



Weekly Newsletter Monday 16th April 2018



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you are all well and the children are ready for a busy term. There are definitely signs of the warmer weather approaching and as we go into the summer term it is an important period in our pupils' education.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 that attended the additional lessons during the Easter holidays. This was in preparation of the upcoming SATs that both year groups will undergo in May.

- Year 6 testing period: Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May 2018
- Year 2 testing period: WC: Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May 2018

It is really important that all pupils attend school during this period. There will be a Year 2 parent meeting arranged nearer the time to go through the different assessment papers.

Just before the holidays all pupils were assessed and the data has been analysed. There will be additional sessions arranged before and after school for identified children to ensure that all pupils are meeting the expected level for their year group. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring your child attends these sessions.

Keeping Safe

There were two things that affected me over the holidays. One was the news of the number of incidents in our local area involving gangs and the use of a knife/gun. We are fortunate that we have a very close link with the police community and the police workshops last term were well attended. The children were able to discuss a number of issues that concern them and we were able to address these further. We hope to host further sessions and would encourage you to sign your child up.

The recent events may prompt a number of questions from your child and a campaign launched by the Mayor of London last November may help you discuss these with your child: <https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/article/mayor-london-london-needs-alive-amv-bbdo/1450644>

Alternatively if you have been affected by the recent events please make an appointment to speak to me and I will coordinate with our school community police. Can I ask that you remind your child about keeping themselves safe and for those children that come to school or go home unaccompanied be reminded that they should go straight to school/home.

They also need to be reminded that their mobile phones should be out of sight as we still have a number of pupils coming to school with these clearly on show as they walk down the road. This also limits their awareness of things around them as they are engrossed in a game on their phone. If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school this must be handed into the school office by 8.55am so that they are not late for registration.

The second thing was the death of a young autistic child (through dehydration and starvation) who was found next to the body of his mother, whom had died a few days earlier. This child had been missing from school for over two weeks and although the school had tried to contact the mother and made a home visit – it was still two weeks before the bodies were found. This school now contacts the police if they are unable to contact any child that does not attend school and no message is received.

It is so important that if your child is to be absent from school that you let us know immediately. We had a number of families that we were unable to contact last term to identify the reason for absence included families that had gone abroad, despite telling the school their child was unwell.

Please work with us to ensure that your child attends school and if there is an absence we are informed before 9am so that the office staff do not have to follow up. There is an answer phone to leave a message and the school office opens at 8.30am. Thank you for your cooperation over the summer term in reporting all absences.

Headteacher Drop –in

Just a reminder that I am available to meet with parents from 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm on a Tuesday.

Coffee Mornings

We would like to introduce a coffee morning on a weekly basis to try and invite more parents/carers into school. These will coincide with presentations and information about the school. The first coffee morning will be on Thursday 19th April and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Prayer Meeting

Alongside the introduction of a coffee morning we would like to host a Prayer Meeting every Friday morning at 9am in the outside classroom at the back of the school. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet together and to start the day with a collective prayer. Please speak to the school office if you are interested.

Art Exhibition:

Thank you to Miss McCormick for organising our Art Exhibition. The children's work will be displayed around the school due to the high standard in which it was produced. Well done to everyone involved.

Free online safety workshop for parents and carers:

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? **NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with**

tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult –build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place at **3:45pm on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.** Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP by responding to louise.price@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk

Reminders

- School starts at 9am (9.05am for Reception) and finishes at 3.30pm
- Children should not be left unaccompanied in the playground before 8.45am as there are no staff present
- Holidays should not be taken during term time
- All absences must be reported to the school office by 9am on the day of absence and followed up in writing on your child's return to school
- All children should have a PE kit in school
- Please ensure that all clothing is named (we have a growing lost property box in the school reception foyer area)
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (to prevent dehydration occurring)

School Meals

As you are aware there were three catering presentations held at the beginning of March and I am pleased to announce that the contract has been awarded to Olive

Catering. They will start cooking on the school premises from Monday 4th June.

Further information about the company can be found at: <https://www.olive-catering.com> and the new school menu will be sent home soon.

The cost off the dinners will be £2.20 from Monday 4th June.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Maddie McLean to Year 4 Elm for the summer term. Miss McLean is an experienced teacher from Australia and has a passion for music and performance. Miss Baron will be at St Mary's for this term and Miss McLean and Mrs Morris will be leading choir and orchestra.

We also have two new members of staff in our school office – Mrs Juliette Birch and Miss Jenna Aumann. Mrs Alison Brown will be joining the office team next week; as we get ready for Mrs Fleetwood's maternity.

Assembly week commencing 16.04.18

Our assembly theme links with our school Christian value of: **Love**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Attendance Award:
Year 6 Elm

Lateness Award:
Year 5 Birch

Best wishes,

Mrs Munden
Headteacher

Key dates and times for the Summer Term 2018

<i>17th April 2018</i>	Road Safety Workshops
<i>24th April 2018</i>	Geography Parent Workshop
<i>1st May 2018</i>	Music Parent Workshop
<i>2nd May 2018</i>	Year 1 Transport Museum
<i>7th May 2018</i>	BANK HOLIDAY
<i>8th May 2018</i>	Spirituality Parent Workshop
<i>14th May 2018</i>	KS2 SATS week
<i>21st May 2018</i>	KS1 SATS week
<i>21st May 2018</i>	SEND Parent Workshop
<i>4th June 2018</i>	KS2 Science Sampling Workshop
<i>4th June 2018</i>	Creative Curriculum Parent Workshop
<i>8th June 2018</i>	Year 2 The Natural History Museum – Rocks and Soils
<i>11th June 2018</i>	Year 6 School Journey
<i>11th June 2018</i>	Phonics Testing
<i>15th June 2018</i>	Mini Tour de WF
<i>20th June 2018</i>	RSE Parent Workshop
<i>10th July 2018 – 12th July 2018</i>	Sports Day
<i>20th July 2018</i>	School finishes at 2pm

Term Dates 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).