



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12th September 2015



Head of School's Message

Welcome back to another fun filled week at St Mary's! Our meet the teacher sessions begin when you will get the opportunity to see your child's teachers and ask any questions you have. These meetings will be in our new training room that is situated next to our school office, so do come around to the front of the school.

Last week, the children created collaborative art with their new teachers. The art was based on our Christian Values, with each year group focusing on a core value and how this value helps them with their learning. The displays for these are up in our main floor corridor and I hope that you will get a chance to see these works of art. I am certainly pleased to have displays up so quickly after losing all our display work during the flood refurbishment works. On Friday, the children got to spend their morning lessons getting to know their new stream teachers. After two days spent getting to know their teachers and getting back into the swing of things, the children are ready to start this week with their more formal lessons.

Have a great week – I hope to welcome you back personally at a 'Meet the Teacher' drop in this week or next.

Mrs Rider

Welcome

We happy to see the first of our new Reception children coming in to school so beautifully over the last couple of days. We have also had several new children joining us throughout the school. We would like to welcome all our new families to our school community

School Day Reminders

We would like to remind parents that Chestnut Avenue North and South entrances are for Children from Years 1 to 6. The entrance in Brooke Road is for Reception children. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please do not walk through the school, but go round and enter through the main school entrance.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Each week we will advise you of the percentage we achieved.

Attendance Winner

To encourage good attendance, each week we present an attendance certificate to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear here each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

As advised in our earlier letter, as the gym is out of use, parents will not be able to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies or coffee mornings for this half term. Class assemblies will run as normal and you are more than welcome to come along to those.

No after school clubs will run this term either – with the exception, of course, of Tea Time Club and the Drama Club who are catching up with missed sessions due to the flood. If your child attended Drama, you will hear directly from Beartuza.

Tues 13th Sept Year 5W Start Swimming lessons

Weds 14th Sept Year 5A and 5M start swimming lessons

Sat 17th Sept PFA Event – Late Summer Party – 2-4.30pm – all welcome

Mon 19th Sept First Parent Workshop (see separate item in this newsletter)

Weds 21st Sept 9.05am Parent Prayer Group

Mon 26th Sept 4pm – Parent workshop

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

4pm – Parent Workshop

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

Tues 18th Oct Individual Photos

Weds 19th Oct Parent Prayer Group

Meet the Team

As listed below, we would love you to join us to meet your child's Year Group Team over the course of this half term.

Meetings will take place from 3.45 to 4.30 in our training room.

Year 3 on Monday 12th September

Reception on Tuesday 13th

Year 5 on Thursday 15th

Year 1 on Friday 16th

Year 2 on Monday 19th

Year 6 on Tuesday 20th

Year 4 on Thursday 22nd

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again on Monday 21st September, from 4pm to 4.45pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon 19th September

Enjoying Reading

Mon 26th

Talk for Writing

Mon 3rd October

EYFS Phonics

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

Parent Prayer Group

Once a month, parents meet for a short prayer group from 9.05 to 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dates of sessions are listed in the diary section of this newsletter

Class Corner

Each week one class will give us a report on what has been happening during the course of the term so far. Watch this space!

School Uniform

Everyone has returned to school looking extremely smart.

We no longer stock items of school uniform. All uniform and school bags can be ordered on line via our School website or from the Victoria 2 school uniform shop on Hoe Street. With regard to school bags, please remember that children should bring school book bags ONLY – no rucksacks or other bags please. Also, as requested, please remove all keyrings etc from bag handles as we just do not have the room to store anything other than the book bag itself. Thank you.

May we remind you that no jewellery should be worn except for a small pair of stud earrings and a watch. Nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Just incase you need a reminder, here is a list of our school uniform:

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts

White shirt or Polo

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan

Plain grey/black or white socks

Black shoes or plain black/white

Trainers no logos.

Girls

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

White blouse or Polo

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan

Plain grey/black or white socks or tights but not Leggings.

Black low heeled shoes or plain

black or white trainers no logos

Schools style pink check dresses

In the summer with sensible sandals.

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 will be issued with an activation letter in due course. 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. 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.

Music Lessons

Music lessons begin this week:

Monday Violin

Tuesday Guitar

Thursday Flute/clarinet/Sax

Friday Keyboard

Medical Needs

May we remind you that if your child suffers from Asthma, we need to have two asthma pumps in school at all times. Similarly, if your child has an epi-pen or any other medication that needs to be taken on a regular basis (not antibiotics), please could you send that medication into school as soon as possible, clearly marked with your child's name and any instructions. Please note that we are not able to administer any other medication such as antibiotics

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.

Lost Property

With an ever growing school, we unfortunately have a growing stock of lost property. Please try to help us reunite items with their owners by ensuring that every item of school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. Thanks.

PFA News

(Parents and Friends of St Marys)

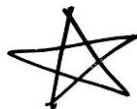
Our wonderful PFA will send news and information via their newsletter on a regular basis. Watch out for the first PTA newsletter of the term. Our first PTA event, our Late Summer Party will take place here this Saturday, 17th September from 2 to 4.30pm. All Welcome!

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

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| 1 Attlee | Rhazel and Holly H |
| 1 Morris | Ayla and Joseph |
| 1 Wilson | Tate and Rosa |
| 2 Attlee | Arthur and Penelope |
| 2 Morris | Elliott and Martha |
| 2 Wilson | Marissa and Malachi |
| 3 Attlee | Caspar and Abi Mae |
| 3 Morris | Dhaham and Alessandra |
| 3 Wilson | Milo and Serena |
| 4 Attlee | Luke and Dilek |
| 4 Morris | Ayman and Theo |
| 4 Wilson | Billie and Zack |
| 5 Attlee | Matthew and Stefania |
| 5 Morris | Jacob and Ioana |
| 5 Wilson | Kieram and Rochelle |
| 6 Attlee | Naomi and Cain |



Weekly Reflection



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Proverbs 11:2

"He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace."

Values Link: Wisdom

The value of Wisdom helps us to be tolerant of others. You need to be wise to understand why people do things. If someone wrongs you, it is important to understand why they have done this. Be the bigger person and learn from it. Learn not to do it to someone else.

Useful Contacts

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Nursery: stmarysnursery.net
Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

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