



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 17th October 2016



Head of Schools Message: **Happy Harvest!**

What a great start to the week! a big well done to the year 3's who delivered a lovely harvest service. We were taken on a journey of colour and were treated to some really beautiful singing! Thank you once again to the parents who supported us with the walk to church and for all the kind donations of tins for our collection. If you didn't manage to donate today but would like to, please bring your contribution into school tomorrow and we will take it to church with the Attlee house children.

After School Clubs

Ms Hanley will be sending out club offer letters today and these will start after the half term holiday. We have worked hard to review our club offer and you will see from the letter that there are some new additions. We are very excited to offer as many creative opportunities as possible and hope that you will be able to find a club that your child would like to attend.

We are making a few changes to how the groups of children will be selected this year. We have always operated a first come, first served system; however, we are amending this due to the fact that we have many working parents. Instead, we request that all parents complete the clubs request form and place it in the large box which is situated at our front desk in the foyer. We will not be accepting emails-any emails will be disregarded. We will randomly select the children's names from the box and start filling the register for each club. When the club is full, children's names will be placed on a waiting list for the following half term and so on. I hope this will remove some of the stress around the process and it should mean all children get the opportunity to take part in the club as the year progresses.

Wet weather alert

We were very lucky today – the walk to church was a dry one; we may not be as lucky tomorrow. Please could all parents ensure their child brings a coat to school each day for the remainder of the autumn term – many children did not bring a coat this morning. We also have our year 4 and 5 pupils attending swimming lessons at the local pool. If children do not bring a coat, they will not be able to attend as there is a 20 minute walk each way. We also like to get the children out into the playground even when it is spitting with rain. Any children without coats will not be able to go out. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Half term dates

As you will already be aware, the school will not be open to pupils this Friday. This is a staff training day for the federation. Looking forward to the next half term, I'm pleased to say that we will be holding our 'wow day' on the very first day of term. This is always a key event in the school calendar where the children will get to take part in a fun packed day which is focussed on developing children's interests and creativity. If you child's class is dressing up, you will shortly be receiving a letter detailing the theme.

Assemblies & wet weather routines

I am pleased to say that we can get back to normal after the half term as our gym will be complete. This means our usual wet weather routines (where children are brought into the gym) will be up and running. We will also be throwing open our doors to all parents and carers to attend the shining stars assembly (each Friday) and our worship assembly (each Monday). We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your patience this half term.

Black History Month

Next half term – the week beginning 7th November, we will be celebrating Black History Month. We have lots of creative and informative learning opportunities planned for that week and will also receive a visit from Joseph Ikhinmwin, an Olympic basket ball player. The children are certainly excited about this event and I hope that they feel enthused to take part in the sponsored sports morning. Some of the teachers will be taking part as well!

Parents evening

As stated in our recent dates document, we will be holding our parents' evenings on the 9th and 10th November. Letters will be sent out a week in advance so that you can select appointment times.

I do hope that you have a really relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rider
Head of School

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.

Individual Photographs

Don't forget, best smiles all round tomorrow as individual and sibling photographs will be taken.

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. There will be no SHINE session this week, due to half term. SHINE begins again on Saturday 5th November at Stoneydown, where it will continue on the following dates: 12th, 19th and 26th November 3rd and 10th December.

After the Christmas holiday, the venue will change to St Mary's, commencing on Saturday 7th January.

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 Year -5 Wilson

All the children have been very busy working on their writing this week. We have been learning to write non-chronological reports based on the Victorians.

In RE we have been learning all about how the Harvest is celebrated around the world. The children have enjoyed learning about the story of Noah too.

The children have also learnt about the artist William Morris. We have been very busy re-creating William Morris' techniques by using a range of materials such as sketching and polystyrene to create printing boards. It has been great fun!

Miss Uddin 5 Wilson Class Teacher

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For last week we reached 97.75%

Attendance Winner

Last week saw excellent punctuality across the school. Particular mention goes to Reception Wilson, 1 Wilson, 4 Attlee and 4 Wilson who all achieved 100% attendance. Well done!

Punctuality Awards

Year 6 led the way last week and were all early birds – with no late marks recorded for the week. However, punctuality across the rest of the school was not as good as in previous weeks, and there were 79 late marks.

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



Parent Prayer Group

Once a month, parents meet for a short prayer group from 9.05 to 9.30am and everyone is welcome! This month's group will be this Wednesday, 19th October.

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.

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 7th November at 10am.
Saturday 26th November at 1pm
Monday 5th December at 6pm
Thursday 5th January at 10am

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.

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 - Annabel and Rhazel
- 1 Morris – Gabrielle and Kwayerah
- 1 Wilson – Archie and Zia
- 2 Attlee - Jenson and Shalom
- 2 Morris - Damantas and Jermaine
- 2 Wilson - Sadie and Ishaq
- 3 Attlee - Kiera and Isa
- 3 Morris - Solomon and Tomos
- 3 Wilson - Whole Class
- 4 Attlee - Kamarlie and Evie
- 4 Morris - Julian and Myla
- 4 Wilson - Flynn and Alice
- 5 Attlee - Whole Class
- 5 Morris - Deborah and Jasmine
- 5 Wilson - Rhianna and Kiera
- 6 Attlee - Eleanor and Ruby

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: Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a huge subject and certainly one in which the Bible is not silent. In the Bible we can read about our amazing and loving Heavenly Father who forgives us of all trespasses. God calls sinners to seek Him and promises them forgiveness.

Isaiah 55:6-7 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Monday 17th October 2016</i>	<i>9.45 Harvest Assembly in church for Morris and Wilson Houses 4pm Parent Workshop - SEND</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th October 2016</i>	<i>9.45 Harvest Assembly in church for Attlee House Individual Class Photos</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th October</i>	<i>9.05 - Parent Prayer Group</i>
<i>Monday 31st October</i>	<i>4pm Parent Workshop - Homework</i>
<i>Saturday 5th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Marys</i>
<i>Monday 7th November</i>	<i>Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum 10am – Prospective Parent tour 4pm Parent Workshop – EYFS</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 Marys</i>
<i>Monday 14th November</i>	<i>4pm Parent Workshop – Cyber Stay Safe</i>
<i>Wednesday 16th November</i>	<i>Money collected for Sponsored Circuit event must be at school office by today.</i>
<i>Saturday 19th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Marys</i>
<i>Monday 21st November</i>	<i>4pm – Parent Workshop – Curriculum</i>
<i>Wednesday 23rd November</i>	<i>Year 4 trip to Science Museum</i>
<i>Saturday 26th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Marys 1pm – Prospective Reception Parent tour</i>
<i>Monday 28th November</i>	<i>4pm – Developing Handwriting</i>
<i>Tuesday 29th November</i>	<i>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 Marys</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 Marys for this term.</i>
<i>Monday 12th December</i>	<i>4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories</i>
<i>Wednesday 22nd December</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holiday</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

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