



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 7th November 2016



Head of Schools Message:

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for our celebration assembly last Friday. From this week, parents are also invited to the Monday assembly where we have a church visitor come to lead our worship.

Attlee classes will be in the Gym for Friday's assembly. We tend to rotate this every term. Parents attending that assembly can enter through the gym doors; however, please allow us to get the children into the hall first. All parents attending assembly must sign in, sign out and have the visitor's sticker visible.

This week is certainly going to be a busy and exciting one. It's black history week this week. The sponsored sports event, takes place this Wednesday morning. The sponsor forms are not due back until the following week which should give the children a little extra time to fundraise. I saw a few children practicing their press-ups already! In addition to this, the year 5 and 6 children are having a volunteer group come to do African drumming and dance next week.

As well as it being black history week, it is Armistice Day this Friday. The children will be working on a collaborative poppy art piece. The

display the children created last year, was stunning. I'm looking forward to seeing the work come together.

Lastly, the first parent teacher consultations will be held this week. I hope you have already agreed a time with your child's teacher. The meetings are held in the Gym as usual. Members of the senior leadership team will also be on hand if you have any further queries.

Wishing you a fabulous week ahead,

Mrs Rider

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week we improved our whole school attendance slightly to 97.48%.

Attendance Winner

Reception classes have got off to a great start this half term. Well done to Reception Wilson who achieved a magnificent 100% last week.

Punctuality Awards

Not only did Reception Wilson have perfect attendance, they had nobody late either. Special mention for Reception Attlee who had everyone here on time every single day for the second week running.

Punctuality across the rest of the school improved last week but there were still 50 late marks – let's hope it keeps improving.

Stars of the Week

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

- 1A Hailey and Scarlett
- 1M Sonny C and Mia
- 1W Rosa and Theo
- 2A Whole class for a wonderful assembly
- 2M Amelle and Alyssa
- 2W Rudy and Aina
- 3A Sam and Max
- 3M Xavi and Marina
- 3W Zakiyyah and Chloe K
- 4A Divine and Jayden
- 4M Deandre and Aaliyah
- 4W Sam and Callum
- 5A Ainsley and Livia
- 5M Maya and Vodie
- 5W Roshawn and Katherine
- 6A Maya and Clarence

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.

Academy Status Update

You should have received a letter by e-mail regarding our Academy Status. We hope that you can join us for the update meeting next week on 15th November at 5.30pm.

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 will start here at St Mary's after the half term, on 5th November and will run on 12th, 19th and 26th November, and 3rd and 10th December.

Class Corner

This week, year 1 have been exploring their sense of taste in science! We took part in an experiment where we were trying sweet, salty and sour foods.

Following on from our weather themed WOW day, we have also been focusing on the changes of the season. We compared what the weather and climate is like in the UK and the Kalahari desert. We have been working hard, but having great fun!

Mr Hill and Class 1Attlee

Children in Need

We will be joining the rest of the country and going totally spotty dotty on 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.

Tea Time Club Collection

May we remind you once again, When collecting your child from Tea Time Club, please could you ensure that you sign them out on the register when you collect. Thank you.

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.

Photographs

Our rearranged individual photographs are taking place tomorrow – so tidy hair and best smiles from everyone!

Parent Prayer Group

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



Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is: Respect

For children- when your parent tells you to do something; do it. For Adults- at the checkout line in the grocery store, let the one with fewer items than you go ahead of you. Respect is a scriptural value that is becoming increasingly invisible in our world today. Respect, honour and esteem are very closely related words and in the Bible we see these words used interchangeably.

Revelation 4:11 *“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*

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.

Parent Council

We still have spaces for representatives from classes RA, RM, RW, 1W, 2A, and 4M. If you would like to get involved, please give your name to the school office or to Mr Lemouchi. Thank you

Prayer Group

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

Useful Contacts

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Monday 7th November</i>	<i>Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum 10am – Prospective Parent tour 4pm Parent Workshop – EYFS</i>
<i>Tuesday 8th November</i>	<i>Individual School photos – rescheduled dates</i>
<i>Wednesday 9th November</i>	<i>Sponsored fitness circuit event in school 3.30-5.30pm – Parents’ Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	<i>3.30-6.30pm – Parents’ Evening</i>
<i>Saturday 12th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary’s</i>
<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</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>Friday 9th December</i>	<i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire – Packed Lunch required</i>
<i>Saturday 10th December</i>	<i>Last SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary’s for this term.</i>

Monday 12th December	4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories
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	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