



ST.
MARY'S
SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Monday 30th October 2017



Head's Message

The children returned well rested and full of exciting tales of their wonderful adventures this half term!

The last week of term was a real highlight for us all with our talented Year 2 and Year 3 classes leading the Harvest Service at church. The children rapped, sang and danced away, showcasing their incredible skills whilst also sharing the importance of Harvest time.

This week the children will be introduced to their new texts in Literacy. Creating a sense of awe and wonder around their next text is really important to us to ensure we captivate their imaginations from the outset! Mr Damilura and Mrs Matthews brought a volcano into school and created an eruption with the children! This was a super starter to Year 3's literacy text *Escape from Pompeii*!

On Friday Year Six Wilson will be visiting the Imperial War Museum. Attlee and Morris will be attending the following week. We will be keeping you posted about their experiences at the museum along with some photographs of the day!

Have a great week

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:

8th November 10am to 11am
18th November 9am to 10am
6th December 6pm to 7pm
5th January 10am to 11am

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. In the week before half term, attendance was spot on our target at 96.5 and our attendance from 6th September 2017 is 97.41%.

Attendance and Punctuality

What an amazing start our Reception classes have had to their school careers. Reception Morris had perfect punctuality for the fourth week running, which is really great. Good punctuality becomes a life habit so they are all off to a great start. They were joined by 1 Attlee for the second week running and by 2 Attlee and 5 Morris. Reception Wilson were our punctuality champions with 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.

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.

Class Corner

5 Wilson have had a very busy first half term and have been working extremely hard. One of our favourite topics has been the Victorians. We've learnt all about how Lord Shaftesbury and

Dr. Barnardo helped to change life for Victorian children and have demonstrated this through roleplay, with thoroughly impressive acting skills! We've also had lots of fun creating illuminated letters and William Morris wall paper during our art lessons. We'll be using our wallpaper to redecorate our book corner. As for maths, we've been focussing on all four operations and pushing ourselves to get on to the master it activity each lesson. It's been a busy term and we've all enjoyed a well deserved rest before we start the second half of the term which will be just as busy and exciting!

Mrs Barrett-Horbury and 5 Wilson

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 6th Nov

Y1-6 Homework plus Welcome to Reception

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27th Nov

On-line safety01

Mon 4th Dec

SEND

Mon 11th Dec

Writing

Individual School Photographs

Your child should now have brought home the proof of their individual and sibling photographs. Please could you ensure that orders are placed and money sent in to school by this Friday, 3rd November, please.

BOOK FAIR

Our book fair was a huge success. Thanks to your amazing support, we have been able to order a large quantity of new books from our commission. Thank you very much.

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.

SHINE

SHINE will re-start here at St Mary's on the following dates: Payment of £15, which takes you through to the Christmas break, is now due if you have not already paid.

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 until Christmas, will be £82.08p. 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.

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AUTUMN TERM 2 nd Half
Venue: St Mary's 9.00am – 2.00pm
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

Weekly Reflection



Value of the Week: Caring

Romans 15:2

“Let each of us please his neighbour for his good, to build him up”

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Thursday 2 nd November	9.05 - 2Attlee Class Assembly
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 – I 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 – I 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
Saturday 16 th September	SHINE at St Marys
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Services – further details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January 2018	Children back to school
Friday 5 th January 2018	10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 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).