



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is now week six of the autumn term and half term is just around the corner - I can't believe how quickly time is moving on!

I would like to start by drawing your attention towards some of the events that are coming up soon. Both Year 6 and Year 1 have trips coming shortly after half term: on 1<sup>st</sup> November, **Year 6** will be visiting the **Buddhist Temple** in Bethnal Green as part of their topic on Buddhism, and **Year 1** will be going to **Gilwell Park** to experience outdoor learning, as part of our commitment to Forest Schools. We place a lot of value on learning experiences that take place outside the classroom and recognise how they enhance children's skills, knowledge and language, as well as being a lot of fun.

On the subject of Forest Schools, our very own Forest School is progressing nicely. You may have noticed that the field has undergone quite a few changes recently: there are two large wooden structures, some sand and mud pits, and a place to build a fire. Extra trees have been planted and a line of blackberry bushes mark the boundary between the forest area and the rest of the field.

Our reception classes have already experienced the wonder of learning outdoors and have had a lot of fun digging in the mud pit (a very popular activity I'm told), creating volcanoes and making shelters for their animals.

A message from our Year 5 trip last week:

On Wednesday Year 5 went to the William Morris Gallery. We saw so many brilliant pieces of Art that William Morris produced in the Victorian Era. He used repeated patterns for many things, one of them being a curtain. He used a stone stamp which he carved and put ink in and repeated the pattern. We then explored all the parts of the gallery and we filled out a fact sheet. He mostly made wall paper which many people still use. A highlight was creating our own prints in the style of William Morris.

As you may be aware, we hold Reception Open Days every month where prospective parents have the opportunity to look around the school and ask questions. There will be an Open Day on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00. If you have a child due to start reception in September 2019, or if you know of anyone looking for a place in our school, please come along and have a tour of the school.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that application forms for Secondary School in September 2019 must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any questions or would like help in completing the application form please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Year 6 team.

### Whole School Attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%.

Attendance Award for 100% week ending 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018:  
Year 4 Oak  
Year 4 Birch

Lateness Award for 100% being on time week ending 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018:  
Year 6 Birch  
Year 2 Willow  
Year 2 Oak

### ***Our Value of the Week is Faith***

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

**C.S. Lewis**

Lastly, another reminder about our **Harvest Mass** which will be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30 in St Saviour's Church, please give your child a tin or packet of food so that we can make a generous contribution towards Christian Kitchen and Heat or Eat. All parents are welcome to attend the service, which Year 5 will be leading. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Oxford University

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, we went to Oxford University. When we first arrived, we went to a room with Daniel (our tour guide). We discussed the differences between school and university and we also made our own 'big questions'. After debating and discussing, we had a little tour around the outside of St. Peter's campus. We saw the graduation hall, a library, the place they to light the library, a church and some other places. We all hope that one we would go there. This has been an inspirational trip.  
Anita, 6B

On the Oxford Trip, we went on the mini bus to a college in Oxford University – St. Peters. When we got there, we had a debating workshop where we discussed the answers to some hard questions (they called them Big Questions). After that, we looked around the outside of the college. We learnt that a building just outside the library is circular and is painted white to reflect all the light into it like a giant a lamp. Finally, we went back to school.  
Alice, 6O

The trip to Oxford was inspirational. It inspired me to be better and work harder. There were also amazing landmarks like the graduation hall and the library. I learnt it doesn't matter where you are from, you can have a lot of potential. I'm very glad I was chosen for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.  
Rebecca, 6B

I had the best time of my life on this inspirational and educational trip. It has changed my view on school – I was always trying to be the best version of me; however, I have never had a chance to see what places I can reach in the future. Until now. I loved my time visiting Oxford. Furthermore, I now know from being chosen, I'll reach just there if I work hard.  
Kayisha, 6B



A special well done to those who took part in the Saturday's Scout club cubs unit, 5 aside district football tournament. The boys team have come second place out of 7 teams. Loosing to only one goal.. Arthur Year 5elm, Kane Year 5 Elm, Jonathan Year 5elm, Dhruv Year 5 willows received their silver medals. Well done!!



As Christmas approaches and we think of others less fortunate than ourselves, we remember children who may not experience Christmas in the way that we do.

As we have done in previous years through the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child, we are collecting Christmas shoeboxes to donate to less fortunate children. An information sheet will be available from the office after half term if you would like details of what you can send.

The deadline for the boxes will be confirmed after half term.  
Mrs Joda



Have a great week. God bless

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Kerry Munden  
Headteacher

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## **St Saviour's Term Dates 2018-2019**

Autumn Term 2018

First Half (32 Days)

INSET – Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September 2018

Start – Wednesday 5th September 2018

End – Thursday 18th October 2018

INSET – Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018

Second Half (39 Days)

Start – Monday 29th October 2018

End – Thursday 20th December 2018

Holidays: Friday 21st December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2018

### **Spring Term 2019**

First Half (29 Days)

INSET – Monday 7th January 2019

Start – Tuesday 8th January 2019

End - Friday 15th February 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019

Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 25th February 2019

End – Friday 5th April 2019

Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April 2019

### **Summer Term 2019**

First Half (23 Days)

Start – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

End - Friday 24th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 - Friday 31st May 2019

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019 (during Half Term)

Second Half (37 Days)

Start - Monday 3rd June 2019

End – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

This calendar gives a total of 195 (190 pupil days plus 4 inset days – Staff to work twilight sessions to make up 1 inset day).