



St Saviour's C of E Primary School weekly newsletter

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**Monday 15th
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Head of School message:

Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

Welcome to another week at St Saviour's and the children are continuing to work well at the start of the new term.

Attendance

Just a reminder that school begins at 9am and the children should be collected at 3.30pm. Whilst there has been a marked improvement in children arriving to school on time we are having a growing number of children being collected late from school. If on the occasion there is a possibility of your child being collected late please ensure you call the school office before 3.20pm so that we can let the class teacher know.

If your child is absent from school please phone the school office on **0208 520 0612** before 9.30am. There is an answer phone option before the school office opens at 8.30am. If you do not ring to inform us and your child has a school dinner you may still be charged for it.

Good News

Mrs Woodley gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter, at the start of January. They had a brief visit last week and I am pleased to tell you that both mother and baby are doing really well. Congratulations to the whole family. Mrs Small will be at St Saviour's for the next two Wednesday's before she starts her maternity leave.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Boyce and Mr Mander into our Year 2 team for this half term and Mrs Croitoriu to Year 1. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet them during the Consultation Evenings this week.

Parent Consultation Appointments – Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January

Reminder that these have been sent out through parentmail and also through the new online booking. Please be patient as we allocate times through the new system.

Clubs

Club start back today and a thank you to the staff in being able to provide such a range of activities. Club letters are sent out at the beginning of each term and a waiting list will operate if we have more than the allocated number of children.

Parent Voice

At Parent's Evening appointments this week we would welcome any suggestions of changes that you feel may be needed at St Saviour's. The children have their voice through the Student Council meetings and so if you as parents/carers you have suggestions, please let me know too as it is invaluable to have everyone's voice. It is strange to think that in five years' time our current Y6 pupils will be in Y11 and about to sit their GCSEs, the Y2 pupils will have completed their first term at secondary school and Mrs Woodley's baby will be in Reception!

Sports Competitions

As part of our commitment in promoting fitness at St Saviour's we have entered a team of Y5 and Y6 pupils into a netball tournament on Thursday 18th January. We wish them good luck and will share news about the competition next week.

Our assembly theme this week links with our school Christian value of: Truth

***Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.***

Psalms 25:5

Dates for your diary:

School Nurse drop-in
Tuesday 17th January 3pm-4pm

No appointment needed.

17th & 18th January 2018
Parents evening

18th January—Y3 Mass

23th January 2018
Art Parent Workshop

26th January 2018
Year 3 Science Museum Trip

30th January 2018
Young Voices Concert at the O2

30th January 2018
FGM Parent Workshop

St Saviour's Church Dates

Sunday 18th March 2018, 6pm
will be **Confirmation Sunday**
with the Bishop of Barking. All
children and adults who want to
be Baptised and confirmed will
need to attend the Confirmation
Classes.

The dates for confirmation clas-
ses are:

At the School—1st, 8th, 15th
and 22nd February at 3.30 -
4.15pm f

At the Church 4th, 11th, 18th
and 25th February after Mass at
11.30am - 12.15pm.

B Hall

Executive Head Teacher

K Dingle

Deputy Head Teacher



Safeguarding

At the start of each term the staff members are updated in the changes in relation to Safeguarding. Safeguarding is the prevention of harm and is the responsibility of everyone. We have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) on site between 8am-6pm each day and there are posters around the school identifying the DSLs. There is also a Designated Governor for Safeguarding. Staff have access to statutory documents and are aware of the contact details of lead professionals for advice in the local authority.

We take all aspects of safeguarding seriously and promote a positive culture where 'safeguarding is an important part of everyday life'.

Training for staff included the rationale behind the school being part of Operation Encompass (as explained below) and provided a reminder of aspects including:

- **Child Protection** – covering all aspects of neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, grooming offline and online and sexual exploitation.
- **Attendance** – which is why we are very active in ensuring your child is in school and if they are not; the reasons for their absence explained including a number pupils going abroad for extended lengths of time. We will also ask you to check the details we hold for your child as aware that telephone numbers and email addresses are changed regularly.
- **Health and Safety** – which is why we have to ensure that gates and doors are securely closed and that our classrooms are kept tidy, alongside other shared areas of the school.
- **Medication and First Aid** – which is why all medical information is shared and medication is kept up to date.
- **Risk assessments** – that these are completed for all school trips and activities

We have a number of presentations that we have discussed at Parent workshops so that you are also fully informed. These have also included Prevent Information. Further information can be found at www.itai.info/what-is-prevent

We also throughout the year remind the children about safeguarding and they have a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe. Over the holidays many children have received electronic devices and very useful websites for parents include: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents and www.nspcc.org.uk so that we can ensure that children are being kept safe online.

By continuing to work together we can ensure that all the pupils, parents and staff at St Saviour's are kept safe from harm.

Operation Encompass

St Saviour's and St Mary's will be taking part in a multi-agency project between Waltham Forest Council, Waltham Forest Police and our Schools called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been implemented to help schools provide the appropriate support to children who have been present during an incident of domestic abuse/violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from the Police before 9:00hrs on the morning after any incident involving domestic abuse and there are child/ren present to witness or been involved. This allows us to use the information that has been shared in confidence, to make sure that the right support is available to child/ren and their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic abuse/violence incident.


