6 Wilson Micaiah and Katherine

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who has supported our book fair. As usual it has been a huge success and our commission will enable us to obtain some lovely new books for the school. The Fair will be open after school today, and again tomorrow morning, Tuesday 17th from 8:40 - 8:55 but then it will be collected.

Diary Dates

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

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.

children in school). We hope that you understand this decision.

Class Corner

5M have put their creative hats on this half term with their own artistic interpretation of illuminated letters inspired by Walthamstow's very own William Morris! Furthermore, they have thought about the themes within the story of Noah's Ark and have written their own letters to Vanessa from St. Mary's Church.

Miss Asare and 5 Morris

Data Sheets

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

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 up to this Thursday would 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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Half Term Activities

We have been advised of a half-term activity which is suitable for KS1 and lower KS2.

The show is called '**Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise**' and it is based on the award-winning, published book of the same name. The show is taking place at **CentrE17, Walthamstow** during October half term - dates and times are as follows:

21st October - 11am & 3pm

22nd October - 11am & 3pm

23rd October - 11am & 3pm

It is suitable for children aged 4+ and it incorporates topics found within the **KS1 & lower KS2 curriculum**.

Watch out! I am HOOT OWL. I am hungry. And here I come!

Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl - He's a Master of Disguise! And he plans to use his cunning camouflage powers to gobble up the tiny animals of the night. Trouble is, Hoot Owl's prey keep escaping! Is Hoot Owl as masterful as he thinks he is? Will he become a member of the Owl Parliament? And will he EVER succeed in catching himself some dinner?

LIVE ON STAGE! Original songs, colourful puppets, animation, hilarity, ridiculousness and rapid costume changes abound in this wildly inventive new show from Proon Productions, based on the 'Laugh Out Loud Book Award'-shortlisted picture book by Sean Taylor, with sets faithful to Jean Jullien's visually creative illustrations.

Hoot Owl is a fun and colourful show, entertaining for all the family and we really look forward to bringing the story to children within this area

Tickets are £10... the link below takes you to the website.

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/640>

Booking in advance is recommended as tickets available on the door can't necessarily be guaranteed.

Weekly Reflection



Value of the Week: Faith

[Timothy 4:12](#)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

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

<i>Saturday 16th September</i>	<i>SHINE at St Marys</i>
<i>Monday 18th December</i>	<i>Christmas Services – further details to follow</i>
<i>Wednesday 20th December</i>	<i>School Closes for Christmas at 2pm</i>
<i>Thursday 4th January 2018</i>	<i>Children back to school</i>
<i>Friday 5th January 2018</i>	<i>10am–11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</i>

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 – First Half (32 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 Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)

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).