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## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 11th  
January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

So, everyone survived the first few days back at school last week in one piece – which has got to be good! It's feeling very seasonal: wet or icy mornings, breath condensing in the frosty air, parakeets flying overhead...

Yes, I can't figure that out that either. I did hear they escaped from a house bordering Hampstead Heath and have slowly spread out as far as Walthamstow. They seem to be coping well with the cold (better than me anyway) and regularly bring some welcome colour to the winter sky.

With the change in weather, our lovely field is no longer suitable for children to walk on, as it is constantly sodden and very muddy. Please could you help by not letting your children play on the field or any of the muddy parts around the playground in the mornings as this is brought into the school and messes up the carpets. Mr Parker does a sterling job keeping our corridors and carpet clean but cannot cope with four hundred+ pairs of muddy feet in the morning.

Recently, there have been some changes to our homework policy, particularly online home learning such as Bug Club, as we strive to improve learning experiences at home. Homework is a fantastic way for parents/carers to support their child's learning – I know from our parent surveys and discussion with parents and teachers that this is an important matter for some parents - although it is of more limited value for teachers.

We have decided to focus on web-based homework – where feedback on answers is given immediately, rather than waiting the best part of a week before feedback can be given. We will be sending out a letter by Thursday (homework setting day) summarising the changes so that you are fully aware of what there is available to support your child.

As per our arrangements last term, those children who do not have online access at home will be able to access homework during our Friday lunchtime homework club or, if they attend, at Tea Time Club.

Year 6 clubs are starting this week and other clubs will be starting up again next week. A letter was sent last week informing parents about this so please ensure you let the office know before Wednesday if you wish your child to sign up for a club.

Finally, if you are available in the afternoons, and would like to be a volunteer reader, please speak to Ms Tolliday or ask the office to pass on a message. We always welcome parents who can support children with extra reading. If you can do an afternoon a week, we will provide the children!

Have a great week. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Best wishes,

David Ogle  
Head of School

*PS Please join us at 4pm tomorrow for a parent workshop on assessment.*

*There have been lots of changes over the past year, so please stay informed.*

**PPS Don't forget Parent Open Week: the mornings of Tues 7th to Thursday 9th March. Why not book half a day off work now?**

*PPPS Parent/Teacher Meetings are Wed/Thurs 1st/2nd March from 3:40pm*

### This week we're thinking about our Values in the round:

"Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words,

"Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits,

"Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny."

*Mahatma Gandhi, civil rights leader*

### *Dates coming up*

#### **Parent Workshops:**

All run 4-4:30pm in

'The Cube'

(Y6 portacabins)

**Assessment** 10th January

Ms Dingle

#### **Maths**

17th January

Mrs Haworth

#### **Online training**

31st January

Ms McPharlane

#### **School Christian Values**

7th February

Mrs Woodley

#### **Grammar**

21st February

Ms Tolliday

#### **School Vision**

28th February

Mr Ogle

### **Reception 2017 parent information meeting**

**10th January 6pm**

**If you have friends looking for a Reception school place for September 2017, please let them know!**

### *Weekly Events*

#### **Shining Stars Assembly**

Every Monday at 9:10am.

#### **Worship assembly**

Every Thursday at 9:10am  
(Fr Salvador).

#### **Head of School drop in**

Every Tuesday 8:30-9:30am and 3-4pm.

#### **Monthly Mass**

Please join us monthly for school Mass at St Saviour's Church.

Services run for about an hour from 2pm (unless indicated)

19th Jan (2pm) Y5.  
5th Feb Education  
Sunday 9:30am.

1st March, Ash Wednesday, Y1-3 9:15, Y4-6 1:30pm (both in school).

12th April, Y3.

25th May, Y4, Ascension.

4th June, Y2 Pentecost

13th July, Y6 Leavers

*Have a lovely week,  
Best Wishes*

# Shining Stars

Y1 Willow - Ethan Alsam  
Y1 Elm - Shalom Samuel Arce  
Y2 Birch - Peter Ogbeide  
Y2 Oak - Mason Davis  
Y3 Willow - Mya Maloney  
Y3 Elm - Grace Abodunwa

Y4 Oak - Tanaia Irish  
Y4 Birch - Precious Kaizer  
Y5 Willow - Kristina Nechyporuk  
Y5 Elm - Mary Giwa  
Y6 Birch - Christian Ojielo  
Y6 Oak - n/a

## Attendance

The whole school target for attendance is **96.5%**. Last week, we achieved **95.6%**, which is quite close, **thank you!** Please continue to help us to ensure that children are getting the best possible education by making sure that children are in school, where possible.

