



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 31st October 2016



Head of Schools Message:

I hope that you all had a fun half term!

It certainly was a colourful day today in school! The whole school Wow day was brilliant and it was great to see the children so excited about their new topics. Thank you for your support-I know the children have really enjoyed their first day back at school.

This Friday, we will be having our first assembly of the school year where parents are able to join us. The gym floors have been completed and we can now split the children into houses! Attlee classes will be in the Gym this half term. I hope to see you there.

Looking ahead to next week, the sponsored sports event, with an Olympic athlete, is gaining popularity with the children. Donations using the online portal are already being made! We are delighted to have been chosen to take part in such an event and show off our athleticism. Several of the teachers will be taking part as well! The event is during our schools Black history week – week of the 7th. The children will additionally be learning more in their afternoon sessions.

On the topic of events, Parents' Evening is approaching. The first parent teacher conferences will be held on the 9th and 10th of November. Letters will go home tomorrow; please return the slip to the class teacher as it is first come, first served. Mr Bowden's and Miss Bowen-Watts Parent Evenings are the exception to this. Reception Wilson/Morris parents have already received a letter, and reply slips should be returned to Ms Holder in the school office.

Wishing you a fabulous week ahead,

Mrs Rider



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.

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.

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. SHINE begins again after our half term break 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 6 Attlee have had a super first half term! For some children, the transition from Year 5 to Year 6 can be quite daunting, but 6A have impressed me with their determination and positivity. We have been focusing on WW2 for both our topic and literacy lessons, and we have all been enjoying the focus text, Goodnight Mr. Tom. In our maths lessons over the past 6 weeks, we have been focusing on place value (whole numbers and decimals) long division and more recently, multiplying fractions. In addition, the children have been exploring the unit 'Light' in their science lessons. We are all looking forward to an exciting year in Year 6!

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For the week before half term, we achieved 97.27%

Attendance Winner

Well done to IWilson who had the best punctuality of the week before half term, with an almost perfect 99.58%. Well done.

Punctuality Awards

Well done to Reception Attlee who had everyone here on time every single day in the week before half term.

Punctuality across the rest of the school did improve but could still be better. There were 61 late marks in total.

For the first half of the autumn term, overall attendance reached 97.65% and the number of late marks was 381.

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!



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.

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.

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 today - 31/10/2016. If parents live outside Waltham Forest, you must apply through the borough you live in.

Useful Contacts

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Church:

www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

Black History in Britain

To coincide with a visit from the British Olympian, Joseph Ikhinmwin, we will be celebrating Black History in Britain in the week beginning 7th November. During this week, we will do many activities in the classrooms to learn about and be inspired by the many achievements of famous black people.



Weekly Reflections

On Wednesday, 9th November, the children will take part in a fundraising activity. They will complete a circuit of five exercises and will need their PE kits for that day. They will then be addressed by the athlete during a special assembly. We will also use this day to look at black sporting heroes.

To end the celebrations with a bang, children in KS2 will have the opportunity to take part in an African Drumming workshop and a dance session on 14th November.

Our value of the week is: Caring

At the core of Christianity is caring for one another. By having a heart that cares, it shows that we are seeking to be like Jesus. As you read through pages in the gospel, you can see the amount of love Jesus showed for everyone.

Matthew 5:4-5 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Key dates and times for the Autumn Term 2016

<i>Thursday 4th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly – Y2 Attlee 9.05AM</i>
<i>Saturday 5th November</i>	<i>SHINE at Stoneydown and Achievement School at St Mary's</i>
<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>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. 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>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>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 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>
<i>Monday 12th December</i>	<i>4pm- Parent Workshop – Christmas Stories</i>
<i>Monday 19th December</i>	<i>Wilson and Morris Houses to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM</i>
<i>Tuesday 20th December</i>	<i>Attlee House to Church for Christmas Service – 9.45AM</i>
<i>Wednesday 21st December</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays</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

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