



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 10th October 2016



Head of Schools Message:

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of this half term already. Time certainly does fly. The gym floors are on schedule and should be completed by next half term.

In Key Stage 2 this week, the children will present their speeches to their class. I know that Miss Valiquette is tremendously pleased with the quality of the speeches and there is a real buzz throughout the school – I look forward to hearing the short-listed speeches.

On another note, we want to encourage parents to come directly to us and to be aware that our doors are always open. To be most effective, we need parents and carers to work with us and share their ideas so that we can support the children as a community. If you do have concerns, we ask that you approach the school with these instead of using social media. In the spirit of respect for the staff, students and fellow parents, we ask all parents and carers to follow this protocol. I would like to thank those parents who do bring matters to our attention.

Lastly, I'd like to make parents

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For last week we reached 97.7%

Attendance Winner

This week's Attendance Winners are Year 1 Attlee. Well done.

Punctuality Awards

This week's Punctuality Winners are Reception Attlee. Fantastic! Being punctual is a good life lesson and good habits formed when young will stay with us forever.

Punctuality is so important for your child's education. Don't forget, 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!
10 minutes late = 6 days lost!
15 minutes late = 9 days lost!
20 minutes late = 12 days lost!, and 30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to get here on time every day



Class Corner Year -5 Morris

Year 5 Morris have had a great start to the year and have welcomed me, as a new member of staff at St. Mary's, with open arms. They have made some lovely art work related to our topic (the Victorians), creating portraits of Queen Victoria throughout her life. In numeracy this week, we have been developing strategies for solving multiplication and

Mon 10th Oct – 4pm – Parent Workshop

Mon 17th Oct Harvest Assembly in Church 9.45 for Morris and Wilson Houses

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Tues 18th Oct Harvest Assembly in Church 9.45 for Attlee House

Tues 18th Oct Individual Photos

Weds 19th Oct Parent Prayer Group

Punctuality Winner

We will also let you know each week the class achieving the best punctuality. They will receive the punctuality bear to keep in class for the week.

Science at St Mary's

Dear parents/ carers

As you know, we relish the opportunity to welcome in visitors who can enhance the children's learning. Last year, many parents came in during the wonderful Science week to share their expertise with the children and it was a huge success. The children always love it when visitors come into school and were even more amazed by the wonderful activities and knowledge that were shared with them when parent volunteers came in.

We would love to repeat that success this year and are asking for any parents/carers with any scientific background or expertise to

aware that we are moving towards holding our WOW days on the same day across the school. These days are still year group specific and will reflect their current topic of learning. I hope that this change will make things easier for parents who have more than one child in the school. Our next WOW day is scheduled for the first day back after the half term.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Rider

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops are 4pm to 4.45pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 10th Oct

RWI – Read Write Ink

Mon 17th Oct

SEND

Mon 31st Oct

Homework

Mon 7th Nov

EYFS Homework

Mon 14th Nov

Cyber Stay Safe

Mon 21st Nov

Curriculum

Mon 28th Nov

Developing Handwriting

Mon 5th Dec

MFL

Mon 12th

Christmas stories

will be moving onto division next week. During our literacy session we have started exploring non-chronological reports based on the Victorians.

K.Barrett

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Nominees will be reported here.

Well done to the following children who have made an excellent start to this school year

- 1 Attlee - Bethel & Denzell
- 1 Morris – Elizabeth & Sonny M.
- 1 Wilson - Amanda & Sophie
- 2 Attlee - Grace & Misan
- 2 Morris - Martha & Sidor
- 2 Wilson - Rafael & Iris
- 3 Attlee - Zavier & Amber
- 3 Morris - Esme & Kieron
- 3 Wilson - Yasmina & Ellis
- 4 Attlee - Kimberlee & Lewis
- 4 Morris - Evan & Maya
- 4 Wilson - Christabel & Philieshia
- 5 Attlee - Kacper
- 5 Morris - Tominsin & Martin
- 5 Wilson - Danice & Roshawn
- 6 Attlee - Maya & Kareem

Useful Contacts

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Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Parent Prayer Group

Once a month, parents meet for a short prayer group from 9.05 to 9.30am and everyone is welcome!

share their knowledge with the children at some point this year. If you would like to take part this year, please let the office know what scientific knowledge and skills you could share with the children and, if possible, we will match it to an aspect of the curriculum.

Thank you in advance,

Thomas O'Driscoll

Science leader.

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 for this half term will be £69.12. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

Finance Matters

All payments to school must be made via ParentPay. Reception parents activation letters are ready for collection at the school office. Items such as trips, music lessons etc will be added as appropriate. 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.

Data Sheets

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home a copy of the data that we hold on your child in our electronic record. Please check it carefully and return to school with changes clearly marked. You only need to return the sheet if you have made any changes. 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. Dates will be set for tours for prospective parents and you will be advised of those dates here in the newsletter and on our Website.

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Secondary Admissions

Secondary applications closing date is 31/10/2016. If parents live outside Waltham Forest, you must apply through the borough you live in.

Tea Time Club Collection

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.



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.

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

Autumn Term 2016

First Half (37 Days)

INSET – Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd Monday 5th September and additional day of Tuesday 6th

Start – Wednesday 7th September 2016

End – Thursday 20th October 2016

INSET- Friday 21st October 2016

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2016 - Friday 28th October 2016

Second Half (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