Well done to Year 4 Birch whose attendance was 100%

## Joey & Jade Early Bears award

Year 6 Oak and Year 6 Birch with no lates are last week's winners of the punctuality award, well done! Congratulations and a big thank you to all!

## Class Corner - Reception Birch

In Birch Class we have been learning all about traditional tales. We have dressed as our favourite fairytale character for our special wow day and have read many different tales.

We are going to be conducting an experiment to see which of the Three Pigs' houses is the strongest and we will get to have our very own Prince and Princess Ball. We cannot wait to learn more!

From next Monday, both Reception classes will be attending Monday morning Celebration Assembly. You are welcome to come any week (9:10-9:30) but, if your child is named 'Star of the Week', we'll be sending an invite out on the Wednesday beforehand to give you some notice. We look forward to seeing you then.

*Ms Stolz, class teacher*

## Before and After School Clubs

Year 6 after school reading, grammar and maths clubs have started this week. Other before and after school clubs start next week. Thank you to those parents who have returned letters requesting places. Confirmations of places will be sent out this week.

Breakfast and Tea Time Club continue as usual.



## Spare school uniform

If you have any unwanted uniform for children under 6 years please could you donate this to our preschool team, this will include pants/knickers. If you had it into the office we will pass it on for you.

**St Saviour's Opening Day—1971. Can you help us out with more information?**

While having a bit of a new year rummage, as you do, we came across these photos of the official opening day of the current St Saviour's Primary School building. Do you recognise any of these faces? Are you one of the children? Or an older brother or sister? We're talking over 46 years ago now, so most of these kids will be well into their 50s. Some may even be grandparents!

Please let us know if you know anything about this special opening day. We think the school may have been in residence in 1970, but that the opening day was in 1971. The school originally began in 1890, in a building funded by a Richard Foster—who also funded a permanent building for St Barnabas Church in 1903. Any information would be gratefully received!

Please email us on [school@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk)



**Do you recognise  
anyone in these  
photos?**





# SUNTRAP SQUIRRELS



Do you want to help your little one develop key life skills in a fun and engaging way? Join your child in our woodland pre-school club as they play, learn and grow in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions are led by experienced outdoor educators with all resources provided. The club runs from 10am-12:30pm on the last Wednesday of the month and is aimed for ages 2-5yrs (younger siblings welcome at no charge!).

Each month will have a main theme and plenty of opportunities for children to follow their interests:

March 29 <sup>th</sup> (2017)	Secret Hideaways
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Celebration
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Animal Homes
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Naturally Arty
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Marvellous Minibeasts
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ingenious Inventions
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Woodcraft Wonders
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Masterchef
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bushcraft Fires
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Campfire Celebration
January 25 <sup>th</sup> (2018)	Forest Detectives
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Raft Races



Makes a great gift!

**Cost per child (aged 2-5):**  
 £12 per session  
 £60 for 6 months (Save £12!)

**Booking is essential to confirm your place:**  
 Call: 0208 508 0611  
 Email: [suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk)





## SUNTRAP HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CLUB



3 adventure packed days in Epping Forest  
for 8-12yr olds

Monday to Wednesday (13/14/15<sup>th</sup>  
February) 10am-3.30pm

Forest fun including making shelters, making a  
bow and arrow, meeting animals, tracking skills,  
wild art, cooking on a fire and many more.

You will need packed lunch and snacks,  
warm clothing, waterproofs, wellies and  
lots of enthusiasm for being outdoors!

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** – phone 020 8508 0611  
or email: [suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:suntrap.centre@walthamforest.gov.uk)

£35 per day or £100 for all 3 days



SUNTRAP FOREST EDUCATION CENTRE



## **BE WILD FOREST SATURDAY CLUB**

A wild adventure on the second Saturday of every month for children who like playing in the woods come rain or shine!



**Natural play and exploration in Epping Forest, including:**

- den building
- making charcoal
- camp cooking
- wild art
- natural crafts
- tracking & trailing
- maps & trails
- exploring the stream
- bug hunts
- fire lighting
- pond dipping
- outdoor games

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Join us on the second Saturday of every month 10am—1pm

8-11yr olds ONLY

Starts **Saturday 11th March 2017**

£20 per session OR Buy 5 sessions, get 1 free!

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## 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