



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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3rd November 2023

It has been really good to return to school after half term this week, with a large number of the children running enthusiastically through the gate on Monday morning!

The Year 5 and 6 football team played their second game this week and it was a pleasure to welcome a team from Hatfield Free School to St Mary's. It is the first time that we have played a football match at home since before the pandemic and, although we lost 2-1, it was a really good game and there was a tremendous team spirit amongst our players. I am particularly grateful to Miss Males and Mr Kilpatrick for all they are doing to encourage and develop the growth of sport at St Mary's.

Unfortunately, attendance has not been as good this week, partly owing to a number of children having chicken pox, but as we begin a new half term, I would take the opportunity to remind you of the importance of good attendance. We have had a couple of occasions recently where pupils have said that they are finding the work in class difficult and we have then looked at their attendance record and pointed out how much time they had missed and, therefore, how much learning they had missed which will then make the work harder, as essential learning is not there for them to build upon. The more the children are in school, the better their academic outcomes will be.

November is a month of commemorations and this week is when the Church marks All Saints Day and All Souls Day and next week we will mark Remembrance Day. Although we are not in school on 11th November this year, we will have our school commemoration on Friday 10th November and we will gather in the hall as a school community to remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country.

Our half termly value this half term is love and we spent some time in Collective Worship on Monday thinking about what love means and how we can show love for others. This has also tied in with our focus for the week which has been 'Acts of Kindness' and the things we can do for each other. In Collective Worship on Tuesday, Rev Ruth talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan and how he demonstrated love for the man who was lying on the side of the road as he looked after him.

As the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, said:

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Love



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

116



119



146



116



Well done Rabbits!

Running Totals:

1165

1082

1122

1082

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Casey

Year 1 - Ali

Year 2 - Jessica

Year 3 - Bella

Year 4 - Lina

Year 5 - Jack

Year 6 - Tomiwa

ATTENDANCE STARS

Attenborough 98.3%



Hawking 96%



Elizabeth 93.4%



Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Nikita

Year 1 - Marc

Year 2 - Leandro

Year 3 - Matthew

Year 4 - JoJo

Year 5 - Oliver Wi

Year 6 - Kingsley

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 Corrie Ten Boom Award for

Love



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. (John 15:12)

Prayer of the Week

Lord, I know how good it is when I know I am loved by you and by my family and friends.

But I know that many people have little love in their hearts. I know some loving people seem to have a change of heart.

Help me to trust in your love that never shrinks and never changes. Help me to be a person of love. Help me to love people who love me, and even people who seem to dislike me.

I praise you because your love never goes away. Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth Class have started sharing our new class book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The children discussed how the bear may be feeling at the end of the story,

"Unhappy because they didn't let him go in their house" Oakley

"Not loved because they went in their bedrooms" Casey

"Sorry because he chased them" Harriet

They also drew pictures of what the bear's face may look like.

We're looking forward to continuing to explore the story further over the coming weeks.



Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had a wonderful start to the second half of the Autumn term. We have been busy learning about 'tens' and 'ones' in Maths and have found out about all the 'teen' numbers. In English, we have been reading the book 'Owl Babies' and had a wonderful 'hot seating' activity where the children put themselves in the role of Bill, the baby owl in the class. In Science, we have been exploring different materials and have also been thinking about different weather patterns. We have really enjoyed our dance lessons in P.E where we have pretended to be falling leaves from the trees, swirling and twirling to the ground! Have a lovely weekend.



Empty bottle

Please send your child in with a clean, empty, clear plastic bottle, such as a diet coke bottle, by Wednesday of next week, as all the children will be making poppies.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week, Hawking class have been busy get back into a learning routine and beginning some new topics. We have started looking at continents in geography and how we can use globes to find countries. In Maths we have had some fantastic mathematicians in place value and I'm very proud of everyone for working hard! We have had some time to explore mathematics but some children were finding it hard to log in. If you could practise at home that would be great! See you next week!



Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela Class have settled back into the busy workload of being in Year 3. In Maths we have learned how to round to the nearest 10s, 100s and some have even rounded these numbers within 1,000s.

In Science, we have started our new topic on Fossils. We have looked at different examples of fossils and preservation. Mandela class have shown extremely good listening skills and have been observing different fossils.

In English, we have completed our longer pieces of independent writing and have started exploring Fairy Tales and what they encompass. Mandela class have done well in exploring what 'recipe' is needed to create a fairy tale story.

In Geography, we have been looking at the UK and how it is divided. We have been looking at the different countries and where they are placed on the map. We have even pinned where the different cities are.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a busy first week back for Attenborough Class. In English we have been planning our speeches in favour of banning the dark, based on our book 'The King Who Banned the Dark'. Everybody has been working hard to write speeches to convince the audience it would be beneficial to ban the dark. Jolaade came up with an excellent sentence "The dark is an accomplice to terrifying monsters and sly sneaking thieves". In Maths we have been looking at the patterns and similarities of different multiplications focusing on the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. In Science, we have started our new topic looking at classification and the children were given a variety of animals that they had to group. In Geography, we looked at what volcanoes are. In PE, the children have now started two new topics dance and hockey.



Year 5 - Luther King

After a week off for half term we have had a great week in Luther King class. In Art we have been doing some observational drawing using the natural environment. These included autumnal leaves, conkers and pine cones. In Maths we used factor bugs to explore factors and multiples. During our English lessons we have been writing non-chronological reports about what life is like in Trinidad and Tobago. In Geography we have been learning about how the Earth spins. Jack, Qabid, Oliver Wi, Oliver Wo and Tomi played in the School Football team against Hatfield Community Free School. It was a close game with Justin from Year 6 scoring for us early on. The Free School scored two late goals to secure a 2-1 win for them. We have made great improvements in a short space of time and are really proud of them.



Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 have been enjoying Geography. They have been researching South America and looking at where it is positioned on the globe. The children used an atlas to look at the countries on the continent.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

North Mymms Memorial Hall presents



**PUSS
in**

BOOTHS CLOSE

Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December at 7:30pm

Saturday 2nd December at 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 3rd December at midday

North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG

| Adults: £10 | Children under 12: £5 |

Tickets: northmymmsmemorialhall.co.uk/panto

Or ask Teresa for tickets at Book Swap!

The purr-foot panto!



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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