I have been designated as Key Adult at this current point for both St Mary's and St Saviour's, following training attended from Waltham Forest Police and Waltham Forest Council. There will be other key adults identified as they complete the training. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for those involved. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact me and I will be happy to discuss this further.

Congratulations

Great news is that we have been awarded the Healthy Schools London Bronze Award. We will be receiving our Bronze Certificate as well as a letter of congratulations from Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney within the next few weeks. Well done to all involved and Mr Farmer is already setting his sights on St Saviour's achieving the Silver Award in record time!

This can be helped by the newly promoted Change 4 Life campaign at the moment on 'promoting healthy snacks'. Try the quiz on the website www.nhs.uk which is very interesting. There are also money vouchers to help purchase healthier snacks

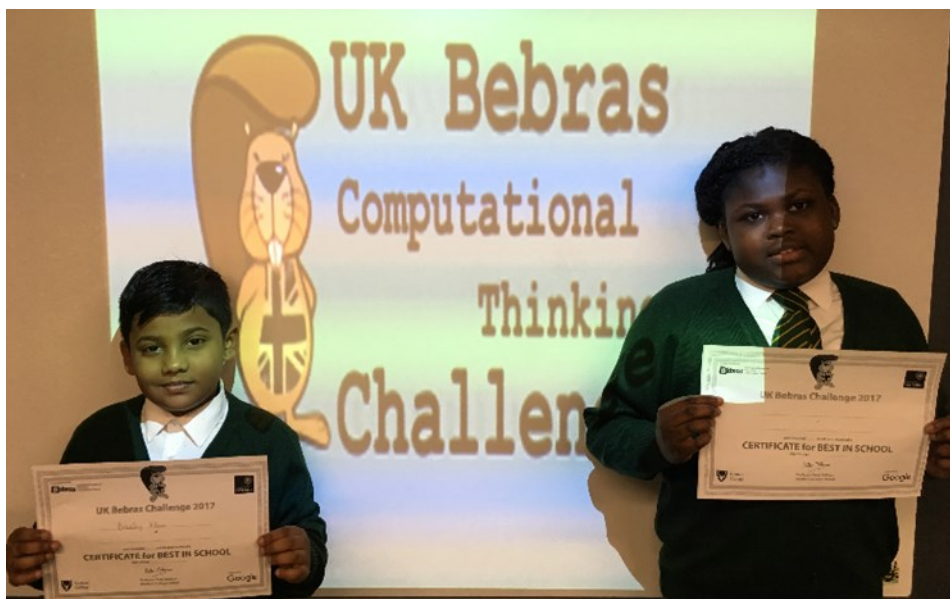
Best wishes,



Mrs Munden

ICT Competition

Recently, many of our KS2 classes took part in The UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. This ICT based competition - which introduces children to computational thinking - is organised in over 40 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. Our pupils did exceptionally well with talented budding computer scientists Adwoa Baah-Roberston (Year 5 Birch) and Bradley Khan (Year 3 Oak) receiving extra special awards from the competition runners. Well done to Bradley, Adwoa and all the pupils who took part! Mrs Buckley (ICT Lead)



What's been happening in Year 1?

Year 1 have been working on their new topic of **Transport through the Ages**.

The children have been talking about methods of transport in the past and what they think it may be like in the future; as well as how they travel to school.

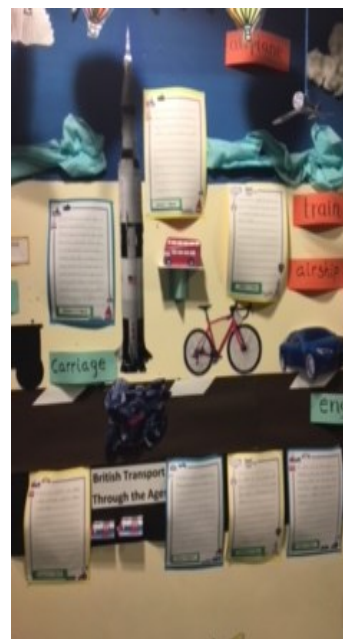
Yi Xuan has written: *A train is a collective transport system which allows lots of people and goods to move across great distances. Trains have an engine and it pulls many coaches behind it.*

Adrian has written: *I travel to school walking. I like walking to school because I might see puppies.*

Daniel has written: *I travel to school by walking. When it's raining I travel by car. In the winter my car is cold and when I'm walking I am cold. In the summer my car is cool and when I walk I'm hot. I don't like to walk because I get tired.*

Well done Year 1 – we look forward to seeing more of your great work over the next few weeks.

Reminder that there is an opportunity for Year 1 parents/carers to visit the Year 1 classrooms on 22nd January 3pm—3.20pm to have a look at the topic projects set over the Christmas holidays.



Reminders:

'Back the Bid' <https://wfculture19.co.uk> – closing date is approaching soon for Waltham Forests bid to become the first London Borough of Culture

Walthamstow Wetlands <https://walthamstowwetlands.com> – if you have not had a chance to go and visit – it is well worth it