



**Weekly
Newsletter**
5th March 2019

Headteacher's News

Parent conferences take place this week at St Mary's starting tomorrow and finishing on Thursday. We hope that the chance to have a good discussion with the teacher regarding your child's progress is helpful at what is a crucial time of the year – by this point, the staff are well acquainted with the children and are well positioned to be able to pass on any advice that will help them to address any weaknesses in the second half of the year. It would be great to get some feedback from parents too (as well as *us* feeding back to *you* on progress) and so we urge you to complete the **parent questionnaire** that will be handed out in the gym when the conferences take place. We are very interested in parental views of the school in a range of aspects of our work, including in respect of homework and hope to use the feedback to further improve. We learnt last week that we have received well over 200 applications for our 90 Reception places in September, so St Mary's clearly remains very popular locally, but *as a school* we have a Growth Mindset just as we encourage each individual child to have one, so we welcome feedback as a tool for continued improvement.

World Book Day Dress-Up – this Thursday

This Thursday the whole school will be dressed up as their favourite book character – assembly will be awash with colour!

Science Show

The children really enjoyed the two Science Shows this week (see picture on the right). Charlotte, Y6, commented, *"It was all about sound and we found out that there has to be at least twenty vibrations per second to make a sound that a human can hear – the highest sound is 20,000 vibrations!"*



Children enjoying a Science Show in the main hall today.

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **94.6%**

Last week we achieved 96.8% - fantastic work!

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to Year 4M who had 100% attendance last week!

Runners up this week are 1W, who had 99.8% attendance.

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



Gilwell Park Trip

Soon after we returned from half-term, Year 2 were lucky enough to enjoy a fun-filled day out at Gilwell Park. With the weather on our side we were able to make the most of our wonderful surroundings. The day was well spent **building shelters** in the forest, **orienteering** around the park, **developing team work** and **communication skills** and facing our fears **rock climbing**. What a fantastic day out we all had!!

Ms Sabato, PE Leader



ART PROJECT - CALLING ALL PARENTS!



We are looking forward to **fundraising** for an exciting and upcoming **art project** involving **Maud Milton**, one of our amazing local artists (and the creator of the mosaic above). If your workplace offers any **match funding** or you are able to get prizes together for a raffle, please get in contact with Miss Ellen Hanley via email. ellen.hanley@genesistrust.net

Parents' Prayer Club

Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be next **Thursday the 14th March**. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

Stars of the Week

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

Y1A - Sadie

Y1M - Raffy

Y1W - Leroy

Y2A - Annabelle

Y2M - Toby

Y2W - Riley

Y3A - Phillipa

Y3M - Sonny C

Y3W - Theo

Y4A - Jacob

Y4M - Scarlett

Y4W - Georgie

Y5A - Wiktor

Y5M - Arlo

Y5W - Tishana

Y6A - Luke

Y6M - Aaliyah

Y6W - Lewis B



Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is still on!

The book fair will be running after school until 4pm up to this Thursday, based in Mr Ali's Y1 classroom (as the gym will be in use).



Assemblies Change

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We are splitting assemblies – Attlee and Wilson are in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) on Fridays, and Morris 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.

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.

Diary Dates

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

<i>Wednesday 6th March 2019</i>	<i>Parents' Evening - 4-7pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th March 2019</i>	<i>WE day trip</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 & 2 Group 'Wonder of Light' Art Trip</i>
<i>Thursday 7th March 2019</i>	<i>Y5 Morris Class Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 7th March 2019</i>	<i>Parents' Evening - 4-6pm</i>
<i>Friday 8th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 5 Trip to Museum of London</i>
<i>Thursday 14th March 2019</i>	<i>Parent Workshops – RE - Understanding Christianity (3:30-4:00pm)</i>
<i>Monday 18th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 2 Easter Experience Trip</i>
<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Year 1 Wilson Class Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Parent workshops – Enjoying Reading Together (3:30-4:00pm)</i>
<i>Thursday 21st March 2019</i>	<i>Year 5A and W Mosque Trip</i>
<i>Thursday 28th March 2019</i>	<i>Parent Workshops - Growth Mindset (3:30-4:00pm)</i>
<i>Thursday 28th March 2019</i>	<i>Year 4 Morris Class Assembly</i>

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

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