



## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016



### Head of School's Message Head of Schools Message:

Autumn is definitely in the air. This change of weather means that we are now having more wet play times where the children stay inside the classroom during their break. If you have any games at home that your children no longer use, it would be great if you could donate them to our school so that we can share them amongst the classes at wet playtime. Board games, which are in good condition and with all parts present, would be really welcome to add to our collection. They can be handed in at the office at the start of the school day. Additionally, we would like to remind parents to label coats so that we can return them to their owner if they are misplaced.

We have started to hear the children talk about the upcoming KS2 speech competition. The speech can be on any topic but must be memorised and last between 2 and 3 minutes when read aloud. Cue cards are encouraged to help children remember their place.

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. For last week we reached 98.06% !!

### Attendance Winner

No class had 100% attendance, this weeks Attendance winners are Year 1 Morris with 100%. Fantastic !!

### Punctuality Awards

No class had 100% punctuality – Our winners this week are Reception Attlee with no lates and Year 2 Wilson with no lates. Well done!!

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

Our first Class Corner of the term comes from Class 4 Wilson. 4 Wilson have had a great start to the new school year. We have continued to

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** 4pm – Parent workshop

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** 4pm – Parent Workshop

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 4pm – Parent Workshop

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** Harvest Assembly in Church 9.45 for Morris and Wilson Houses

**4pm** – Parent Workshop

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** Harvest Assembly in Church 9.45 for Attlee House

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** Individual Photos

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> 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 note that breakfast and tea time clubs must be kept in credit at all times. We have a waiting list for

Speeches will be voted on in class and winners will present to the school and judging panel. The judging panel will decide an overall winner. Miss Valiquette has arranged for a special guest to be on the judging panel! Speaking publicly is certainly a skill and I do hope the children are enthused. We can't wait to hear them!

A reminder that we hold our parent workshops every Monday at 4pm; topics and dates for these sessions can be found in this newsletter.

Have a good week,

Mrs Rider

### Parent Workshops

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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

Talk for Writing

**Mon 3rd October**

EYFS Phonics

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct**

RWI – Read Write Ink

**Mon 17th Oct**

SEND

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Homework

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov**

EYFS Homework

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Cyber Stay Safe

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov**

Curriculum

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Developing Handwriting

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

MFL

study Varjak Paw and find out more about his character and the overall plot. This week we will be writing our own chapter for the novel! In maths, we have been showing off our mental and column addition skills and have been regrouping successfully. In DT, we are exploring a range of pop up folds and mechanisms that could be used in our own pop up book.

### 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 & Kiki
1 Morris	Leandre & Gabrielle
1 Wilson	Madison & Dean
2 Attlee	Amiya & Emili
2 Morris	Dante & Helena
2 Wilson	Edie & Krystian
3 Attlee	Treyvon & Pablo
3 Morris	Arlo & Emilija Z
3 Wilson	Kelechi & Jaheem
4 Attlee	Simon & Josiah
4 Morris	Jordi & Mabel
4 Wilson	Sam & Zachary
5 Attlee	Rylie & Jayden
5 Morris	Shanice & Abdullah
5 Wilson	Lucy, Mabel, Amelia & Ella
6 Attlee	Eleanor & Stanley

### 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.

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:

Our value of the week is: Truth

Truth is defined by one source as “*sincerity in action, character, and utterance.*” Perhaps the most famous verse about truth in the Bible is what Jesus said “... *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*” (John 14:6)

### Useful Contacts

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**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.

**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.

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## **St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2016-2017**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

#### **First Half (37 Days)**

*INSET – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and additional day of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>*

Start – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

End – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

*INSET- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016*

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

#### **Second Half (38 Days)**

Start – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

End - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016

**Holidays:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### **Spring Term 2017**

#### **First Half (29 Days)**

*INSET - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017*

Start – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

End - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Half Term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### **Second Half (30 Days)**

Start - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

**Holidays:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Summer Term 2017**

**First Half (28 Days)**

Start – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

End - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

**Holidays** May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Second Half (33 Days)**

Start - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

End -Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017