



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 20th February 2017



Head of School's Message:

There was a real buzz in the air early this morning with all our pupils keen to get back into class after a short half term break. There are so many events to look forward to this term from whole school Science Workshops, Parent Open Week to our reflective Easter services.

Next week we have much to look forward to. Year 1 will become explorers in the morning venturing into the Space Dome which will be in our school Gym! Year 4 will journey into the realms of light and sound during their time in the Space Dome. We know the children will thoroughly enjoy this fantastic experience.



On the 2nd of March it is World Book Day. We can't wait to see which characters will greet us in costume in the morning. Each class will be exploring a text for the whole day with creative and engaging activities planned to really inspire our future authors.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to keep collecting the Sainsburys vouchers for us. Please encourage friends and family to save too! Thanks.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. In the week before half term, we had lots of children off with coughs and colds and our attendance reached only 93.87%. Having had our half term break, warmer weather is promised so hopefully everyone is feeling a bit better now and our figures will improve.

Attendance Winner

With poor overall attendance in the week before our half term break, there were no classes who achieved 100% attendance but well done to 3W, who came the closest with 98.28%.

Punctuality Awards

Our reception classes continue to lead the way in the punctuality stakes with both Reception Attlee and Reception Wilson having everyone here on time every day in the week before half term. Well done reception – keep on showing us all how it should be done!

On the bright side, Punctuality overall showed a marked improvement from recent weeks and there were 39 late marks across the school. Thank you for making an extra effort to get here on time every day.

As a little reminder: Punctuality is so important for your child's education. Don't forget,

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late = 6 days lost!

15 minutes late = 9 days lost!

20 minutes late = 12 days lost!, and

30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to get here on time every day

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 10th Feb:

- 1A Rhazel and Scott
- 1M Hilal and Sonny M
- 1W Lucas and Rosa
- 2A Edie and Jacob
- 2M Peter and Sophie
- 2W Ida and Krystian
- 3A Sophia and Doxa
- 3M Izzy and Mya
- 3W Emma and Chloe
- 4A Kaleb and Ayanna
- 4M Evan and Myla
- 4W Finley, Reiley, Callum B
- 5A Stef and Jaydan
- 5M Serena and Jacob
- 5W Amelie and Debra
- 6A Frances and Zachera

Well done to all of you keep up the good work!



Class Corner

4 Morris have been working really hard this term on all fronts! We have spent lots of our time in the afternoon creating a box to put our special items in; we had to learn how to saw wood and use a glue gun to create the frame for the box! In RE, the children worked really hard to create a modern version of a well-known parable. The children then enjoyed sharing their work with Key Stage Two in our RE assembly!

Mr O'Driscoll and 4 Morris

Environmental Awareness

You may have noticed that we have a sign on our front fence in Brook Road, urging car drivers not to leave their engines idling while they are picking up and dropping off their children. If your car is stationary, please could you ensure that you switch your engine off – to protect both our environment, and the health of our children. Thank you.

Thank you from Miss Malone

Miss Malone would like to say a huge thank you to anyone who donated old books for her to use on our fab reading display, and for all the interesting photos we received of children reading. We now have a fabulous reading display in the lower corridor.

Wood Street Crossing

Please be aware that the Wood Street crossing will be unmanned on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd March. Please take extra care on the way home from school if you cross Wood Street.

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School are both continuing here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay. Dates for the second half of this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring
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

Weekly Reflections Our value of the week is: Wisdom

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding
Proverbs 3:13

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Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Monday 20th February 2017</i>	<i>Return to school</i>
<i>Friday 24th February 2017</i>	<i>Book fair to commence after school – to run for one week.</i>
<i>Monday 27th February</i>	<i>4pm – Parent Workshop – School Vision</i>
<i>Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2017</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd March 2017</i>	<i>World Book day</i>
<i>Monday 6th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 3 and 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20 4pm – Parent Workshop - Science</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 9th March 2017</i>	<i>5Wilson Class Assembly Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 10th March</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20 Year 6 Open Week Core Lesson – 9.30 to 11.45 Year 6 Open Week Topic Lesson 1.30 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 16th March</i>	<i>3.45-4.45 – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Friday 24th March 2017</i>	<i>3.30 – PFA Cake Sale - further details to follow</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>
<i>Tuesday 18th April</i>	<i>Return to school</i>

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

Spring Term 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