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Weekly Newsletter

**Monday 10th July
2017**

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Last week was very busy, with lots of events going on, as seems to be the way at the end of the summer term!

Firstly, a big thank you to the organisers of our summer fair on Saturday – as well as to all of the parents/carers and children who were able to come along and support us. I'm sorry that I missed it – a big family birthday celebration weekend out of town, which really would have seen me in the dog house if I'd missed it! I hope you all had a wonderful time – even if Year 6 didn't get the opportunity to splat me with wet sponges.

Our Key Stage 2 sports day last week was fantastic - the weather was glorious and there were no flying ants to spoil the day ('Flying ant day' had disrupted Wimbledon the previous day; apparently British tennis player Johanna Konta ate several ants during the course of her match). We had a great turnout of parents and a very competitive parent/teacher relay race which the children really enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Kruti and Mr Tyne for organising the activities and participating in the relay race. However, Mr Tyne is sore that his unbeaten record in the relay race was broken and is looking forward to a rematch on the Key Stage 1 sports day on Wednesday this week: you have been warned. Thank you to all who participated!

A reminder for Key Stage 1 sports day: please ensure that your child has a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream in case the sunny weather continues. The day will begin shortly after 9am.

As part of Healthy Living Week, the children watched 'The NED Show' (N stands for 'Never give up', E for 'Encourage others' and D for 'Do your best') which was not only very funny, but delivered a serious motivational message to the children. In fact, when I spoke to some of the Year 4 children afterwards, they were full of enthusiasm and quoted many of the key messages from the show and told me how much they had enjoyed it. NED fits in perfectly with our 'Growth Mindset' approach to teaching and learning – there's a difference between "not knowing" and "not knowing yet"! As part of the show, Yo-yos were used to entertain and help the children to remember the key messages. The office has a supply of these which cost from £5 for the basic model (£12 for a very flash one!) and are available this week only. Quite a few have already been sold, so pop in if you wish to purchase one and experience some old-fashioned fun.

Year 6 had a visit from 'Diverse Voices,' who did a very engaging and informative workshop on friendships and E-Safety in preparation for secondary school. And with the holidays coming up, and children having more leisure time, please ensure that you are aware of your child's online activities, particularly regarding social media. Incidentally, the minimum age for users of social media such as WhatsApp is 13 so primary school children should not be using this at all. Copies of the brochure 'Summer Daze,' are available to support parents with free activities over the holiday period, and they offer lots of ways to entice children away from the computer screen. If you have not received a copy (they usually posted to all Waltham Forest residents), please speak to Mrs Joda.

On Thursday afternoon from 2pm, we have our Year 6 Leavers' Service when we'll once again say goodbye to Year 6 and wish them well in their secondary school careers. Tomorrow will be their Leavers' Performance; in the school hall from 5pm. Parents/carers are invited to come along to both.

David Ogle, Head of School

Our Value of the week is Faith

'Faith. It does not make things easy, it makes them possible.'
Luke 1:37

Dates coming up

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 12th July
3:30 – 5:00
Thursday 13th July
3:30 – 6:00

Sports Days (weather dependent)

Y1&2 Wed 12th July,
9am-11am

Parents Welcome!

**School Nurse drop
in:
17th July 2017**

13th July 2017

**Y6 Leavers
Mass:
In the church
2pm-3pm**

**School closes for
summer on
Wednesday
19th July
at 2pm**

**First day of
2017-18 term is
Wednesday 6th
September**

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)

St Saviour's Church Family Services

**Please come
to St Saviour's
Church on the
first Sunday of
each month
from 10am to
11am:**

6th August
3rd September
(Family Services
continue during the
summer holidays.
Please come along.)
8th October
5th November

Have a lovely week, best wishes

Executive Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance

The whole school target for attendance is **96.5%**. From the start of the school year until now, our attendance since September is **95.48%**. Please help us to ensure that children are getting the best possible education by making sure that children are in school.

Well done to **Reception Oak** whose attendance was **98.67%** week ending 7th July 2017.

The class which had the most punctual week ending 7th July 2017 was Reception Birch, Year 4 Oak 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. This week we had **58 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.

School Pond—parents/carers please be aware

Please be aware that children are not allowed unsupervised into the fenced-off school pond area unsupervised. During playtimes, lunchtimes and any time which staff take children outside, staff supervise this area and children know that they are not allowed to enter.

During the school fair on Saturday, a young child climbed into the area and fell into the pond. If you arrive at school early before staff are supervising outside, or are in the grounds after staff have gone back into the building, or are in the grounds for a fair, please help us to keep your child safe by ensuring that when they are under your charge and responsibility that they are not allowed to approach this area. Thank you.

