



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 7
19th October 2023

Since writing in the newsletter last Friday, we have had a number of things that we can celebrate.

The first occasion was the Arts Afternoon which took place at the end of school last Friday and it was a great success. It was really good to see more children wanting to be involved and a good number of parents and carers attended to support the children. It was really positive to see how much more confident some of the children were than when they took part in the previous Arts Afternoon at the end of last term.

We look forward to putting on another Arts Afternoon in the Spring Term.

Following the Football Tournament at the end of last week, the Year 5 and Year 6 football team played their first match against De Havilland School earlier this week.

Whilst we did not win the match, what was most impressive was how well the members of the team cooperated with each other and how effectively they worked together as a team. This is such an important skill and will lead to future success.

The final great success of this week is that six out of our seven classes have achieved 90% or more in their rate of attendance, which is something which we can really celebrate and hope to improve on even further in the second half of term.

We have spent a great deal of time thinking about the value of Respect this half term and in two Collective Worships earlier this week, I asked the children to think about the following acrostic about respect:

Remember to use your manners

Everyone should be included

See good in everyone

Put others first

Encourage everyone to do their best

Care for others

Take care of things that belong to you and others

In the first Collective Worship, I asked them about ways in which they could live up to these ideals and they willingly shared a large number of ideas. In the second Collective Worship, I asked them to think about the ways in which they had not lived up to these ideals and unfortunately there have been occasions when this has been the case. We don't have to agree with someone to respect them, but as I said at the beginning of term, to get respect, you have to show respect and it is as important to respect yourself as it is to respect others. I shall finish this half term with a quote from the eighteenth century cleric and novelist, Laurence Sterne, who said:

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners."

Have a good half term.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



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Our value this half term is:

Respect



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HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

179



167



154



170



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

1049

963

976

966

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

Reception - Oakley

Year 1 - Naveen

Year 2 - Teddy

Year 3 - Juliet

Year 4 - Kate Rose

Year 5 - Maita

Year 6 - Erfan

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Raya

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Ronnie

Year 3 - Diana

Year 4 - Kyrie

Year 5 - Leo

Year 6 - Eryk

ATTENDANCE STARS

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| Hawking | 97.9% | |
| Elizabeth | 95.5% | |
| Luther King | 95.1% | |
| Goodall | 92.2% | |
| Attenborough | 90.8% | |
| Mandela | 90.8% | |

SCHOOL DIARY



| Date | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Friday 20th October | Occasional Day—School Closed |
| 23rd October—27th October | Half Term |
| Monday 6th November | Year 6 Health Questionnaire |
| Friday 10th November | Remembrance Day Commemoration |
| Friday 17th November | Children in Need |
| Wednesday 22nd November | Year 6 NCMP height and weight |
| Wednesday 22nd November | Reception screening children born up to end of February |
| 27th November—1st December | Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse |
| Wednesday 6th December | Flu vaccinations |
| Monday 11th December | Reception Christmas Production 2pm |
| Wednesday 13th December | Pantomime Whole School Trip |
| Wednesday 13th December | Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church |
| Thursday 14th December | Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm |
| Friday 15th December | PTA Christmas Sale |
| Monday 18th December | Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon |
| Tuesday 19th December | Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 20th December | End of Term Church Service 10am |
| Wednesday 20th December | End of Term— School ends 1:45pm |
| Thursday 4th January 2024 | Inset Day—School Closed |
| Friday 5th January | Inset Day—School Closed |
| Monday 8th January | Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am |
| 19th February—23rd February | Half Term |
| Thursday 28th March | End of Term— School ends 1:45pm |
| Monday 15th April | Inset Day—School Closed |
| Tuesday 16th April | Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am |
| Thursday 2nd May | Reception screening children born after 1st March |
| Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday—School closed |
| 27th May—31st May | Half Term |
| Friday 23rd July | End of Term— School ends 1:45pm |

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Elizabeth Fry Award for

Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Respect everyone, love your fellow-believers, honour God, and respect the authorities. (1 Peter 2:17)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

I am so thankful for teachers and teaching assistants who help us persevere in our learning. Help us to show them the respect they deserve.

