



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 30th January 2017



### Head of School's Message:

This week there has been much excitement in the classrooms as the children are working hard creating pieces of work and large art projects to display around the school. Each year group have an area that they will transform based upon a current topic or theme. This has not only caused competition within the year groups but our teachers too! Pictures below give a sneaky peek at what our children and teachers are getting up to. Can you guess what they might be creating or what their theme is? We look forward to sharing the finished products with you soon- watch this space.

We have had lots of other great learning taking place at St Mary's. On Thursday, selected children in year 5 took part in a construction workshop which was led by a company called 'Keepmoat'. The children were split in to teams and were required to allocate roles based on their skills and interests. The roles were: Project Manager, Designer, Buyer, Quantity Surveyor and Builder. Each team was asked to reproduce a building which had already been constructed. They were marked on: design, budget and team work. Well done to Katherine (5W), Keira (5W), Tia (5M), Rhianna (5W) and Marcus (5A), who were the winning team and won a certificate. ace!

We are looking forward to our Candlemas Service which will be held in Church on the 6th (Morris and Attlee houses) and 7th of February (Wilson houses).

If you can help your child's class teacher by walking to and from church on these days, please do let them know.

Best wishes  
Faye Rider, Head of School

### 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. Despite our appeal over the last couple of weeks, we have only had one item donated. 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. Many thanks

### Class Corner

In 3 Wilson this half term, we have been enjoying our new science topic is amazing bodies, where so far we have learnt about what we need to survive and about what a balanced diet is. Our class is really looking forward to the exciting activities in Science week later in the year.

In computing, we have been practising shooting videos by filming around the school in preparation for our final project, where we will become directors of our own instructional videos!

We have had some fantastic costumes for WOW day at the start of term and there has been some wonderful homework projects brought in for the Exploring Asia task. So a big thank you to parents.

**Miss Chivers and 3 Wilson**

### 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 Joshua and Hailey
- 1M Sonny M and Olivia
- 1W Sandra and Ruby
- 2A Zack and Mya
- 2M Erin and Sophie
- 2W Georgie and Raphael
- 3A Caspar and Kiera
- 3M Aless and Emilija Z
- 3W Ethan and Fraser
- 4A Charlotte and Alfie
- 4M Luke and Ciena
- 4W Genesis and Lonesha
- 5A Stefania and Joni
- 5M Alfie and Vodie
- 5W Adedayo and Katherine
- 6A Ruby and Noura

### 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 were almost bang on target at 96.55%.

### **Attendance Winner**

The Attlee Houses are leading the way in the attendance stakes, with 3Attlee and 6Attlee both achieving 100%. Fantastic!

### **Punctuality Awards**

The Wilson houses are obviously the Early birds of the school. Reception Wilson's run came to an end but 1 Wilson and 3 Wilson both had everybody here on time every day. Well done Wilson!!

Punctuality overall continues to be poor. We still had 66 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

### **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. Thank you.

### **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:

<b>SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring</b>
February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017
February 25 <sup>th</sup> 2017
March 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017
March 11 <sup>th</sup> 2017
March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2017 – NB this is a full day for SHINE – 8am to 6pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2017

### **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.

### **Weekly Reflections**

#### **Our value of the week is: Truth**

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

***1 John 3:18***

### **Photography**

We are currently looking at updating our school prospectus and websites. There will be a photographer in school on Thursday, taking shots of our school day in progress. So best smiles and correct, full uniform on Thursday please. Once all photographs have been taken, parents of children featured in pictures we hope to use will be contacted for permission.

### **Useful Contacts**

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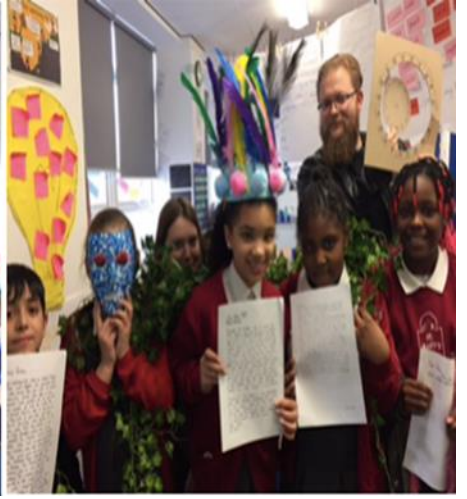
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*Can you guess what our theme might be? All will be revealed soon so watch this space!*



*Look at the concentration at our construction workshop!*

## ***Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017***

<b><i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>Learning Council trip to Queen Mary University</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017</i></b>	<b><i>3A and 3M visit to Museum of London PFA Meeting – 8pm Village Pub, Orford Road</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>Year 6 out at St Paul's Cathedral</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017</i></b>	<b><i>1Morris Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>9.30 - Attlee and Morris Houses Candlemas Services in church</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>9.30 – Wilson House Candlemas Services in church</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i></b>	<b><i>1Attlee Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Break up for half term</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Return to school</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Book fair to commence after school – to run for one week.</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Parents Evening – further details to follow</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017</i></b>	<b><i>5Wilson Class Assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017</i></b>	<b><i>2 Morris Class assembly</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017</i></b>	<b><i>Easter Service – further details to follow</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>School closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday. No After School Club today</i></b>

## **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 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