



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 21st November 2016



Head of School's Message:

Last week, the year 5 and 6 children had their dance and drumming workshop. They had an absolute blast and especially enjoyed the dance portion of the day. A big thank you to the parent volunteers from x7eaven for putting this on for the children! They are an absolutely fabulous company if you are looking to get your child into the performing arts. I have requested they leave some leaflets in the front foyer.

<http://www.x7dance.com/>

Thank you to all those who made donations to 'Children in Need' last Friday. It was a great success! The staff loved looking at all the creative spotty clothes and we raised just over £450.

The office have been busily tallying up the money raise for the sponsored sports event. So far we have counted £3856. There was a huge online presence which made it easier for the office staff as the calculations were done for them. We are very excited to spend our share of the money on new exciting sports equipment. The school council will help us choose the equipemnt; they are really looking forward to this. As always, we are also open to parent suggestions as well.

Last week was also anti-bullying week. The children focused on this important topic in their afternoon lessons and during an assembly with Miss Valiquette. We feel confident that our children know what to do if they feel like they are being bullied and the difference between someone being unkind and actual bullying. We also do a cyber – bullying unit later in the year; this was touched upon last week.

This week we have several classes out on trips and the NSPCC assembly. Additionally there is a workshop for the older children.

Wishing you a fabulous week ahead,
Mrs Rider



Drumming Fun



Stars of the Week

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

- 1A Tise and Flynn
- 1M Olivia and Grace A
- 1W Erin and Rayyan
- 2A Martha and Brian
- 2M Herbie and London
- 2W Edie and Raphael
- 3A Marc and Susan
- 3M Amiya and Gabriel
- 3W Whole class for a fab Assembly
- 4A Lewis and Alfie
- 4M Ariana and Jordi
- 4W Sam and Eleanore
- 5A Mila and Kobie
- 5M Hannah and Ioana
- 5W Kiera and Ben
- 6A Eleanor and Jessica

Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

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.

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 26th November, and 3rd and 10th December.

Class Corner

Reception Wilson were captivated by the supermoon last week (even though it was a little too cloudy to actually see it!) We talked about the moon, space and other planets, making rockets out of junk material to blast off into outer space!

This week we will be taking a journey with the snail and the whale. In literacy we will write our own snail adventure! In numeracy we are learning to combine two groups together and act out the maths story. We will also be learning to recognise 2D shape descriptions and begin to describe the properties of 2D shapes ourselves...

"It has four corners and four straight sides. Two of the sides are long and two of the sides are short. Can you guess what it is?" (Elsie).

Answer: Rectangle!

Mr Bowden and Reception Wilson

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget to get ready for our Annual Christmas Jumper Day on 16th December, where children can wear a Christmas-themed jumper and give a £1 donation which we will send to Save the Children. We are really looking forward to all your Christmas creations.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week saw a slight dip in our attendance, although we still exceeded our target at 96.74%.

Attendance Winner

Well done to Class 6 Attlee 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 Wilson who had no late marks in their register last week.

Punctuality was much better last week, although it is still on the high side at 62 lates. Well done to those who made an extra effort to be here just that five minutes earlier.



Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is: Faith

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." This is the biblical definition of faith from Hebrews 11:1. Faith is assurance, a know-so not hope-so way of understanding why things happen.

Matthew 14:30-31

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

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

Parent Council

Thank you to those parents who have put themselves forward for the Parent Council. Don't forget our first meeting is on 1st December at 5.30pm

Prayer Group

Our last Prayer Group meeting for this term will take place at 9.05am on Wednesday, 21st December, our last day of term. All Welcome.

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

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| Wednesday 23rd November | NSPCC visit to school – Speak Out, Stay Safe Year 4 trip to Science Museum |
| Saturday 26th November | SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's 1pm – Prospective Reception Parent tour |
| Monday 28th November | Author visiting Year 3 4pm – Parent workshop - Developing Handwriting |
| Tuesday 29th November | Year 1 visiting the Museum of childhood Pm – Road Safety Presentations for KS1 and KS2 Final of School Speech Competition |
| Thursday 1st December | 5.30pm – Parent Council Meeting |
| Saturday 3rd December | SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's |
| Monday 5th December | 4pm Parent Workshop – Modern Foreign Language 6pm – Prospective Reception parent tour |
| Wednesday 7th December | KS1 Panto in school - Beauty and the Beast |
| Thursday 8th December | Reception Classes to visit St Mary's Church |
| Friday 9th December | KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire – Packed Lunch required |
| Saturday 10th December | Christmas Fair – 12.30 – 3pm Last SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's for this term. |
| Monday 12th December | 4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories |
| Tuesday 13th December | Year 2 visiting the Jewish Museum – Vegetarian Packed Lunch required |
| Wednesday 14th December | Choir to sing at St Mary's church at 6.30pm |
| Friday 16th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 19th December | Wilson and Morris Houses to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM |
| Tuesday 20th December | Attlee House to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM |
| Wednesday 21st December | 9.05 – Parent Prayer Group School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays |
| Wednesday 4th January 2017 | Children return to school |
| Thursday 5th January 2017 | 10am – Prospective Reception Parent tour |

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