



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 23rd January 2017



Head of School's Message:

We have certainly had a week full of fun both in and outside of school this week!

Miss Baron, Mrs Smith and Mr Damulira ventured to the O2 on Thursday with our talented Choir to perform with over 7000 other children. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to become rock stars for the evening. Congratulations to all the children who attended and represented our school so maturely.

On Friday, we had a science workshop for key stages 1 and 2. Our younger children were immersed in an imaginative workshop which explored materials and forces! The pupils were in awe of the giant bubbles created during the session. Our older pupils explored the wide range of careers available in science and engineering and showed them that scientists and engineers are people just like them! It was jam packed with science units such as gravity, forces, light, space and energy!

Having special visitors in school is always very exciting for the children. Having the opportunity to see the children's excited faces and enthralled expressions when learning outside of the classroom brings us all such joy. Year 5 had a chocolate workshop last week too, as part of their Mayan Topic. I think you can agree from the photographs below this special surprise went down a treat!

I have enjoyed the buzz and energy that has filled the school this week. When joining the children in the lunch hall, they are always keen to share what has been happening in their classes. Whilst doing so this week I have noticed some of our children struggling with holding their knife and fork independently. It is really important that we work together to ensure our children develop the key muscles in their hands to carry out these tasks as it then enables them to correctly hold pencils, pens, paintbrushes and other essential tools in order to communicate in different forms effectively. If you would like any advice on this, please do come and speak to a member of staff.

Best wishes
Faye Rider, Head of School

Help Please!

Message from Miss. Malone: I require some old books please - books that are aged, with yellow-sepia pages, that have an old, vintage-style look to them. I intend to pull the pages out and use them to create the backing paper for my "Extreme Reading" display in the main corridor. If you could have a look on your book shelf at home and bring in any unwanted books by Wednesday 25th January I'd really appreciate it! Thank you.

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.

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 Dylan and Alana
- 1M Alfie and Ellie H
- 1W Amanda and Destinee
- 2A Jenson and Grace
- 2M Helena and Coco
- 2W Sadie, Ida and Isa
- 3A Wiktor and Shakera
- 3M Arlo and Ameen
- 3W Tessa and Ecehavin
- 4A Evie and Eva
- 4M Whole Class
- 4W Ewan and Christabel
- 5A Aaron and Sylvia
- 5M Rhiley and Hannah
- 5W Teddy and Ben
- 6A Edith and Rafe

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.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we fell just very slightly below at 96.27%. We are sure that this will improve this week.

Attendance Winner

A huge well done to 4Attlee who had the best attendance two weeks ago, and last week actually achieved 100%. Fantastic!

Punctuality Awards

Reception Wilson are really showing the rest of us how easy it is to get to school on time. This is the third week running that they have all been here on time every single day. They were joined this week by 6Attlee. Fantastic Keep it up!

Punctuality overall continues to be poor with 71 late marks across the school. Please try really hard to get to school on time and see if we can really bring this figure down next week.

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

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 .

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.

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.

Class Corner

We had a fabulous week in 3 Morris. In literacy we've all been immersed in a fairy tale called 'Briar Rose' (also known as 'Sleeping Beauty'). We're enjoying imagining all the details of life in a castle so that we can include them in our own versions of the story. In RE we're thinking about the idea of a miracle and getting together some fantastic work to put up on display. There's also a lot of enthusiasm for French this half term. Everyone in 3M has been brilliant at talking about musical instruments en francais!

Mr Baines and 3 Morris

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 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

Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is: Wisdom

Listen my child to what your father teaches you

And do not let go of what your mother teaches you

These things will be like a garland for your head

And a necklace to adorn your neck.

Useful Contacts

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Church:

www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk



Young Voices – 02 Greenwich – Thursday 19th January



Fun at our Science Workshops



Chocolate Workshop – Year 5

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<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</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>

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