



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 14th November 2016



Head of Schools Message:

Last week, the children had a fabulous time doing their sports circuit this week and getting to know the visiting Olympian. His story was perfect for our children. He spoke about overcoming obstacles and showing resilience. The children have until this Wednesday to collect in their sponsorship money.

Last Friday the children also collaborated on a school poppy display for Armistice Day. We hope to get this display up soon; as I must admit it's one of my favourites.

This week, the year 5 and 6 children have a dance and drumming workshop. It is also anti-bullying week in the school. The children will be focusing on this important topic in their afternoon lessons.

Over the next few weeks, we have many classes out on school trips. I wanted to take a moment to remind parents how much their support on trips is appreciated and needed.

Wishing you a fabulous week ahead,

Mrs Rider

Academy Status Update

We hope that you can join us for the Academy Status meeting TOMORROW, 15th November at 5.30pm.



Some action shots from our fabulous Olympic challenge morning.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were nominated as Stars of the week last week:

- 1A Kiki and Denzell
- 1M Shreya and Ella
- 1W Matty and Sandra
- 2A Penelope and Nsika
- 2M Zakariya and Amariah
- 2W Beth and Isa
- 3A Taegan and Naya
- 3M Aimee and Ameen
- 3W Lindsay Kate and Rae
- 4A Nicole and Renee
- 4M Finn and Jasmine
- 4W Karim and Billie
- 5A Zora and Rachel
- 5M Kamaira and Luan
- 5W Miciah and Rochelle
- 6A Edith and Zachera

Dinner Money

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.16 per day, which is £10.80 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money from 31st October to 21st December inclusive will be £82.08. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

Sponsor Money

Please ensure that all sponsor money is brought into school by this Wednesday. Thank you.

SHINE and Achievement School

If your child attends SHINE and you have not yet been able to pay the £15 due for this term, please could you do so via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Achievement School for Year 6 pupils continues here at St Mary's on 19th and 26th November, and 3rd and 10th December.

Class Corner

In Year 1 Morris we have started our topic about climates.

We imagined that we had taken a trip to the North Pole and we had to think of the things that we would need to survive! The fish tank has also made a return - quite soon we will have some baby fish that we will watch grow up!

Mr Giez and Class 1Morris

Children in Need

We will be joining the rest of the country and going totally spotty dotty this Friday 18th November to support Children in Need. Children may wear spotty clothing, and give a £1 donation. Looking forward to seeing spots before our eyes all day long!

Christmas Jumper Day

It's really not that long until the Christmas season is in full swing. As has become the custom at St Mary's, we will be taking part in the Annual Christmas Jumper Day on 16th December, where children can wear a Christmas theme jumper and give a £1 donation which we will send to Save the Children.

Parent Council

Thank you to those parents who have put themselves forward for the Parent Council. Our first meeting is on 1st December at 5.30pm.

Prayer Group

Our next Prayer Group meeting will take place at 9.05am this Wednesday, 16th November. All Welcome.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Our attendance is slowly improving week on week, and last week we achieved 97.82%.

Attendance Winner

Well done to Class 5 Wilson who achieved a magnificent 100% last week.

Punctuality Awards

Reception years continue to lead the way with fantastic punctuality. This week the award goes to Reception Morris who had no late marks in their register last week.

However, punctuality across the rest of the school was poor last week and there were 103 late marks. We do appreciate that roadworks around Waltham Forest make journeys more difficult at the moment and that may mean that you need to leave home slightly earlier. Most of our late marks are less than 10 minutes, so it may be worth considering leaving home just that 10 minutes earlier if you can.

Tea Time Club Collection

When collecting your child from Tea Time Club, please don't forget to sign them out on the register when you collect. Could we please also ask that once you have collected your child, you leave the building as promptly as possible. The area outside the office gets extremely busy and to ensure the safety of all our children, we want to keep that area as free as possible. Thanks for your co-operation.

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.