Class Corner-Reception

Reception have been having a fabulous last few weeks of term. The children have been showing their teachers how they can use all the skills that they have been learning throughout the year. We have an amazing group of independent learners! The boys and girls are doing lots of preparation for year 1. We are writing special letters to our new teachers to let them know what we want to learn we return in September. We can't wait for our end of term party!

Mrs Hannah & Miss Stoltz

Free School Meals

Can we remind parents of Year 2 children that when they move into Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for UFSM (universal free school meals). If you feel that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please register online at <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>

If you will now need to pay for school meals, this should be done via your child's ParentPay account. Please see the office if you have any queries.

Skip off

Last week our focus was on Healthy Living and as part of this on Tuesday 4th July, we held a 'Skip Off'. All the children were able to participate challenging each other to see who could skip the longest.

Each class had a winner and the overall winner was Maxwell Lablancy year 4 who skipped non-stop for an amazing 4 minutes!



The School Council are holding a raffle to raise money for those affected by the Grenfell tragedy. Tickets are £1 a strip and prizes include, footballs, basketballs, Lego construction toys, books, sweets, skipping ropes, a poster signed by the Pink Power Ranger from the Power Rangers movie and lots more.

Winning tickets will be drawn during assembly on the 18th July. Please support this worthy cause!

St Saviour's Summer Fair



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Social media dangers

With regards to the social media app 'snapchat' (exceptionally popular among young people), where the App has not been put on 'ghost mode'. There is an app called SnapMaps which anyone can download that allows someone to effectively spy on anyone with snapchat around the world where the user can see where you are and what you are doing. Apparently, it is very likely most people won't have set their snapchat mode to be in 'ghost mode' as it is a complicated procedure'.

As a school, we strongly advise that children at primary age are not allowed access to social media (eg, Facebook has an age restriction of 13, we have had problems with inappropriate conversations using WhatsApp, which is also age restricted).

However, if you have allowed your child to Snapchat, we urge you to ensure that 'ghost mode' is set for your child's safety. However, this illustrates another reason why such social media is inappropriate for young children.

Home Fire Safety

The London Fire Brigade came in to school today to talk to the Year 5 children about fire safety at home. A home fire safety checklist is attached to the newsletter for you to use at home.

If you would like a home safety visit from LFB for free smoke alarms and guidance on escape routes, you can contact the fire brigade through their website

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Home fire safety checklist



Homework for the grown-ups!

At school today, a child in your care learnt about home fire safety. The checklist below is a useful tool: please use this to ensure you and your family are taking the appropriate home fire safety measures. You should aim to have every 'Yes' box ticked.



Prevention

	Yes	No
1 We know we should keep matches and lighters securely away from children.		
2 We always turn off the cooker hob when it is left unattended. (Never leave cooking unattended.)		
3 We know we must not overload an electrical socket.		
4 We switch off and unplug all electrical appliances at night, except for those that are designed to be left on.		
5 We know we never leave candles or tea lights unattended. (Use a proper candle or tea lights holder and never place them near anything that could burn, e.g. under the curtains, on the TV.)		
6 We put out all candles and any smoking materials properly. (Do not smoke in bed.)		
7 We close all doors at night to prevent fire and smoke spreading.		

Detection (Smoke Alarms)

	Yes	No
1 We have at least one smoke alarm fitted on every floor.		
2 We change the battery once a year (unless it has a 10-year battery).		
3 We should test it once a week by pressing the test button.		
4 We know we should never remove batteries from the smoke alarm.		

Escape

	Yes	No
1 We have a 'fire escape plan' which we have all practised.		
2 We know where the keys for windows and doors are kept.		
3 We know what to do when escaping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel the doors with the back of our hand to check it's not hot before opening. • Crawl low under the smoke when escaping. • Close doors behind us. • Know where to meet outside when we have escaped. • Stay out once we have escaped. 		
4 If we are trapped, we know we should go into a safe room (with a phone if possible to call the Fire Brigade), put something at the bottom of the door to block the smoke, open a window and shout "FIRE!!!" and stay low under the smoke.		

Calling 999

	Yes	No
1 When we have escaped, we should use the nearest pay phone, mobile phone, or phone from a neighbour's house.		
2 We know the emergency phone number is 999 and we should ask for the Fire Brigade.		
3 We know we must stay calm, speak slowly and give the address where the fire is.		

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Nursery Yard Sale!

Items for all ages



Friday 14th July at 3:15

If you are able to donate items to the sale, please hand them in at the school or nursery office. All donations are very much appreciated.

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)

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).