



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 16th January 2017



Head of School's Message:

Last week all the children thoroughly enjoyed starting the term with their Wow Day. We had such a wonderful array of costumes and props in the playground. It was such a pleasure walking around school seeing the children so captivated by their new topics and the creative lessons teachers had planned.

We have loved having parents and carers in this week to view the children's wonderful projects. Having an opportunity to showcase the work our pupils complete outside of school is very important to us and it fills the children with pride!

Year 2 had a special visitor in from the Fresh Water Theatre. They went back in time to 1666 where London was ablaze. During the workshop the children acted in role as Samuel Pepys, created freeze frames and explored historical artefacts. Much fun was had by all.

Year 3 Morris have been very busy concocting potions inspired by their focus text Sleeping Beauty. The children were mixing some very strange ingredients together in their classrooms which created quite a buzz! Luckily we have detailed instructions written by the pupils so we can make them too!

You can see some fabulous pictures at the end of this newsletter, of our projects, the theatre workshop and some very interesting Sleeping Beauty potions.

This week our talented choir will be taking part in this year's Young Voices concert at the O2! It's a very exciting event for our pupils and we wish them lots of luck! Year 5 are also in for a treat with a Mayaan Workshop which will take place on Wednesday bringing their current topic to life and allowing them to learn even more outside of the classroom!

Best wishes
Faye Rider, Head of School

Dinner Money

For those of you who prefer for pay for dinner money on a half-termly basis, the amount due until we finish for half term on Friday 10th February will be £60.48p.

Food Bank Appeal

Our food bank appeal over Christmas was a huge success and has made us think about families in need within our own school and local community. We are going to try and set up an on-going store of non-perishable goods that we can donate to families in need. If you could add an item or two extra in your weekly shopping and drop it into the school office, we would be extremely grateful.

School assembly

Don't forget, this term, Morris Houses will be in the gym for assemblies.

Emergency Contacts

Please can you ensure that you keep the office updated with your correct contact details if you have any changes to home and work phone numbers, mobile numbers and current e-mail addresses. Thank you .

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who had an excellent start to the term and were nominated for Star of the Week in assembly on Friday:

- 1A Kiki and Alan
- 1M Grace A and Micah
- 1W Rayyan and Tate
- 2A Malaikah and Imogen
- 2M Amelle and Herbie
- 2W Lily, Georgie, Frank and Micah
- 3A Abass and Abi-Mae
- 3M Lucia and Soloman
- 3W Samantha and Najeh
- 4A Josiah and Grace W
- 4M Mabel, Zara and Layla
- 4W Billy and Diangela
- 5A Daniel and Jack
- 5M Serena and Jasmine
- 5W Kieram and Rhianna
- 6A Frances and Ciara

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.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week was much improved and we exceeded our target, at 97.02%. Well done everyone.

Attendance Winner

No 100% attendance last week term, but well done to Reception Attlee, 4Attlee and 4 Morris who all had an almost perfect 99%.

Punctuality Awards

Reception Wilson have had a brilliant start to the term and have had perfect punctuality for the second week running. They were joined this week by 5Attlee. Fantastic Keep it up!

Punctuality overall, however, was not good last week, with 73 late marks across the school. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time – not only is it disruptive to the class, children miss a vital part of the school day and it is upsetting for the child too. Hopefully we will see a big improvement this week.

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School have both now restarted here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due and may be paid via ParentPay
Dates for this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring
January 21 st 2017
January 28 th 2017
February 4 th 2017
February 25 th 2017
March 4 th 2017
March 11 th 2017
March 18 th 2017 – NB this is a full day for SHINE – 8am to 6pm
March 25 th 2017

Class Corner

In science this term, we have been learning about the human body in 3A. We have become nutritionists in science lessons by sorting foods into different groups to create a healthy and balanced diet! We will continue to learn about the skeleton and the function of the different bones within our bodies!

Miss Asare and 3 Attlee

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsburys have started their Active Kids voucher promotion again. These vouchers really do help us out with getting additional sports equipment for our school. Please encourage friends and family to collect on our behalf. The collection box is in the foyer under our new notice board.

Lost Property

Last chance to collect any lost property from the storage bins at the front entrance. Anything that we cannot reunite with its owner will be disposed of at the end of school on Friday.

School Office Opening Hours

The opening hours of the school office are 8.30am to 4.30pm. If you wish to leave a message outside of these hours, you may leave a message on the answering machine. If you have a breakfast or tea time club query, their phone number is 0775 997 8824.

Weekly Reflections
Our value of the week is:
Caring

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Useful Contacts

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Church:
www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Wednesday 18th January</i>	<i>9.05 – Parent Prayer Group AM – Year 4 Swimming Year 5 Maayan Chocolate Workshop</i>
<i>Thursday 19th January 2017</i>	<i>Choir Trip to O2</i>
<i>Thursday 26th January</i>	<i>3Attlee Class Assembly</i>
<i>Monday 30th January</i>	<i>Learning Council trip to Queen Mary University</i>
<i>Tuesday 31st January 2017</i>	<i>3A and 3M visit to Museum of London PFA Meeting – 8pm – Village Pub, Orford Road – All Welcome!</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd February 2017</i>	<i>1Morris Class Assembly</i>
<i>Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February</i>	<i>Candlemas Services – further details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 9th February 2017</i>	<i>1Attlee Class Assembly</i>
<i>Friday 10th February 2017</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<i>Monday 20th February 2017</i>	<i>Return to school</i>
<i>Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2017</i>	<i>Parents Evening – further details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 9th March 2017</i>	<i>5Wilson Class Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March 2017</i>	<i>Easter Service – further details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 31st March</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday. No After School Club today</i>



Just a few of our fantastic projects!



LONDON'S BURNING!!!!



Sleeping Beauty's secret potions

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

Spring Term 2017

First Half (29 Days)

INSET - Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Start – Wednesday 4th January 2017

End - Friday 10th February 2017

Half Term: Monday 13th February 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017

Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 20th February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

Holidays: Monday 3rd April 2017 – Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

First Half (28 Days)

Start – Tuesday 18th April 2017

End - Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29th May 2017

Second Half (33 Days)

Start - Monday 5th June 2017

End -Wednesday 19th July 2017