



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Head's Message

When visiting classes this week I was amazed at the incredible projects in Year 1 Attlee. The children have worked so hard during their half term and Miss Brown was so impressed. Their incredible designs can be found inside the classroom alongside their learning display about Toys from the past. Soon the year 1 children will begin Nativity rehearsals. This eagerly anticipated event will be held on the 18th December at Church.

On Wednesday 29th November we would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our Reading Workshop. This will start at 4:00 and will be held in the gym. It is an opportunity to discuss with teachers strategies for reading and also find out about the texts your child will be using in class. We do hope to see many of you there.

It certainly has turned very cold out there. Can I kindly remind children to ensure they bring a winter coat to school to make sure they are kept well and warm during our chilly playtime.

**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<sup>th</sup> November** 10am to 11am

**18<sup>th</sup> November** 9am to 10am

**6<sup>th</sup> December** 6pm to 7pm

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2018** 10am to 11am

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week our attendance fell just below that target at 95.82% but our overall attendance from 6th September 2017 remains above that target at 97.25%.

### Attendance and Punctuality

What an amazing start our Reception classes have had to their school careers. Reception Morris are setting a new record for punctuality and for an amazing fifth week running, which is fantastic, every single child was here on time every day. They were joined last week by Reception Wilson, 1 Wilson, 3 Wilson, 6 Attlee and 6 Wilson. Well done to those classes.

### Diary Dates

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

### 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

6A are looking forward to the new term head. We have just started our new literacy text - The Hobbit - which is a well-known fantasy story. Our reading and writing lessons will centre around the wonderful world of Bilbo Baggins. We have moved onto a new topic in R.E. about saints. We will explore special people in our lives and how special people are recognised in the church.

*Miss Neville and 6 Attlee*

### 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.

### Parent Workshops

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

Mon 20th Nov

SATs – Years 2 and 6

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

On-line safety

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Reading workshop

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

SEND

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

Writing

### Christmas Card Competition

Stella Creasy, our Local MP, has invited our children to participate in her Annual Greetings Card competition. The winning design will be sent by Stella to over 3,500 people. If your child would like to participate, they are encouraged to design a card expressing the celebrations of Christmas and the New Year in Walthamstow. In addition to having their design printed as Christmas cards, the winner will be invited, with their family, to tea with Stella in Westminster.

Deadline for entries is **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. Entries can either be posted to:

Stella Creasy MP

23 Orford Road

Walthamstow

LONDON E17 9NL or e-mailed to

[jess@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk](mailto:jess@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk).

Entries should contain your child's name, address, telephone number, age and school attended.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Stella's secretary, Jess on 020 8521 1223.

### SHINE

SHINE continues 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.

Achievement School for invited year 6 pupils runs alongside on the same dates from 9am to 12.30pm.

SHINE AUTUMN TERM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Venue: St Mary's 9.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>HALF TERM</b>

### Finance Matters

This half of the Autumn Term is always a very busy one with the weeks whizzing by, and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. Both KS1 and KS2 have a panto experience – KS1 in school and KS2 at the Hackney Empire.

Please could you ensure that payment for these items are paid as soon as possible.

Many thanks

### Useful Contacts

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Teatime Club: 07542 193499

Nursery: [stmarysnursery.net](http://stmarysnursery.net)

Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

### 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**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.30 to 9.30pm – PFA Welcome Supper/Cheese and Wine here at school</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>5M to visit William Morris Gallery</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8pm – PFA Social Event Village Pub, Orford Rd</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.05 – Class Assembly – I Morris</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Mary's and Achievement School 9am -10am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – SATs Yr 2 and 6</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Classes 6A and 6M to Imperial War Museum</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SHINE at St Mary's and Achievement School</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop – Online Safety</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>4pm – Reading workshop in Gym</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - SEND</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS1 Panto in school</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6pm-7pm – Reception 2018 Open Evening</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.05 – Class Assembly – I Attlee</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>4-4.30pm – Parent Workshop - Writing</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last swimming for 4Attlee and 4Morris</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SHINE at St Marys and Achievement School</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Services – further details to follow</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Closes for Christmas at 2pm</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Children back to school</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>10am-11am – Reception 2018 Open Morning</b>

## Term Dates 2017-2018

### **Autumn Term Second Half (38 Days)**

Start – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

End – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

### **Spring Term 2018 – First Half (26 Days)**

**INSET – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

Start – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

End – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### **Second Half (29 Days)**

Start – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

End – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **Summer Term 2018 – First Half (30 Days)**

Start – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

End – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (during Half Term)

### **Second Half (35 Days)**

Start – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).