



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 28th November 2016



Head of School's Message:

There is always something exciting and special for our St. Mary's children.

The year 3's had a special visitor this week! The author of the book they have been studying - Escape for Pompeii- came in to meet the children. The year 3's were buzzing and Christina was even signing autographs for the excited children. I was so pleased to see the children so engaged and enthused about reading, writing and illustrating. A big thank you is in order for Christina Balit who travelled all the way from Dover just for us.

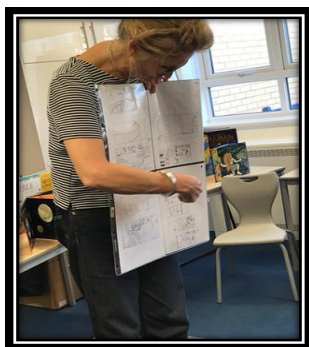
This week, we also have our second annual speech competition. The Key stage 2 children chose their topics this year and I am eager to hear what they chose to write about. Our special guest judge will certainly add to the special event.

Additionally, it is Road Safety Week. We have a visitor in from 'For2Feet' to speak to the children.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our pantomime shows! I can't believe that Christmas is in the air already.

Wishing you a fabulous week ahead,

Mrs Rider



Exciting times with Christina Balit

Stars of the Week

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

- 1A Jamia and Betty
- 1M Kajus, Lorrian and Olga
- 1W Marvin and Aaron
- 2A Arthur and Amaya
- 2M Katerina and Elliott
- 2W Ida and Reniah
- 3A Abass and Shakera
- 3M Mya and Renae
- 3W Jonny and Zeena
- 4A Ayanna and Josiah
- 4M Aymen and Daniel
- 4W Micah and Ysrael
- 5A Whole Class
- 5M Mary and Jacob
- 5W Leticia and Mabel
- 6A Barney and Frances

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 – just a couple more sessions to go this term, - 3rd and 10th December.

Class Corner

In I Atlee, we have been enjoying our second half term of school. In RE, we have been learning and reflecting on different Bible stories and what they teach us. We will also start the topic 'gifts and giving' and we will talk about gifts that we have given and the value of gifts. We will also discuss how parents/carers would appreciate gifts such as a hug or being helped around the house!

In science, we have been exploring our senses. We tasted sour lemons, sweet chocolate and salty crisps. Some children didn't like the lemon but we had a few who loved it! We have also explored our sense of smell.

Our topic for this term is comparing the Kalahari Desert and the North Pole. We have been learning about the weather and the people that live there.

We are also looking forward to our Nativity which will be performed at St Mary's Church and we have started learning and rehearsing the songs.

Miss Kellman and I Atlee

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%. With winter coughs and colds setting in, we fell below our target for the first time in a while – reaching 95.41%. We hope everyone is feeling a bit better and look forward to seeing you all back in school next week.

Attendance Winner

No 100% attendance last week, but well done to 3 Morris who had the highest number of attenders, at 98%.

Punctuality Awards

Reception years continue to lead the way with fantastic punctuality. Once again, the award goes to Reception Wilson who had no late marks in their register last week. They are joined this week by Reception Attlee, 3 Attlee and 5 Attlee. Well done Attlee houses!

Punctuality showed a very slight improvement last week with 60 late marks across the school. Well done to those who made an extra effort to be here just that five minutes earlier.

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.

Snacks in school

May we remind you that if your child wishes to bring a snack for break time, that is fine, but please bear in mind we are a healthy school so you should not send crisps, sweets, or anything containing nuts. A nut-free cereal bar or piece of fruit is fine. Thank you.

Staying on the subject of food, if your child has packed lunch, please do not send chocolate spread. Many chocolate spreads do contain nuts and as you will be aware from previous newsletters, we do have some children with a serious nut allergy in school. Thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

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:

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 this Thursday, 1st December at 5.30pm

Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is: Wisdom

If someone wanted to study the concept of wisdom in-depth in the Bible, then starting with the book of Proverbs is recommended. Proverbs was mostly written by Solomon, the man to whom the Bible says God gave great wisdom.

Proverbs 11:30 *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."*

Lost Property

The lost property bin is now located just inside the door of the main entrance. It is currently very full! If your child has lost anything, please come and have a look during the course of this week. Anything unclaimed and of saleable quality will be donated to the PFA for their second hand uniform stall at the Christmas Fair next Saturday.

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

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| 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 | 9.15 – School Nurse drop in session 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 and School Christmas Lunch |
| 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 After School Club end of term party – 4pm |
| 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