



Toby, Y2, with his amazing giraffe sculpture



Weekly  
Newsletter  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019



The infant panto last week

### Headteacher's News

As you will read in the message from the PFA below, the **Xmas Fair** on Saturday was very busy and a great success. I'd like to thank everyone involved with the event for helping it to be the great day it was. Thank you to **Fiona James** and **Fiona Barratt** for running the event so well, and for their ongoing commitment to the school. Thank you again to **Tina Leake** for the fantastic job she did with the raffle prizes which once again dazzled us all with their quality and variety.

We have received many parental responses to the **School Streets** initiative. If anyone else would like to express a view, you can still do this by emailing the school office and putting 'School Streets' in the title slot to mark it out from the rest of the inbound email.

The next fortnight will be busy with **events** aplenty! On Monday and Tuesday next week the three Year 1 classes take it in turns to perform the **nativity** at St Mary's (timings on the 'Dates for your Diary' page); they have been doing well with their rehearsals and are looking forward to putting on a show! Later next week, the **Christmas Carol Evening** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> will pack out the hall (see advert overleaf), as will the two **poetry recitals** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> which will take place in the gym at 9am for Attlee House and Y1-3 of Morris, and 2.15pm for Y4-6 of Morris and all of Wilson. For the latter event the class learn a whole poem and perform it to the school complete with actions and bags of enthusiasm! Previous recitals have always been lovely, so we very much look forward to celebrating all things poetic next week.

Mr O'Brien  
Headteacher

### School Uniform

Can parents please be reminded that **school shoes** are required at St Mary's rather than trainers. A number of children have recently been reminded to wear shoes rather than **trainers**, so that the school uniform is adhered to. The idea behind a school uniform is that with everyone wearing the same clothes and shoes no-one feels left out or upset because they do not have, for example, the latest, and often very expensive, pair of trainers. Thank you for supporting us with this school policy.

### Message from the PFA

*The PFA Chairs would like to send a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to Saturday's amazingly successful Christmas event. It was great to see so many there, children happily doing craft activities and the real feeling of community there was. After expenses, we are hoping to have made a profit of approximately £2,400 which is a fabulous amount.*

*Thanks to all who helped plan, set up and clear away (including grotto), the wonderful catering team, all our marvellous volunteers, Father Christmas for giving us a few hours of his valuable time, school staff who helped and attended, people who donated to tombola and cakes, businesses who donated amazing raffle prizes and all who came along or contributed in any other way. Also, thank you to the school choir for their beautiful singing.*

*It was a truly memorable afternoon. THANK YOU everyone!*

*Fiona and Fiona, PFA Co-Chairs*

2019 PFA Xmas Fair Pictures



### Science Symposium Event

Look out for a letter from Ms Nehaar soon linked to the Science Symposium event in the spring. Children are being invited to undertake a science-related project over the Christmas holidays that will bring out the best in their investigative and enquiring minds.

### Coffee Mornings on Mondays at 8.40am

We had our first Monday Morning Coffee today and will continue to meet every Monday, starting at 8.40am and ending at 9.00am, there will be a coffee morning each Monday at the external entrance end of the gym. Some parents may then like to stay at 9.00am to watch the Y1-3 gym assembly or Y4-6 hall one, both of which end at 9.25am.

### After School Activity Clubs

After school activity clubs run by school staff have now finished for this term. Cherry Bees and Beartuza will run this week, and tea time club runs until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. There will be NO tea time club on the last day of term.

### School Nurse Drop-in 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every Month - 3pm to 4.30pm

The School Nurse will do the next of her monthly drop-ins to St Mary's tomorrow, **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** from 3pm to 4.30pm. She is available to talk about any physical or mental health issues. Come to the office if you would like to meet with her, no appointment required.

### Star of the Week



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

1 Attlee	Joseph	1 Morris	Florence	1 Wilson	Alexus
2 Attlee	Evie Jean	2 Morris	Sidney	2 Wilson	Leroy
3 Attlee	Freya	3 Morris	Ellie	3 Wilson	Riley
4 Attlee	Joshua	4 Attlee	Sonny C	4 Wilson	Madison
5 Attlee	Imogen	5 Morris	Katerina	5 Wilson	Ishaaq
6 Attlee	Tia	6 Morris	Donte	6 Wilson	Ecehavin

Well done everyone!

### **Christmas Carol Evening**

This event will take place in the hall on **Wednesday 18th December** from 3.45pm to 5.00pm. We hope to see many parents in attendance enjoying the choir's carols, some instrumental performances and a few Christmas-themed readings from our worship group.



### **Poetry Recitals**

On the last **Thursday of term, 19th**, there will be two **poetry recitals** in the gym. **Attlee house classes and Years 1-3 of Morris** will be at 9am, and **Y4-6 of Morris and all of Wilson** will be at 2.15pm. Parents are of course very welcome.

### **Whole School Attendance**

The whole school attendance target is 96.5% and last week we were well below that mark at 92.66%. The winter sniffles seemed to hit some classes hard last week and as a result, no class achieved 100% attendance, but 4M had the best attendance with 96.91% and although no class had everyone here on time, 6 Wilson had the best punctuality record with just one late mark. Attendance overall this year has been **96.09%**.

### **Reception Intake September 2020**

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

Monday 9th December at 6pm  
Monday 13th January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

### **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.

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

### Dates for your Diary

<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper Day (£1 CONTRIBUTION) and School Christmas Dinner</i>
<i>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>9.30am – Morris Houses in Church for nativity 2pm – Attlee Houses in Church for nativity</i>
<i>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>9.30am – Wilson Houses in Church for nativity</i>
<i>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>3.45-5pm – Choir Concert in the hall</i>
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Poetry Recital: 9.00am – All Attlee House Classes and Years 1, 2 and 3 of Morris House 2.15pm – Year 4, 5 and 6 of Morris House and all Wilson House Classes</i>
<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>School Closes at 2pm – NO TEA TIME CLUB TODAY</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 8<sup>th</sup> May](#).

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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 **Email:** [dataservices@judicium](mailto: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 4<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.