



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016



### **Head of School's Message:**

We were honoured this week to welcome the Mayor into school to judge the final of our Speech competition. He spoke incredibly highly of each and every child shortlisted to speak about the topic they felt most passionately about. Speaking in front of their peers, teachers, proud parents and the mayor did not phase our professional pupils. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and especially our winner Mabel Treglowen in Year 5 Wilson.

Providing children with experiences to help them in their everyday lives is something we pride ourselves in. This week we had the prime opportunity to focus upon real life problems affecting all of us, especially those walking and cycling to school every day. We tackled issues surrounding road safety with a special guest speaker who emphasized the importance of keeping safe when crossing the roads. In an interactive, engaging and stimulating way our special guest enthused the children about the importance of keeping aware, alert and attentive to all that is around us.

Christmas activities are kicking off this week with pantomime fever! Our younger children will be enjoying a performance of Beauty and the Beast in school on Wednesday and our KS2 children will be whisked off by coach to Hackney Empire for Sleeping Beauty on Friday. I know both children and staff alike are excited for this eagerly awaited highlight of Autumn Term.



Mayor of Waltham Forest with our fantastic speech-makers!



Road Safety ..... Take care!



### **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to the following children who were nominated as Stars of the week last week:

- 1A Dylan and Scarlett
- 1M Grace L and Ellie J
- 1W Maya and Chimere
- 2A Dawid and Grace
- 2M Alice and Lilly
- 2W Rebecca and Georgie
- Year 3 were fantastic on their trip and so all are nominated
- 4A Alfie and Alexandra
- 4M David and Matas
- 4W Marni and Ewan
- 5A Rachel and Aaron
- 5M Neriah-Jane and Nana
- 5W Ethan and Thianna
- 6A Ellie and Kenneth

Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

### **Lunch Menu**

The Waltham Forest lunch menu is now available to view on our website, or by visiting <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/school-meals>. If you are unable to access either, please ask at the school office for a paper copy.

### **After School Club**

Don't forget, as we finish at 2pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB that day.

### **Parking outside School**

Staying on the subject of road safety, it has been brought to our attention by several concerned parents, that there are an increasing number of cars either double parked outside the front entrance of the school in Brooke Road, or pulling up on the yellow zig zag lines for parents and carers to let their children out of the cars for school. This is a huge safety hazard. The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us and we are concerned that the inevitable will happen and there will be an accident. We do appreciate that parking around the school is difficult at the moment with all the roadworks currently taking place, but if it means that you need to park a little further away and walk your child to school, at least they will not be in danger of crossing between double and incorrectly parked cars. Please be considerate to the safety of all our children. Thank you.

### **SHINE and Achievement School**

If your child attends SHINE and you have not yet been able to pay the £15 due for this term, please could you do so via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Achievement School for Year 6 pupils continues here at St for just one more week, this Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Class Corner**

Class 2Attlee have been learning about Judaism in preparation for our upcoming school trip to the Jewish Museum. Last week we have been looking at how Jewish families celebrate Shabbat. Ask your child to tell you what they know about Shabbat and what Jewish families do to prepare and celebrate this weekly celebration. We are finding this topic very interesting and are sure you will too!

***Miss Higgins and 2 Attlee***

### **Whole School Attendance**

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We had a good week last week, and exceeded our target at 97.3%. Well done.

#### **Attendance Winner**

No 100% attendance last week, but well done to 1 Attlee and 4 Attlee who had an almost perfect 99.33%.

#### **Punctuality Awards**

Year 1 are our new punctuality champions with 1Attlee and 1 Wilson both having everyone here on time every day last week – well done!

Punctuality continues to be on the high side, with 67 late marks across the school. Please could we make a real effort in the last couple of weeks of term to really try and get here on time!

#### **Prayer Group**

Our last Prayer Group meeting for this term will take place at 9.05am on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, our last day of term. All Welcome.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Don't forget to get ready for our Annual Christmas Jumper Day on 16<sup>th</sup> December, where children can wear a Christmas-themed jumper and give a £1 donation which we will send to Save the Children. We are really looking forward to all your Christmas creations.

#### **Christmas Food Bank Appeal**

Thank you so much for the generosity shown by so many of our families for our Christmas Food Bank Appeal. Our donations box in the reception area is already overflowing and our appeal is not yet a week old. If you have not yet done so, and feel that you are able, all donations would be very gratefully accepted. Our final collection date is next week, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Admissions**

Primary school entry from September 2017 (Reception class) If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a primary school place from September 2016, Your child will be due to start in September 2017. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017.

Prospective parents are very welcome to come along to our Parent Sessions which will include a tour of the school, on the following dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 10am

#### **Weekly Reflections**

**Our value of the week is: Equality**

May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right. Peter Marshall

Jon 13:34

‘A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’

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

**Don't forget our Christmas Fair  
THIS SATURDAY here at school  
at 12.30. Loads of fun to be had.  
Hope to see you there!**

## ***Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016***

<b><i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>4pm Parent Workshop – Modern Foreign Language 6pm – Prospective Reception parent tour</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>KS1 Panto in school - Beauty and the Beast</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Reception Classes to visit St Mary's Church</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire – Packed Lunch required</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Christmas Fair – 12.30 – 3pm Last SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's for this term.</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>9.15 – School Nurse drop in session 4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Year 2 visiting the Jewish Museum – Vegetarian Packed Lunch required</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Choir to sing at St Mary's church at 6.30pm</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Wilson and Morris Houses to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>Attlee House to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM After School Club end of term party – 4pm</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</i></b>	<b><i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Children return to school</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017</i></b>	<b><i>10am – Prospective Reception Parent tour</i></b>

## **St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2016-2017**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

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

Start – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

End - Wednesday 21st December 2016

**Holidays:** Thursday 22nd December 2016 – Monday 2nd January 2017

### **Spring Term 2017**

#### **First Half (29 Days)**

*INSET - Tuesday 3rd January 2017*

Start – Wednesday 4th January 2017

End - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Half Term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### **Second Half (30 Days)**

Start - Monday 20th February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

**Holidays:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### **Summer Term 2017**

#### **First Half (28 Days)**

Start – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

End - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

**Holidays** May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### **Second Half (33 Days)**

Start - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

End -Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017