Thank you for giving us so much in such a lovely school.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth Class have been investigating pumpkins. We cut some open and looked inside whilst discussing what we found.

"Pumpkin seeds in the pumpkin" Charlize

"They grow into flowers" Raya

"Flowers and then pumpkins" Meghan

Later the children went onto explore the pumpkins further during child initiated learning:

"The pumpkin felt gooey" Taylor

"The pumpkin felt sticky and wet inside of it" Shane

During phonics this week one of our sounds was j. The children enjoyed finding out what a Jack in the box was and pretending to be one using a large cardboard box.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week in Curie class! We are so proud of the how the children have settled into Year 1 and have embraced learning across all areas of the curriculum. Well done Curie class! Over the past 7 weeks, Curie class have been very lucky to have their 'Gymnastics' P.E. session taught by one of our staff members, Miss Hazell, who is a qualified gym coach. They have all learnt and demonstrated new gymnastics skills and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence. Thank you Miss Hazell, we will miss you teaching us for P.E., but hope you have a wonderful time travelling and we look forward to more lessons with you when you come back! The highlight of our week was today when we visited Year 6 to share our storybooks that we have written and illustrated. Mr Guilder and Year 6 were amazed at our wonderful writing and have said we can go back next half term to share more learning. The children have got a copy in their bags to share with you at home. Wishing you a happy and safe half term holiday and already looking forward to next half term with Year 1!





Year 2 - Hawking

Yet another busy and fun week in Hawking class this week! we took a short walk to Balloon Corner, which is at the junction of Parsonage lane and Huggins lane. This trip wrapped up our History topic in which the children have been learning about Vincenzo Lunardi, a famous balloonist from the 1700s. In Maths we have begun to learn about exchanging 10 ones for 1 ten which is a tricky concept but year 2 are fantastic mathematicians. We have also been saying our farewells to Miss Hazell, who is leaving us for a short time to travel across South America! We wish her the best and cannot wait to see the pictures from her adventure! Have a restful half-term and we will see you back on the 30th Oct.



Year 3 - Mandela

This week, Mandela class have achieved many highs in lessons and learning about each others' needs. We have set higher expectations and hold each other to account. Henceforth, personal growth has been a wonderful additional to all of the learning we have done.

In English, we have reading Dr Xargle's Earth Hounds and deduced information from the text. We have even made our own glossary.

In Science, we have learned about how our bicep and triceps muscles contract depending on what we want our arms to do. We have also looked into our skeleton and labelled where they are on our bodies.

In French, we learned how to say the colours of the French flag and the different countries who speak it. There are 29 countries in the world who speak French.

Finally, in our extra curricular activities, we have had some fantastic interest and maturity in our clubs. Do have a look at the beautiful flowers planted by Lily and Rishika in Outdoor Club as you walk past to collect your little ones.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy half term in Attenborough Class, full of engaging learning and fun. This week in Maths, we have been looking at written subtraction and addition. In English, we have started our new book 'The King Who Banned the Dark', we explored adverbs and verbs to describe the dark and started to plan a speech to ban the dark. In whole class reading, we have continued to predict and infer questions from our book 'The Accidental Prime Minister'. In Science, we created a poster about what we had learnt about sounds and vibrations. In PE, the children had their last lesson of fitness and netball. All children have tried really hard this week and throughout the term! Make sure to have a relaxing half term break.



Year 5 - Luther King

As we have reached the final day of this first half term in Luther King class, we are so proud of all the hard work all our children in Year 5 have produced and the learning that has taken place over the past 7 weeks.

This past week was no exception as we continued our work on place value in Maths. Last week we focused on multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. This week we were dividing numbers, including decimal numbers, by 10, 100 and 1000. We learned when to use a placeholder and when we don't need a placeholder and the reasons why.

In English we started our new unit 'Coming to England', the story of Floella Benjamin's childhood growing up in Trinidad. It was wonderful to hear the children in Luther King class share their own special childhood memories and compare experiences with both each other and Floella Benjamin's account in the book. The diversity in our class certainly adds to the learning experience as we listen and learn from one another.

