

## ATTENDANCE

(%) 5th September to 3rd November 2016 (Ofsted Above Average Target = 96.1%)

The symbols below show if the class has improved attendance ↑ since the previous newsletter, stayed the same = or deteriorated ↓.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
97.0	96.0	93.1	96.4	98.2	98.3	96.1	96.5
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Above national average	Same as national average	Below national average
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### TERM DATES 2016—2017

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open For Teaching Purposes
<b>Autumn 2016</b>		Monday 5th September 2016
Autumn half-term 2016	Thursday 20th October 2016	Monday 31st October 2016
<b>Christmas 2016</b>	Friday 16th December 2016	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Spring half-term 2017	Friday 17th February 2017	Monday 27th February 2017
<b>Easter 2017</b>	Friday 7th April 2017	Tuesday 24th April 2017
May Day 2017	Monday 1st May 2017	Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Summer half-term 2017	Friday 26th May 2017	Monday 5th June 2017
<b>Summer 2016</b>	<b>Friday 21st July 2017</b>	

#### Staff Training Days

Friday 21st October 2016  
 Friday 3rd February 2017  
 Monday 24th April 2017 (please note changed date—was originally Friday 7th April 2017)

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child - Your chance to bring happiness children who are refugees across the world by filling a shoe box with Christmas gifts for a boy or a girl. There are boxes and labels in the back of church, along with instructions. All you have to do is:

1. Collect your box from the back of church, or use your own shoe box
2. Collect your letter to complete to tell the child about you, collect your boy girl label collect your packing ideas
3. Fill your box with a wow toy (doll, teddy, deflated football), stationary, pens, pencils, toiletries and gifts.
4. Donate £3 on line or via a cheque in the box
5. Put an elastic band around it and a boy girl label on top – no tape
6. Return to school by the 16<sup>th</sup> November
7. Any Queries contact 07525472634



## Year of Mercy

'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?'  
 In the month of November, we pray for the Bereaved.



# ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter date: Friday 4th November 2016

WEBSITE: <http://st-marysrc.schooljotter2.com/>

### Events

**Monday 7th November 2016**  
Y6 visit to Hitachi

**Tuesday 8th November 2016**  
School Closed for  
Y6 and Reception only

**Wednesday 9th November 2016**  
School Closed for  
Y6 and Reception all day  
Y1 from 1pm

**Wednesday 9th November 2016**  
Y1 visit to Hardwick Park  
(moved to 28th November)

**Thursday 10th November 2016**  
Y3 Farm to Fork at Tesco

**Thursday 10th November 2016**  
Y6 Safety Carousel

**Monday 7th to Thursday 10th  
November 2016**  
Parents Evening

**Friday 11th November 2016**  
Y4 Assembly

**Friday 11th November 2016**  
Whole School Music Festival,  
Woodham Academy (1pm)

**Thursday 17th November 2016**  
Y2, 3, 4 Mass

**Monday 21st November 2016**  
Y2 Multi-Skills (Greenfield)

**Thursday 24th November 2016**  
Y2 Great Fire of London  
Workshop

**Thursday 24th November 2016**  
Babysitting Evening

**Monday 28th November 2016**  
Y1 visit to Hardwick Park



Dear Parents & Carers

What a busy start to the new half term! Y3 had marvellous day learning all about the Stone Age with the help of an archaeologist from Durham University, Y4 have spent a day on retreat and this morning Y2 reminded us about why we celebrate Bonfire Night as well as how to stay safe.

Following on from the success of the Poetry Recital last year, next Friday we look forward to our Music Festival which will also be held at Woodham School at 1:15. All classes will perform two songs. You are all more than welcome to come along and enjoy our performances.

The children took home with a letter last night explaining the situation regarding the Teaching Assistants Industrial Action. It has been necessary to conduct a risk assessment based on the number of staff expected to available on the days in question. At this stage Reception and Y6 will be closed all day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Y1 closed on the afternoon of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and parents are asked to collect their children at 1pm. All other classes will be open for teaching purposes.

Clubs will take place as usual next week.

We have a number of complaints from those living close to the school that parents have parked in neighbouring road blocking resident's driveways, outside people's homes and on dropped curbs and in no parking areas. Residents have also complained that when our parents have been asked to move their cars residents have been met with abuse by parents and children. We are an inclusive school community who do so much for our local and wider community so we ask you to support our local residents.

Residents who have contacted us will contact the police if there are further incidents. Parking is available at Tesco's. The school car parks are not to be used to drop off and pick up children.

In line with our Policy for packed lunches, can we remind and thank you for your continued support in ensuring that foods containing any form of nuts are not added to packed lunches. We have a number of children who have allergies and we need to avoid the risk of exposure to nuts.

If you are venturing out to a bonfire and fireworks this weekend enjoy and stay safe.

