



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 9th January 2017



Head of School's Message:

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year to our school community! – I do hope that you had a pleasant Christmas Break.

The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and dedication as always – thank you for all your support at home with listening to your child read, helping with homework etc; I have seen some rather fantastic projects over the last week!

The children at St Mary's never cease to amaze me and there are so many great things to celebrate. More recently, I heard the amazing news that St Mary's achieved the top position in Waltham Forest for the percentage of pupils achieving the higher level in their year 6 tests. This is such an achievement and is testament to the high quality provision the children receive alongside the great commitment from our parents and carers who work tirelessly to enable their child to do their best.

Our school community is so skilled, including our wonderful administrative team for whom no job is too big/small. More recently, we have made a few changes to our front of house to enable the staff to maintain the great service they provide. You may have noticed some navy blinds have been installed. This has been

done so that the office team have sufficient time to complete their administrative tasks before/after school hours. Please note the office is open from 8.30-4.30; outside these times, the blinds will be closed so that key pieces of work can be completed.

In addition, I request that you support us by thinking twice before making a telephone call to the front office. Whilst we are happy to receive calls, sometimes calls are not necessary but are decisions that should be made by parents/carers and not by our admin team, e.g. my child forgot their scarf; should I bring it into school? Or My child forgot their PE kit; can I bring it into school. If you would like to bring in an item that your child forgot-that is essential to their school day, please make that choice and bring it in and speak to the front office upon arrival.

Best wishes

Faye Rider, Head of School

Dinner Money

For those of you who prefer to 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.

Christmas Food Bank Appeal

Thank you so much for the generosity shown by so many of our families for our Christmas Food Bank Appeal. Donations were gratefully received by Eat or Heat, and The Salvation Army.

School assembly

This term, Morris Houses will be in the gym for assemblies.

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 Denzell and Marcus
- 1M Milo and Kajus
- 1W Dean and Matty
- 2A Nsika and Amy
- 2M Helena and Erin
- 2W Rudy and Gabriel
- 3A Ju'Rkiah and Samuel
- 3M Holly and Pearl
- 3W Charlotte and Nina
- 4A Kimberlee and Mahli
- 4M Evan and Ariana
- 4W Samuel and Philesa
- 5A Stef and Joni
- 5M Rhiley and Neriah-Jane
- 5W Mia and Thomas
- 6A Ibrahim and Sadie

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%. We fell well short of our target in the week before Christmas, achieving only 91.93%. There was a slight improvement this week at 93.03%, which is still short of our target. We hope that everyone is feeling a whole lot better and that this will improve next week.

Attendance Winner

No 100% attendance in the last week of term, but well done to 6Attlee who had the best overall attendance at 98.89%. In the first three days of this term, 2Morris had the best overall attendance with 99.4%.

Punctuality Awards

The Wilson Houses were fantastic with their punctuality in the first few days of term with Reception Wilson, 1 Wilson, 3 Wilson, 4 Wilson and 5 Wilson all having perfect punctuality along with 6 Attlee and Reception Attlee and Reception Morris. Well done everyone. Keep it up!

Punctuality was improved last week with just 23 late marks, which is reflected in the fact that so many classes had perfect punctuality.

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School both restarted last Saturday, 7th January and will be here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due and made be paid via ParentPay

Dates for this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring
January 14 th 2017
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 2 Wilson, we cannot wait to get started learning about The Great Fire of London this term for topic. We will be building Tudor houses and setting them on fire (with the help of the fire brigade!) to understand how the fire spread throughout London. We will also travel back in time to learn Tudor dancing and learn a song all about the events and important people during the Great Fire of London. *Miss Gerald and 2 Wilson*

After School Activity Clubs

All our activity clubs begin again today Monday 9th January. As explained in an earlier newsletter, the same children will continue until February half-term, due to a later start last term following our flood damage.

Lost Property

We already have two big bins full of coats, cardigans, hats and shoes just inside the main front door of the school. If your child has lost anything, please come and have a look this week. Anything un-named and un-claimed will be disposed of next week as we just do not have the room to keep accumulating lost property at this rate. On the subject of lost property, a brand new coat has been mislaid. It is navy blue with a hood, and comes from John Lewis It was only worn by the owner once or twice. Please could everyone have a check in case it has come home with another child by mistake. If you have it, please could you drop it in to the office so we can reunite it with its owner. Thank you.

School Admissions

Primary school entry from September 2017 (Reception class) If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a primary school place from September 2016, Your child will be due to start in September 2017. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017.

School Office Opening Hours

As mentioned above, 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.

Useful Contacts

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Website:

www.stmaryscofe.org

Email: school@st-marys-coe.waltham.sch.uk

Teatime Club: 0775 997 8824

Nursery: stmarysnursery.net

Church:

www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Monday 9th January 2017</i>	<i>3pm – Year 1 Parents to view projects After School Activity Clubs begin again</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th January 2017</i>	<i>3pm – Year 2 Parents to view projects</i>
<i>Wednesday 11th January 2017</i>	<i>3pm – Year 4 Parents to view projects Year 3W visit to Museum of London</i>
<i>Thursday 12th January 2017</i>	<i>3pm – Year 3 Parents to view projects</i>
<i>Friday 13th January 2017</i>	<i>3pm – Years 5 and 6 Parents to view projects</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>

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