



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 6th February 2017



Head of School's Message:

As mentioned in my previous newsletter the children and staff have been working very hard to create truly captivating and imaginative displays within the school. Our parent council were wowed when they went on a tour of the school at their most recent meeting. We look forward to parent open week (information to follow shortly) where we will be able to share them with you along with the learning inside the classroom.

St Mary's are getting their upcycling hats on to give a lowly milk carton a new lease of life! March 6th -10th is Waste Week. Look out for the empty milk cartons in the playground; take one home and bring back your upcycled creation on Monday 6th March. Prizes will be presented for the most creative ideas.

School closes for our half term break at usual time on Friday. Have a great week everyone.

Best wishes
Faye Rider, Head of School

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we fell short of that target with just 94.87%. Hopefully, the second half of the spring term will bring warmer weather, better health and higher attendance percentages.

Attendance Winner

No 100% attendance last week, but well done to 5W, who came the closest with 99.26%.

Punctuality overall continues to be on the low side. We still had 63 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 after the half term break.

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

Punctuality Awards

Class I Wilson continue to be fantastically punctual, with everyone here on time for the second week running. They were joined this week by Reception Morris, and 6 Attlee. Well done.

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 Noah and Phillipa
1M Whole Class
1W Beau and Natasha
2A Arthur and Joshua
2M Alice and Edu
2W Beth and Idris
3A Marc and Kiera
3M Jude and Davinia
3W Alfie and Claudia
4A CJ and Jayden
4M Andreas and Szymon
4W John and Phileshia
5A Monika and Kobie
5M Tia and Noah
5W Jahmica and Danice
6A Sadie and Noura

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



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.

Learning Council Trip

Last week the Learning Council visited Queen Mary University of London to find out about university life. We enjoyed a tour of the impressive campus, taking in sights such as the student union, library, accommodation halls, faculty departments and graduation hall. We visited lecture theatres to experience what university lessons are like and even saw science students hard at work trying to find cures and develop new medicines. We were inspired by student ambassadors who spoke to us about their experiences and answered our questions thoughtfully. Seeing different faculty departments and speaking to students on different courses made us think about the idea of studying one area you are really passionate about every day with friends who are passionate about the same thing. We are now excited about sharing what we learnt with our classmates back at school.

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.

Class Corner

In 4A we have been continuing work on our "magic box" project; we are building our own wooden boxes where we will keep treasured memories as well as put in our wishes for the future.

The children led on a fabulous R.E. assembly all about parables, re-enacting the Good Samaritan and sharing the gifts they can give the world, be it friendship, kindness, humour et al. This is all leading towards the children writing their own, modern day "parable" - a very exciting prospect indeed.

On top of all of that, they have been fantastic at helping the displays look beautiful, with amazing twists on the story of Sleeping Beauty and wonderful paintings too!

All in all, 4A's half term has been very positive, and we are looking forward to the next half where we are sure to enjoy learning lots of new and exciting things.

Mr Banks and 4 Attlee

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School are both now half way through the Spring Term. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay. There is NO achievement or SHINE this Saturday 11th February or the following, 18th February. 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

Financial Matters

Please take the opportunity of this half-term break to have a look at your ParentPay account and wherever possible, bring up to date all of your accounts. This includes school lunches, breakfast and after school club accounts, SHINE payments, payments for music lessons, any outstanding payments for class trips, and for Year 6, additional payments towards your residential trip, which does have to be paid in full by 31st March.

Weekly Reflections Our value of the week is: Faith

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
Matthew 17:20

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Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Monday 6th February</i>	<i>9.30 - Attlee and Morris Houses Candlemas Services in church</i>
<i>Tuesday 7th February</i>	<i>9.30 – Wilson House Candlemas Services in church</i>
<i>Thursday 9th February 2017</i>	<i>1Attlee Class Assembly 5pm – Homework Workshop</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 23rd February 2017</i>	<i>Book fair to commence after school – to run for one week.</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>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>

LEARNING COUNCIL AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY



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