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Weekly Newsletter

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Fidget spinners have hit St Saviour's. I must be very clear that we do not consider these to be useful in helping children's learning. They are distracting for other children and, for those who use them, take minds off work rather than focus them. These gadgets are designed for children with autism and are not required in class for children without such difficulties. If they appear in class, teachers have been instructed to confiscate them—and of course, return at the end of the day. Like most crazes, bringing in toys leads to arguments about whose they are and losses.

Please don't send your children into school with a fidget spinner or similar.

Elsewhere, we are into KS2 SATs week. Year 6 made a great start to their SATs today and Year 2 are mid-assessment. I'd like to thank the teachers and teaching assistants – as well as all of the children, of course – for their fantastic hard work so far this year. Year 6 arrived bright and early for their SATs breakfast this morning and had a great start to the day. Just a reminder parents/carers/students – getting here for 8:30 is sufficient. I'm also glad to hear that they all got a good night's sleep. You know my thoughts on that.

I'm confident our children will again be amongst the highest attainers in the country – which sets them up fantastically for secondary school and beyond. We've had visits from secondary schools recently to have a look at what we do in Years 5 and 6 and they have been hugely impressed with both our children and the teaching. One local school is even rewriting its curriculum, based on the level that children are already achieving at the end of KS2.

I'd also like to say a big thank you for the improved situation outside of school with regards to cars. Since the zigzag yellow lines were installed and we have random visits from the local parking enforcement officers, we have a much improved situation in terms of people arriving and parking safely.

Linked to that, please encourage your child to take part in the Met Police's Road Safety competition – to design a poster promoting road safety – please do. I think it's a great idea to have safety up there in children's minds. I still see lots of kids not looking both ways when they cross the road outside of school. We'll keep reminding them to look left, look right and look left again before crossing any road.

If your child wins the road safety competition, not only will they get their poster printed as a banner to go up outside of the school, they will also get to visit the local police helicopter. Amazing fun!

Unfortunately, we still have an unacceptable amount of late arrivals to school. Thank you to all of you who consistently get your kids here on time. Research shows it really does make a difference to children's learning. Arriving late means that they at best arrive flustered and take time to settle into a lesson. At worst, they miss key parts of a lesson – which clearly leads to misconceptions. As I've said many times before, please do aim to get here for **8:45am**. That way, if you do arrive a few minutes late, then children are still here when the whistle goes promptly at 9am.

Looking ahead, please put Saturday 8th July in your diaries. That's when our summer fair will be on – from 11am to 4pm. The Parent Council/PTA are also looking for adults who can help for part or all of the fair – as well as prizes for raffles/tombolas/competitions. If you can help, please see Ms Tolliday, one of the Parent Council (see their photos in the foyer) or leave a message at the office.

David Ogle, Head of School

Dates coming up

Parent Workshops:
Tuesdays at 4pm in
The Cube, *unless otherwise stated*

16th May
Fabulous Phonics,
Laura Foster

23rd May
Parent Council,
Julie Tolliday

20th June
Have a Go at Home DT,
Gavin Murray

27th June
Geography,
Emma Cherry (St Mary's)

Parents Evenings
Wednesday 12th (3:50-7pm) and Thursday
13th July (3:50-6pm)

Sports Days
(weather dependent)
Rec/Pre-School Wed
5th July, 9-11am
Y3-6 Thursday 6th July
Y1&2 Wed 12th July.
Parents Welcome!

School Nurse
The school nurse is
available from 3-4pm
on 15th May

Summer Fair
Saturday
8th July
11am to 4pm

Regular Events

Shining Stars Assembly
Mondays 9:10am.

Clergy Assembly
Thursday 9:10am
Parents welcome

Head of School drop in
Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30am and 3-4pm.

Monthly Mass
Please join us
monthly at
St Saviour's Church
Services run for
about an hour from
2pm on a Thursday
(unless indicated)

25th May 2017
Y4 Ascension

29th June 2017
Y2

13th July 2017
Y6 Leavers

St Saviour's Church Family Services

Please come to St Saviour's Church on the first Sunday of each month from 10am to 11am:
4th June
2nd July

Have a lovely week, best wishes

Executive Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher

Our Value of the week is Love:

"To love someone is to see them as God intended."

Fyodor Dostoyeski—Russian novelist, journalist and philosopher.

Shining Stars

Rec Oak - Joel Sarbeng
Rec Birch - Sofonias Abiya
Y1 Willow - Brendon Owusu
Y1 Elm - Gabrielis Bukauskas
Y2 Oak – Bradley Khan/Nichola Wang
Y2 Birch – Mahamadou Touray Sis-sokou
Y3 Elm - Leila Thorpe

Y3 Willow - Josiah King
Y4 Oak - Zoe Aslam
Y4 Birch - Micah Osei
Y5 Willow - Whole class
Y5 Elm - Whole class
Y6 Birch/Y6 Oak - *
*Y6 are not attending assemblies this week due to SATs

Attendance

The whole school target for attendance is **96.5%**. From the start of the school year until now, our attendance since September is **95.20%**. Please help us to ensure that children are getting the best possible education by making sure that children are in school.

Well done to **Year 2 Birch** whose attendance was **100%** week ending 5th May 2017.

The class which had the most punctual week ending 5th May 2017 was **Year 3 Elm and Year 6 Oak**. Well done to them! They win our Early Bird Bears for the week.