We hope everyone in Luther King class enjoys their well deserved week off and we look forward to many more exciting opportunities to learn and grow together in the next half term.



Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 have finished our first class novel - Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. The children gave it high praise and have enjoyed reflecting on the text, contrasting it with cinematic interpretations and have half-term homework to create a new Alex Rider short story.

There are many other books in the series and we have a number of copies in school that children are already borrowing with delight. Anthony Horowitz's books are also well stocked at local libraries if you get a chance to visit over half term.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the charterhouse residential meeting. If you missed the meeting or want to recap what was said and download a copy of the kit list visit - [https://www.stmarys565.herts.sch.uk/page/?](https://www.stmarys565.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Charterhouse+Residential+2023&pid=75)

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The whole school have been enjoying the beginning of autumn this week. The leaves have been falling from the vast variety of beautiful trees surrounding our outdoor area.



Thank you



St Mary's Church North Mymms

for supporting Hatfield foodbank.

You generously gave **196.25kg** of essentials.

Your **donations** make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Hatfield foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network
Registered Charity Number: 1174288 | Registered in England and Wales



Thank you for your support with gifts at the Harvest Festival, our school provided 50% of the donations to the Hatfield foodbank and the church provided the other half.

You said, we did...

Following some parents making us aware of a situation at lunchtime around the use of toilets, we have changed our protocols, so pupils just come in through one entrance to the school building and just one set of toilets are available and there is a member of staff in the area to supervise their use.

As a school, we are always looking to improve and we thank those parents who brought this issue to our attention.

Traffic on Dellsome Lane

Have you considered car sharing with another family to reduce the traffic pressure?

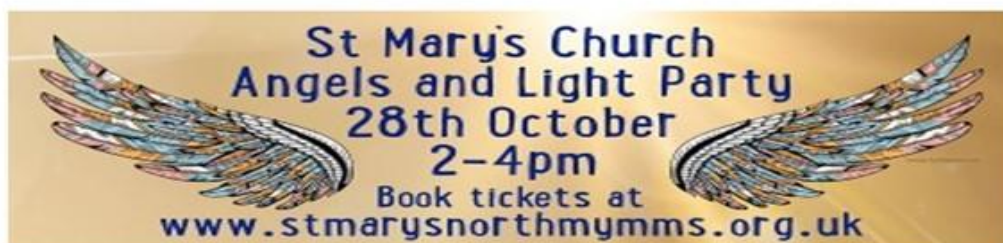
Please park considerately and safely

Please drive slowly as there may be children crossing the road who haven't looked before starting to cross

Please do not block the drives of local residents

Please do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines immediately outside the school gates

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation: we must keep our children safe.



We will be making wooden angel lights, biscuit decorating, window decorations, and much more plus refreshments outside by the fire (or indoors if it is raining) Tickets are available via [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) on our website;

But for now add the date to your diaries

Adult tickets £2 and children's tickets £4

<https://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk>

or phone the office and leave a message on; 01727 825578
or email the church on; northmymmschurch@btinternet.com

This week we have launched our new website which will hopefully make it easier to navigate. Take a look on www.stmarys565.herts.sch.uk



St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Welham Green

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Headteacher's Welcome



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Goodall (Year 6)

Welcome to the Goodall Class Page! Our teacher this school year is **Mr Guilder** and our teaching assistants are **Mrs Brooks** and **Mrs Smyth**.

Our **PE Days** are Monday and Friday - on these days, children come to school in their PE kits.

You can find out what Goodall class are learning on the [Curriculum Newsletters Page](#).

Our Google Classroom can be found at - <https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NjlxMTQwODg3ODIw>



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Important Updates

Winter Warmer

All Ages Welcome

North Mymms Memorial Hall together with North Mymms Parish Council are pleased to announce the **return of the “Winter Warmer”** for the community of North Mymms



The “Winter Warmer” will offer a warm space and a warm welcome, with an opportunity to buy a mug of soup for £1.00, and a cup of tea or coffee for 50p

The Hall will be open from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on

Thursday 9th November

Thursday 16th November

Thursday 23rd November

There is no Winter Warmer on 30th November

Thursday 7th December

Thursday 14th December

Thursday 21st December