Snacks in School

May we remind you, that if you wish to send a snack into school with your child, please send a piece of fruit, or cereal bar which must contain NO NUTS. Please ensure that packed lunches don't contain any nut products either – that includes peanut butter. We do have children with serious nut allergies. 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.

Prospective parents are very welcome to come along to our Parent Sessions which will include a tour of the school, on the following dates:

Saturday 26th November 1pm
Monday 5th December at 6pm
Thursday 5th January at 10am

Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Please note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times. We have a waiting list for both these clubs so failure to keep your account in credit may lead to your child being removed from the club and their space offered to another child. Our late collection policy for Tea Time Club is also being enforced. 5 minutes late collection incurs a £5 fine. Every five minutes or part thereof after will incur an additional £5. This fine will be added to your ParentPay account. Similarly, dinner money accounts should be kept up to date. Failure to do so could mean that you are asked to provide a packed lunch until your child's account is back in credit.

Don't forget for Key Stage 2, payment is due for our trip to the Panto and Year 6 parents, don't forget that payments can be made at any time for your child's Residential trip later next year.

Flu Immunisations

If you have a child in Year 1, 2 or 3 and have received a Flu Immunisation Consent Form, please could you return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent Prayer Group

The next Parent Prayer Group Meeting will take place at 9.05 on 16th November. All Welcome.



Weekly Reflections

Useful Contacts

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Our value of the week is: Equality

This quote on equality describes it well because it includes gender, social position, and nationality. It is never about race but simply about grace and we are all one...and seen as equal in God's sight.

Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Monday 14th November</i>	<i>KS2 African Drumming Event 4pm Parent Workshop – Cyber Stay Safe</i>
<i>Tuesday 15th November</i>	<i>5.30pm – Academy Status Update Meeting for Parents</i>
<i>Wednesday 16th November</i>	<i>Money collected for Sponsored Circuit event must be at school office by today. 9.05 – Parent Prayer Group Reception Wilson Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 17th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly – 3 Wilson – 9.05 Reception Wilson Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Friday 18th November</i>	<i>Spotty Non Uniform Day for Children in Need</i>
<i>Saturday 19th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's</i>
<i>Monday 21st November</i>	<i>4pm – Parent Workshop – Curriculum</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd November</i>	<i>Reception Morris Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Wednesday 23rd November</i>	<i>NSPCC visit to school – Speak Out, Stay Safe Year 4 trip to Science Museum</i>
<i>Thursday 24th November</i>	<i>Reception Morris Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Saturday 26th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's 1pm – Prospective Reception Parent tour</i>
<i>Monday 28th November</i>	<i>Author visiting Year 3 4pm – Parent workshop - Developing Handwriting</i>
<i>Tuesday 29th November</i>	<i>Pm – Road Safety Presentations for KS1 and KS2 Final of School Speech Competition</i>
<i>Thursday 1st December</i>	<i>5.30pm – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Saturday 3rd December</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's</i>
<i>Monday 5th December</i>	<i>4pm Parent Workshop – Modern Foreign Language 6pm – Prospective Reception parent tour</i>
<i>Wednesday 7th December</i>	<i>KS1 Panto in school - Beauty and the Beast</i>
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	<i>Reception Classes to visit St Mary's Church</i>
<i>Friday 9th December</i>	<i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire – Packed Lunch required</i>
<i>Saturday 10th December</i>	<i>Christmas Fair – 12.30 – 3pm Last SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's for this term.</i>
<i>Monday 12th December</i>	<i>4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories</i>
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>
<i>Monday 19th December</i>	<i>Wilson and Morris Houses to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM</i>
<i>Tuesday 20th December</i>	<i>Attlee House to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM</i>

<i>Wednesday 21st December</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays</i>
<i>Wednesday 4th January 2017</i>	<i>Children return to school</i>
<i>Thursday 5th January 2017</i>	<i>10am – Prospective Reception Parent tour</i>

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

Autumn Term 2016

Second Half Autumn Term (38 Days)

Start – Monday 31st October 2016

End - Wednesday 21st December 2016

Holidays: Thursday 22nd December 2016 – Monday 2nd January 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