We continue to have an issue with lateness and attendance. Last week we had 43 incidents of lateness and **our overall attendance is below the national average of 95.6%**. These figures are a clearly detrimental to our pupils' education. Letters have gone out to parents/carers whose children's attendance is below 90%. We are over halfway through the year and 90% is equivalent to missing half a day's education every week. Please help us to improve this.

Class Corner

In Year 1 Willow this half term, our new geography topics is maps. So far, we have been able to make the most of the sunny weather by going outside to draw our own maps of the school. In religious education, we are learning about the Bible. We had a thoughtful lesson when we all created our own story which had an important moral message/ These stories were collated into our own 'Class Bible' which we proudly keep on our prayer table.

We are currently learning about plants in science. We had an exciting wow day to start the half term when we created some lovely flower art work using printing methods. Since then, we have learnt how to plant seeds and what they will need to be able to grow. Keep an eye out for them on our windowsill to check their progress!

Mr Elliot—Year 1 Willow

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have now stopped giving out the Active Kids vouchers, and schools have until the 30th June to collect them in and have them counted. If you have any vouchers at home, or you know of anyone who has some, please send them to school to add to our ever growing collection. With your support, we will be able to continue to replenish the wonderful PE and active resources that we have been able to order over the years. Thank you!

Year 6 SATs week 8th – 11th May

Please remember that all YR6 children need to arrive at school by 8.30am next week, ready for their SATs test. There will be **NO** additional YR6 tuition next week. They really deserve a rest!

St Saviour's Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July 11am-4pm

Can you help?



St Saviour's Summer Fair will be on Saturday, 8th July, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. The Parent Council will be working very hard to organise stalls, activities and, of course, food for this event. If you are available to help out, for example by running a tombola stall, selling tea and coffee or (for the artistic amongst you) face-painting, please let the office know, and the message will be passed on.

Alternatively, speak to Ms Tolliday or a member of the Parent Council (see Parent Council notice board in the foyer) . All offers will be very welcome! Not only is this very helpful for the school, it is also a great way to socialise with other parents.

Prizes

We are keen to have great raffle prizes to encourage people to spend their money! If you have any contacts with businesses, for example shops or sport centres that could donate a prize for the Summer Fair, please speak to them and persuade them to support our school by donating a prize. In the Christmas Fair, for example, one of the prizes was a trip to the London Eye - this generated a lot of interest and sold lots of tickets!

Volunteers

Finally, we are always on the lookout for parents to support our school and really appreciate any help offered. If you are keen to get involved with Parent Council events or if you wish to volunteer for the school in a different capacity (for example as a reader or as a helper in Reception classrooms) please let me know. It is a good way to ease yourself back in to work, gain experience and develop your skills.

Julie Tolliday
Deputy Head Teacher

Are you a budding road safety artist?

Tomorrow we'll be giving out competition entries to take part in a borough-wide competition, organised by the Metropolitan Police, to highlight road safety concerns. **Entries are due back by 12th May.** Why not have a go and you could see your art work go up on a huge banner outside of school—or beyond!

ROAD SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

It can get very busy on the roads in the mornings and afternoons during your journey to and from school.

Sometimes it can be quite dangerous when we don't look out for each other!



Think about some road safety issues outside your school.

- Do drivers park on the zig zags?
- Should we always wait until it is safe to cross?
- Do the cars go too fast?

Design a poster which tells people how to be safer when using the roads near your school.

Return it to your teacher and the Metropolitan Police will pick their favourite entry.

The winner's poster will be made into a banner and displayed outside the school gates!

Use the white space on the back to design your poster in portrait. Make sure your poster design is bright and colourful using felt-tip pens so that it is bold and clear enough to be seen from a distance!

Spring Term 2017

Date	Event
03/01/2017	INSET - Tuesday 3rd January 2017
04/01/2017	School Starts 9.00am Wednesday 4th January 2017
13/02/2017	Half Term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2017
20/02/2017	School Starts 9.00am Monday 20th February 2017
31/03/2017	School Closes Friday 31st March 2017 2pm

Summer Term 2017

Date	Event
03/04/2017	Easter Holidays Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April 2017
18/04/2017	School Starts 9.00am Tuesday 18th April 2017
01/05/2017	May Day Bank Holiday
29/05/2017	Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017
05/06/2017	School Starts 9.00am Monday 5th June 2017
19/07/2017	School Closes Wednesday 19th July 2017 2pm

Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
01/09/2017	INSET - Friday 1st September, Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2017
06/09/2017	School Starts 9am Wednesday 6th September 2017
19/10/2017	School finishes for Half term Thursday 19th October 2017
20/10/2017	INSET DAY - Friday 20th October 2017
23/10/2017	Half Term Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2017
30/10/2017	School Starts 9am Monday 30th October 2017
20/12/2017	End of Term Finish 2pm Wednesday 20th December 2017
21/12/2017	Christmas Holidays Thursday 21st December - Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Term dates 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

First Half (33 Days)

INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6th September 2017

End – Thursday 19th October 2017

INSET – Friday 20th October 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 - Friday 27th October 2017

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018

First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Start – Thursday 4th January 2018

End - Friday 9th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 - Friday 16th February 2018

Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19th February 2018

End – Thursday 29th March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30th March to Thursday 12th April 2018

Summer Term 2018

First Half (30 Days)

INSET – Friday 13th April 2018

Start - Monday 16th April 2018

End - Friday 25th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 (during Half Term)

Second Half (35 Days)

Start - Monday 4th June 2018

End –Friday 20th July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).