



Head of School's Message

Last week was challenging in terms of the weather and thank you to all parents and carers for bearing with our wet weather arrangements whilst our gym is being refurbished. Please remember to send your child to school with a coat as we do aim to get children outdoors as much as possible-even when there is light rain. On Saturday, we had a sensational Summer Fayre! Thank you so much to the PFA who put this event together with such commitment and enthusiasm. There was a huge amount of work to do in organising such an event but they managed it all beautifully. I'm told it was quite the day with absolutely loads to do and see. Miss Valiquette said the day was an absolute blast (despite being roped into the 'sponge the teacher' stall event!)

This week we have some percussionists coming to perform. Wura Samba will join the KS1 and KS2 children during assembly for interactive performances. I'm sure you'll hear all about it! The 'meet the teacher' sessions continue this week with years 2, 6 and 4. We have had some great drop in gatherings thus far. I do hope parents have enjoyed getting to know the class teachers better. Please note that if ever you have a query, the first port of call is the class teacher. They are best to catch at the end of the day at dismissal.

Have a great week,
Mrs Rider

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For our first week back we exceeded our target, reaching 97.46% - not a bad start at all!

Attendance Winner

No class had 100% attendance, but well done to 1Attlee with 99.67%, 4Wilson with 99.64%, and 5 Attlee with 99.66% - three classes sharing the attendance award for the first week back.

Punctuality Awards

No class had 100% punctuality – 1Attlee, 2 Attlee, 4 Attlee and 4 Wilson were not far off with just one late mark each class. However, there were 59 late marks across the school – which is on the high side.

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



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

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

Meet the Team

It was great to see so many of you at our Meet the Team meetings last week. This week's meetings will be from 3.45 to 4.30 in our training room.

Year 6 on Tuesday 20th
Year 4 on Thursday 22nd

Parent Workshops

Our series of Parent Workshops begin again on Monday 19th September, from 4pm to 4.45pm. A crèche will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

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. The first session is this week 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.

Class Corner

Our first Class Corner of the term comes from Mr O'Driscoll and Class 4 Morris.

4 Morris have had a great start to the new school year. They have been impressing both me and Miss Wilson with their writing in science and their overall effort. All of year 4 are enjoying the new text in Literacy - Varjak Paw. We have been learning all about place value in maths and the children have really impressed during this topic. In DT, the children have started planning their pop-up books and are looking forward to making them in the coming weeks!

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 Joshua and Alex

1 Morris Grace A, Cameron and Laurien

1 Wilson Beau and Esther

2 Attlee Abiola and Edie

2 Morris Alice and Nile

2 Wilson Vicky and Beth

3 Attlee Wiktor and Kayode

3 Morris Jada Marie and Lily

3 Wilson Aaron and Nico

4 Attlee Jayden and Monife

4 Morris Ciena and Aaliyah

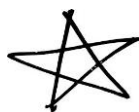
4 Wilson Sam and Phileshia

5 Attlee Rylie and Aaron

5 Morris Neriah, Abdullah and Noah

5 Wilson Ciara and Thomas

6 Attlee Libby and Naomi



PFA News

(Parents and Friends of St Marys)
Thank you to everyone who attended our great Summer Fair on Saturday. A newsletter will follow.

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.



Weekly Reflection:

Values Link: Wisdom Faith

Faith is not something we are born with, nor is it a result of persistence in study or pursuit of the spiritual. Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it clear to us that faith is a gift from God, not because we deserve it, have earned it, or are worthy to have it. Faith is simply given to us by God, along with His grace and mercy.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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.

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.

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