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## Weekly Newsletter

Only one week to go before we reach half-term and can enjoy a wellearned rest in the sunshine (hopefully).

On Friday, we had an important visitor to our school, Sir Robin Bosher – former Ofsted's Director of Quality and Training at Ofsted who came to check inspect us to validate our application to become a Centre of Excellence for Maths. He looked at the teaching of maths across the school, visited classes, looking at books and asking the children about their learning. Needless to say, he was very impressed with the quality of teaching and learning, in particular how children working at all levels are challenged.

We are now a Centre of Excellence for maths which means that we can share our expertise with other schools and support them towards improving their standards, through an inter-school arrangement known as Primary Challenge.

At the end of the week we welcomed back Year 6, who returned from their residential trip looking slightly tired and dishevelled, and very much looking forward to their own beds. They have had a wonderful time and told me all about rock climbing, abseiling (*'really* scary because it was so high') and fire-making, as well as less official things like midnight feasts, pillow fights and a duck in someone's room.

For many, it was the first time they had been away from their parents for several days so their experience on the trip was challenging in different ways, not just physically. It was also good to hear was that so many children said they had made friends with the children at St Mary's, our sister school, who also attended this trip. Anyway, Year 6 - it's back to work now, although there are still lots of great events lined up for you in your last term in school. Tomorrow we will be sending out a special email to our Year 6 parents with photos and feedback from their trip.

Looking at some of the events coming up in the second half of the summer term, there are Parents' evenings on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July (reports will be going out on 7<sup>th</sup> July) and of course, there's the Summer Fair. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to have an estate agent's board in their garden advertising our Summer Fair as this makes money for the school as well as promoting this event. As I am a local, I too will have one in my garden. If you are happy to have a sign in your garden or can spare time to run a stall, please let the office know and they will pass on the message to the Parent Council.

Have a great week,

David Ogle Head of School

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Our Value of the week is Forgiveness 'To err is human; to forgive, divine.' Alexander Pope, 18th-century English poet Dates comíng up

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

> **23rd May** Parent Council, Julie Tolliday

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

> **27th June** Geography, Emma Cherry

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

School closes for half term on Friday 26th May at 3:30pm. Reopens Monday 5th June

Summer Fair Saturday 8th July 1pm to 4pm

Executive Head Teacher

Regular Events

Monday 22nd May

2017 Website:

stsaviourscofe.org

<u>Shining Stars</u> <u>Assembly</u> 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 lovelv week, best wishes

Tolliday

Deputy Head Teacher

## Shining Stars

Rec Oak - Esosa Mosinghi-Lawrence Rec Birch - Henry Ikegbunam Y1 Willow - Summer Stansbury Y1 Elm - Marley Destin Y2 Oak – Anaiah Braithwaite-Meniru Y2 Birch – Whole class Y3 Elm - Cornelia Wilczewska Y3 Willow - Ayanna Williams-Saville Y4 Oak - Alice Martin Y4 Birch - Nana-Yaa Osei-Mensah Y5 Willow - Sekou Omar Touray Y5 Elm - Christiana Tica Y6 Birch– N/A Y6 Oak - N/A

#### **Attendance**

The whole school target for attendance is **96.5%.** From the start of the school year until now, our attendance since September is **95.41%**. 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 19th May 2017.

The class which had the most punctual week ending 19th May 2017 was **Year 2 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 <u>38 incidents of</u> <u>lateness</u> 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—Year 3 Elm

This half term, we have been reading the Iron Man so that has been the focus in Literacy and Reading sessions. The children have written their own versions of the story and now we are writing a non-chronological guide to looking after the Iron Man.

In History, we have been learning about the Anglo- Saxons. We have carried this unit through to Art and now we are making Anglo- Saxon bracelets using clay.

In Science, we have been looking at forces and magnets. The children have really enjoyed this unit.

Miss Johnson-Walters Year 3 Elm

#### Inset and term dates 2017-18

Please take a careful look at the term dates published for next academic year (2017-18) on page five. Please note that an incorrect inset day was listed in April 2018. This has now been removed. As usual, we will have five inset days. The correct version is also available on our website— <u>http://stsaviourscofe.org</u> under School Information/Letters. 2018-19 dates are also available.

Remember that this half term finishes this Friday, 26th May at the usual time—3:30pm. Tea Time Club will operate as normal, until 6pm, this Friday (as it does for all half terms).

School finishes at 2pm at the end of each <u>full term</u> (eg, at the end of summer term on Wednesday 19th July), when Tea Time Club does not operate.

# Saturday 8th July

## Can you help publicise with an estate agent board — and raise funds?

To promote our Summer Fair as well as raise money for the school, Stow Brothers Estate Agents will provide boards to advertise our special event and bring in the crowds. Please can you help?

If we can get a minimum of 20 people who are willing to have an advertising board in their front garden/front of property, Stow Brothers will pay £10 for each one. So, if you live in Waltham Forest or Redbridge, and you have the space for a sign, you are eligible.

Please note the following:

• Rented properties will need permission from the landlord.

• Boards will go up two weeks before the Summer Fair (around the second week in June)

• They will be collected one week after the Summer Fair If you would like to help the school in fundraising, please inform our office manager, Louise Price, who will be happy to send your details on. Louise can be contacted at louise.price@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> September, Monday 4<sup>th</sup>September 2017, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

End – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

INSET – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

## Spring Term 2018

#### First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Start – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 End - Friday 9th February 2018 Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Second Half (29 Days) Start - Monday 19th February 2018 End – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Holidays: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Summer Term 2018

First Half (30 Days) Start - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 End - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018 Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018 Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (during Half Term) Second Half (35 Days) Start - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 End –Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).