



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 3rd October 2016



Head of School's Message Head of Schools Message:

It certainly has been a busy week for teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly to get their classroom environments looking fabulous. Each room has a themed book corner and they look very inviting. Most importantly, the children are enjoying them. The curriculum letters, which were emailed to parents, will give you details about what the children will be learning this term. These are also stored on the schools website.

We have been working hard on using 'growth mindset' techniques with the children. It is something we have always done but without really putting a name to it. It has become a focus for us and the staff have really run with it. A mindset is a self-perception that people, including children, hold about themselves. The research suggests that people can be aware or unaware of their mindsets but they can have a profound effect on learning

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For last week we reached 97.6%

Attendance Winner

This week's Attendance Winners are Reception Wilson. Well done.

Punctuality Awards

This week's Punctuality Winners are Reception Attlee with no lates. 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 Attlee

Year 5 Attlee have had an excellent start to the new school year, and have impressed me with their attitude and enthusiasm. We have been focusing on the Victorians for both our topic and literacy lessons, and we have all been enjoying our book, *Street Child*. In our maths

Mon 3rd Oct 4pm – Parent Workshop

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.

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

achievement, skills acquisition, personal relationships, professional success and many other dimensions of life. We have seen an impact in the children's resilience. When they get something wrong it is important for our children to realise that they just haven't got it 'yet.'

Autumn is the time of year when we celebrate Harvest. This year, our Harvest Service will be held on October 17th for Wilson and Morris houses and on the 18th for Attlee classes. As always we will be travelling to St. Mary's church in the morning and would appreciate parent helpers. Year 3 will be leading this assembly and parents are very welcome to join us. You have been missed at the Monday and Friday assembly.

Have an enjoyable 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 3rd October

EYFS Phonics

Mon 10th Oct

RWI – Read Write Ink

Mon 17th Oct

SEND

Mon 31st Oct

Homework

Mon 7th Nov

lessons, we have been focusing on place value, both in whole numbers and in decimals, and learning strategies for multiplying and dividing these numbers. We have also begun to explore the properties of solids and liquids in our science lessons, with some intriguing results. Our classroom's theme is the deep ocean, and we have already named our tables - Sharks, Dolphins, Starfish, Rays and Orcas. We are all looking forward to a great year in Year 5!

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 Rakshan & Scott
- 1 Morris Olivia & Mia
- 1 Wilson Maya & Bianka
- 2 Attlee Joshua & Jason
- 2 Morris Edu & Stacey
- 2 Wilson Beth & Ellis
- 3 Attlee Max & Bernice
- 3 Morris Pearl & Tio
- 3 Wilson Conan & Alfie
- 4 Attlee Grace & Evie-Skye
- 4 Morris Frank & Damilola
- 4 Wilson Maya & Ewan
- 5 Attlee Georgette & Sofija
- 5 Morris Atara & Adam
- 5 Wilson Ella & Mabel
- 6 Attlee Ruby & Barney

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.

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.



Weekly Reflections

Our value of the week is: Respect

Respect is a scriptural value. Respect, honour and esteem are very closely related words and in the Bible we see these words used interchangeably. It often underlays many of our other values.

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."

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

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!

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.

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

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