*Anette Sca*

Best wishes

Mrs. A. Sowden, Head Teacher

## RECEPTION NEWS

Reception have settled in really well after half term and are very excited about our new farming topic.

We are looking forward to Mr Muir bringing in a tractor next week—we have lots of questions to ask him.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Year 1 we have had a great time reading 'Pumpkin Soup' and creating our own pumpkin acrostic poem. We have found out that the Inuit's like to live in colourful houses against the white background of the Polar landscape.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

What a great week we've had. So many new exciting topics to explore. We started the week off by introducing our new R.E. topic all about Baptism. The children have recognised the signs and symbols and are going to have a go at acting it out. We've really enjoyed looking at pictures and special items from our own Baptisms.



The Great Fire of London topic is a huge hit with the children; we are already very engrossed in our historical class story and are learning so many new facts! The children can't wait to get started with their Homework grid.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

Our first week back has been so busy! On Wednesday, we had our introduction to our new class topic on the Stone Age. We learnt so many things! As well as learning what happened in each part of the Stone Age, the children got to explore artefacts and skeletons. In the afternoon, they got the chance to display their creative side. They learnt the art of embossing and using this skills to design and make an Iron Age coin. Not only that, they also worked with clay to design and make a coil pot that might have been around in Stone Age times.



We will be ending our week with our next visit to the library. I think a fun week was had by all.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Next week it is Year 4s assembly on Remembrance, pupils will be going around collection any donations for a poppy.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about our new novel of Treasure island and working hard. Lots of pneumatic fun with Mr Kemp this half term for Design and technology.



Please can children ensure they are practising new spellings which will be given out on a Friday.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

This week we have started to prepare for our Russian visitors by looking at Russia on a map and comparing the size of it in comparison with the UK and then other countries in the world. We used our maths skills to first estimate how much larger Russia is, and then worked in pairs to use Dienes cubes and rods to check if our estimates were reasonable. After collecting all the results together our average was 65.8. According to various sources Russia is approximately 70 times larger than the UK so as you can see we were very close. Ben spoke for the whole class exactly when stating that maths is not just for maths lessons, we can use it at anytime!



We also learnt how to count to 10 in Russian, say thank you, hello, good bye, yes, no and good morning and afternoon. Can you work out what this says? Спасибо (spaseeba)

## YEAR 6 NEWS

We start our new topic next week with a visit to Hitachi which will lead onto our new Topic of Railways. We have built a STEM link with Hitachi and our lessons will support their community links. It may also mean that our class work will find its way to their head office in Japan.



STARS OF THE WEEK— 4th November 2016



	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Stars of the Week	Jake	Macey	All of Y2	Rebecca	-	Laura	Noah

Look Smart	Asiel (y6)
Act Smart	Mia (Reception)
Be Smart	Olivia (y3)

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Speaker	Lewis	Evan	Tia	Olivia L		Rhys	Paige
Listener	Olly	Eleanor	Rachael	Logan		Laura	Amelia
Writer		Harry C	Sophie	Harry H		Harry	Erin M
Handwriter	Jake	Nathan	Annabelle	Lee		Bailey	Saifar
Reader	Mia	Micah	Emmie	Sophie		Lucy	Ebony
Maths	Oliver	Cena-Cole	Harley	Harry E		Jazmin	Noah
Scientist	Ellie	Alyss	Ruby	Polly		Millie	Ryan
Artist		Evie Beth	Genevieve	Holly			
Sports	Imogen	Casey	Daniel	Tyler		Brendan	Jack

### PTA Autumn Disco

The PTA Autumn Disco on 20th October was a huge success. The children looked fantastic and it was a great night. Over £230 was raised. The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support.

### Poppy Appeal

As every year, Poppies are available from the main office. All donations greatly appreciated for this worthwhile cause. Please give generously.



### Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Year 4 have today attended a Reconciliation Retreat at St John's School. This links in with work they are studying in their RE topic, Building Bridges, recognising right and wrong and celebrating God's love and mercy. This is a lovely experience for all Year 4 but especially for those children who are about to begin preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this term. Please keep Year 4 in your prayers.



### New Era School Ping

This is a new App we are introducing in school over the next few weeks to support and improve communication between school and home. A letter will be sent out next week asking for up to date email addresses. Check out the App at the following website <https://www.neweraed.co.uk/schoolping>

### Teaching Assistants Industrial Action

Further to the letter sent out on Thursday 3rd November, it is with regret I write to inform you the school will be closing the following classes:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016— Reception & Year 6 will be closed all day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016— Reception & Year 6 will be closed all day

Y1 closed AFTERNOON only. Children to be collected at 1.00pm

Parent Consultation meeting will continue as planned.

After School Clubs will continue as planned.