



**Weekly Newsletter
12th November 2019**

Headteacher's News

This week is **Anti-Bullying Week** and with that being the case, we will have assemblies on this theme reminding the children of how to handle situations where other children are being unkind whether in person or on the internet. Issues around body image have been an increasingly unhealthy problem in recent times in society at large and schools are affected in turn. We'll be encouraging the children to feel confident about their various body shapes and to accept that difference is something we celebrate at St Mary's, in all its forms. To commemorate Anti-Bullying Week we will be launching the 'Second Adult' approach at St Mary's this week. The idea behind this is to allow children a second opportunity to report a problem that the first adult may not have been able to resolve. This provides a safety net for a child who may want to get additional assistance in stopping unwarranted and negative attention; the child announces to a member of staff, 'You're my Second Adult' and the staff member then revisits the situation.

Yesterday in assembly the children spent a **minute reflecting** on the lost lives of service men and women since the First World War. The children considered the practice of wearing poppies and observed the minute's silence very respectfully.

The new **Y3-6 school choir** and the new **school orchestra** are due to launch within days and I look forward to them performing very soon. The choir will be performing at Wembley Arena in the spring but will also find the time to entertain audiences in the near future, including at the upcoming Black History Month event and at Christmas. Musicians keen to be part of our orchestra have been invited to request a place, and there are one or two left so please register your child's interest if you have a budding instrumentalist in the family.

Matt O'Brien, *Headteacher*

Christmas Services

The dates of the Christmas Services have now been confirmed as follows:

Mon 16th Dec at 9.30am	Morris Houses
Mon 16th Dec at 2.00pm	Attlee Houses
Tue 17th Dec at 9.30am	Wilson Houses

All services take place in St Mary's Church.

Save the Date!

St Mary's PFA Christmas Fair

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

School Council Leading the Way for Children In Need



Last week we told you about our first School Council-led event which is for the Children in Need Appeal this **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 today.



A Word from Our Digital Leader Pupils

As Digital Leaders, we have been thinking about games and apps and how to play these safely. We have learnt about PEGI ratings which help us to know what age a game or app is suitable for and why games have been given a certain age rating. This is helping us to make sensible decisions for ourselves about which games and apps are appropriate for us as well as giving us the knowledge and skills to support our friends and classmates to make safe, sensible choices. We used this to find some age-suitable games and apps to recommend to parents of other children through writing a piece to go in the school's online safety newsletter. If you are not sure if a game or app is suitable or have experienced one that you want to alert others to, please let us know. *Thank you from the digital leaders*

St Mary's Christmas Card Project

Last week all children had the opportunity to take part in the Christmas Card Project. Under the guidance and support of their teachers, all children have designed their own Christmas card front cover. Their designs have been sent off to be scanned in. From **Thursday 14th November** artwork will be returned and ready to be purchased. Each individual print will be returned to school with a unique QR code and you'll have the opportunity to go online and purchase a pack of Christmas cards designed by your child. Furthermore, you will also be able to purchase their design as Christmas wrapping paper, mugs, gift tags and many more exciting items. Items can be purchased from www.apfsorders.co.uk.

We hope that your children enjoyed taking part in this project and many of you enjoy your personalised Christmas items. The final deadline for orders is **Monday 25th November**. All orders made will be back with the school by **Thursday 5th December** and ready to be sent home for the festive season.

Any queries please contact the office or Mrs Satari.

School Nurse Drop-in Today at 3pm to 4.30pm

As previously mentioned, the School Nurse will do the first of her monthly drop-ins to St Mary's today at 3pm. She is available to talk about any physical or mental health issues. Come to the office if you would like to meet with her.



Black History Month Event

Don't forget about our Black History Month event after school on Friday 22nd November from 3.30 to 5pm. See the poster on the next page.

Join us to celebrate

A WALK THROUGH BLACK HISTORY



AN EXHIBITION OF ART AND CULTURE!

22ND OF NOVEMBER 3:30PM - 5:00PM

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIVE DANCING AND DRUMMING

WORKSHOPS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CULTURE!

SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMING LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME!

TASTE THE CARIBBEAN WITH HOMEMADE FOOD!

DON'T MISS OUT!

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5% and last week we achieved 97.617%. Well done to 4Morris and 4Wilson who had perfect 100% attendance last week. Attendance overall this year has been **96.82%**.

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 are still some payments outstanding, so we ask, if not already paid, 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.

Star of the Week



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star of the Week in assembly on Friday:

1A	Remy	3A	Dominik	5A	Tiyana
1M	Freddie	3M	Jada	5M	Alice
1W	Eleanor	3W	Luke	5W	Iris
2A	Nathaniel	4A	Franklin	6A	Sophia and Susan
2M	CJ	4M	Gabrielle	6M	Amiya
2W	Ruben	4W	Pavel	6W	Tishauna

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.

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

Tuesday 12 th November	<i>3pm – School Nurse available for drop-in; come to the main office if you would like to see the nurse</i>
Thursday 14 th November	<i>Class Assembly 6 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
Friday 15 th November	<i>Non Uniform Day for Children In Need – wear something spotty! School Council cake sale for Children In Need in the gym, 3.30pm</i>
Saturday 16 th November	<i>Reception 2020 Open Day at 9.30am</i>
Thursday 21 st November	<i>Class Assembly 5 Attlee at 9.00am</i>
Friday 22 nd November	<i>Black History Month Celebration in the school hall, 3.30 to 5.00pm</i>
Wednesday 27 th November	<i>Flu Vaccination in school – Years R to Year 6</i>
Thursday 28 th November	<i>Class Assembly 5 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
Friday 29 th November	<i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire</i>
Saturday 7 th December, 12-3pm	<i>PFA Christmas Fair</i>
Monday 9 th December	<i>Reception 2020 Open Day at 6pm</i>
Monday 16 th December	<i>9.30am – Morris Houses in Church for nativity 2pm – Attlee Houses in Church for nativity</i>
Tuesday 17 th December	<i>9.30am – Wilson Houses in Church for nativity</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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Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

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

Email: dataservices@judicium

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.