

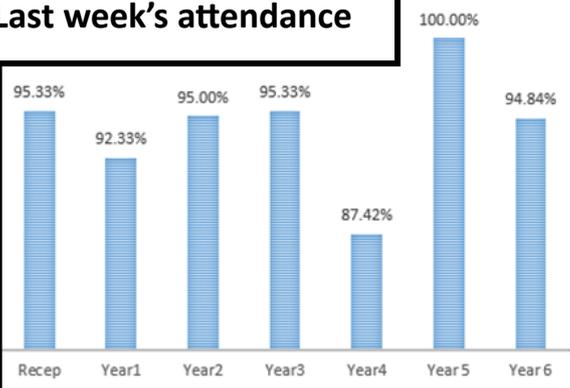


Reading comments in planners

The new pupil planners have replaced all reading diaries. We have asked in parent-teacher meetings that parents or older children who can do this independently make a note of their home reading in them. These do not need to be long notes. Just name of the book and pages read for older children and perhaps a comment on the difficulty of the book if you are reading a book from the school reading scheme. We ask parents for support in reading at home and practice of KIRFS (key instant recall facts) as fluency in these can really make a difference to your child's achievement and confidence. Research has found that shared reading experiences are highly beneficial for young people. Benefits of shared reading include facilitating enriched language exposure, fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing literacy skills. They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading. Just because your child is reading independently does not mean they will not benefit from sharing a book with you.



Last week's attendance



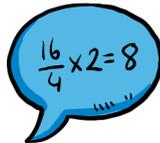
Year 4 swimming

I am sure many of you will have heard about the fire at Highbury pool last week. Islington have been very helpful in helping us to rearrange where the children swim and this week they started at Cally pool. As the timing has changed, we would like Year 4 to come in to be registered in the hall on Tuesday mornings so they can leave as soon as possible.



Parent maths workshops

Many thank to all who attended the Year 1 and 2 maths calculation workshop on Thursday. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the presentation will be on our website in the Maths section of the Primary Curriculum page. Next Thursday morning at 9am, will be the **workshop for parents of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** to share with you how we teach and **practice maths calculation** in Key Stage 2. This workshop will be about 50 minutes in length. A crèche will be available. A letter has gone out for this today and we look forward to seeing you there. **Ms Eastlake**



Reception places and tours for 2019-20

This week we began tours for families who are interested in a place at SMMA for Reception children in 2019-20. If you know anyone who may be interested, please do direct them to our school website prospectus and tour booking form, or ask them to call into the office.

School uniform labels

Lots of school uniform - particularly jumpers and cardigans - gets lost because it's not labelled. To try and tackle the problem, the PTSA is recommending labels by labels4kids.com. They do brilliant stick on labels that stay on even after lots of washes. And they've even got us a 20% discount code. Go to www.labels4kids.com, choose your labels and then put in this discount code: **20SMMAISLINGTON**

In this **week's assemblies**, **Ms Luzmore** taught the school about the works of Louis Pasteur whose work about microbes helped humans to think more carefully about hygiene. At this time of year when colds and coughs become more common we thought about the basic things we can all do to help stop the spread of germs like washing our hands properly. In **Rev April's assembly**, **Elizabeth** spoke about when we are active in finding things to be thankful for we find more things naturally. **Ms Luzmore** finished the week by looking at different symbols. We learnt about the ichthus (fish) symbol used by early Christians and the scallop shell used on the Camino de Santiago.



Dates for Autumn Term

October

Mon 8—Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare w/shop

Tues 9th—Year 3 Little Fir Tree workshop

Wed 10th—Year 6 Hothorpe Hall meeting
4pm

Thur 11—Year 5 Sayer's Croft meeting
4pm

Thu 11th—rescheduled Fire Brigade safety
talk Year 2 and Year 5

Thur 11—KS2 Maths workshop 9am

Fri 12—Harvest Festival 9am
(Multipurpose Hall—Secondary)

Fri 12—Year 3 Class Assembly 3pm

Tues 16—Flu vaccine Rec—Year 5

Tues 16—Year 6 PTSA cake sale

Wed 17—last day of half term

Thur 18—INSET day

Fri 19—INSET day

Mon 22—Fri 26 HALF TERM

Tues 30—Parent's Evening

Wed 31—Parent's Evening

November

Thur 1—KS2 Maths workshop

Thur 1—Year 6 cake sale

Fri 2—Year 2 Class Assembly

Tues 6—Year 3 Parent lunch

Wed 7—Year 5 & 6 Shakespeare Theatre

Fri 9—Year 1 Class Assembly

Tues 13—Year 5 Parent lunch

Fri 16—Year 6 Class Assembly

Wed 21—Year 1 Parent lunch

Thur 22 Year 5 PTSA cake sale

Fri 23—Year 4 Class Assembly

December

Thur 6—PTSA Christmas Fair

Fri 7—KS2 Pantomime trip

Fri 14—Nativity performance Rec, Year 1
& 2

Tue 18—Rec and KS1 Pantomime trip AM

Tue 18—KS2 Carol Concert 5.30pm St

Mary Magdalene church

If you have not seen our **new school website** for the entire Academy, please do take the time to have a look through at www.smmacademy.org I am sure you will see some improvements in navigation and layout on both computers and mobile screens. While we build and input content, it is useful to know if there is anything in particular you would find useful to see, so please do get in contact .

Year 6 have been busy thinking about conflict and resolution in their **unit of inquiry** and have produced some excellent responses. We were really impressed with this poem recount of the Peloponnesian War.

Athens defeated Persia at Marathon

*Sparta too defeated Persia but with 200 men gone
To fight the Persians at sea*

Athens created the Delian League

And with the money from their clients

The bought a navy to join the alliance

And as Athens' navy grew

They outnumbered Corinth's 6/2

Which amounted to a conflict 15 years long

That we now know as the Peloponnesian War One

*To connect Athens and Piraeus Athens built a wall
It was made to keep the Spartans out so it wasn't
that*

*And halfway through a thirty year
peace*

War erupted again in Greece

Then things started going down:

Athens caught the plague

They lost 20,000 slaves

And after another "50yrs" peace

Athens didn't recover too quickly

'Cause they lost 2/3 of their navy at Sicily

Now we get now get down to the Ionian War

From 412bc to 404bc

Persia and Sicily they both joined Sparta

And from the donations they too bought a navy

Sparta defeated the Athenian army

*At a difficult-to-pronounce-place called
Aegospotami.*

Aron—Year 6

