



Weekly Newsletter 6th November 2019

Headteacher's News

We are very excited to announce that we will soon be hosting an **exhibition centred around Black History**, celebrating many wonderful achievements by people of colour. We will be hosting the event on **Friday 22nd November from 3.30pm to 5.00pm** in the main hall so that we can make use of the stage. All after school activity clubs will be cancelled on this day, with Tea Time Club running as usual in the gym.

Each year group has been working on their own exhibition pieces which will showcase black history. As part of the exhibition, our own school choir will be performing as well as there being **live African dancing and drumming from visiting musicians**. In addition to this, there will also be **workshops** for parents and children to get involved in. **Ms Nehar**, our excellent creative curriculum lead, has organised the event and it looks like it will be one to remember.

Finally, to promote the diversity of our school and borough, we would love for you to bring in **pictures that showcase your significant life events** (weddings, birthdays and other significant or proud moments). These will be proudly displayed to show the beauty of our multicultural community and to allow an opportunity for children to discuss how people of different faiths and cultures celebrate events. If you have a picture you wish to share, could you please send it with your child to school to hand in to their class teacher by the 14th of November with a brief explanation on the back regarding the memorable occasion. We look forward to celebrating black history with you on the 22nd.

On another front, this week and next week in RE lessons the children are considering how they can be **'Agents of Change'**. The children will focus initially on a broad theme and then devise a plan that would persuade others to agree with them and which could lead to a **significant change in the local or the world community**. This might include writing to the Council Leader or local MP, or using other means to get their message across. The children will help to devise their mini campaign and will look at aspects of the world including **climate change, refugees and world health**. Hopefully the children will be seeking to persuade their parents of the worthiness of their causes too!

Matt O'Brien
Headteacher

Save the Date!

St Mary's PFA Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 12-3pm in the hall & gym



As we do every year, we are supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal and a collection tin and poppies are available at the school office.

School Council Leading the Way for Children In Need



The **School Council** has met several times this term and all members have now received their badges. We are currently putting together an '**Action Plan**' for the changes and activities we would like to implement across the school this academic year. Our first School Council-led event is for the Children in Need Appeal which is **Friday 15th November!!** St Mary's School Council will be running a **cake sale in the gym** from 3:30pm - 4pm. Any cake donations would be hugely appreciated for such a fantastic cause; these can be home bakes (no nuts please) or shop bought - the more we can sell the more we can raise. Please bring any contributions to **Mrs Satari (formerly Miss Sabato)** or to the office. Additionally, we will be hosting a **non-school uniform day** on the same day where we would like to ask the children to wear something spotty and bring in £1.

To support this appeal, we also have a variety of Children in Need merchandise on sale at £1 or £2 available from the school office from Monday 11th November.

Online Safety Newsletter

An online safety newsletter, full of useful and interesting information will be sent home today alongside this newsletter. Please do have a read.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5% and last week we achieved 96.7%. Well done to 1Wilson who had perfect 100% attendance last week. Attendance overall this year has been **96.7%**.

Reception Intake September 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between October and 15th January 2020 for admission in September 2020. We have a series of Open Days/Evenings as follows:

Saturday 16th November at 9.30am

Monday 9th December at 6pm

Monday 13th January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

Finance Matters

Thank you to those parents who have been able to make payments since we requested last week. There is still a large number of payments outstanding, so could we ask that parents of children in **years 3, 4, 5 and 6** make payment for the two outstanding items - £10 for the **book deposit**, and £20 for the **Panto** and that parents of children in Year 6 pay their £50 deposit to pay for the **summer residential trip**. The **KS1 Panto** has also just been added to ParentPay and a payment of £2.50 per child is now due from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please could we ask that if you have not already done so, payment is made to these items at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

Flu Vaccination

If you have not yet returned the flu vaccination form, please could you do so, whether or not you want your child to be vaccinated.

Parent Workshops

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend. Workshops start tomorrow and we hope to see you there.

Wednesday 13th November	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 19th November	Cyber Safety
Tuesday 26th November	EYFS Homework
Tuesday 3rd December	Homework
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Stories
Tuesday 14th January	Fabulous Phonics
Tuesday 21st January	Magic Maths
Tuesday 28th January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4th February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11th February	Science
Tuesday 3rd March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10th March	History Projects
Tuesday 17th March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24th March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28th April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12th May	Writing
Tuesday 19th May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2nd June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9th June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16th June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23rd June	Values and Growth Mindset

Diary Dates

<i>Thursday 7th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 6 Morris at 9.00am</i> <i>School Photographs – Individuals and siblings</i> <i>3.45pm – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 14th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 6 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
<i>Friday 15th November</i>	<i>Non Uniform Day for Children In Need – wear something spotty!</i> <i>School Council cake sale for Children In Need in the gym, 3.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday 16th November</i>	<i>Reception 2020 Open Day at 9.30am</i>
<i>Thursday 21st November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 5 Attlee at 9.00am</i>
<i>Friday 22nd November</i>	<i>Black History Month Celebration in the school hall, 3.30 to 5.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th November</i>	<i>Flu Vaccination in school – Years R to Year 6</i>
<i>Thursday 28th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 5 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
<i>Saturday 7th December, 12-3pm</i>	<i>PFA Christmas Fair</i>

Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8th May](#).

Useful Contacts

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General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. 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.

The DPO's contact details are as follows:

Data Protection Officer: Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

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Dates for 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

INSET - Monday 6th January 2020

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH MAY

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days