



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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The problem with a short half term is there is a great deal to fit in and there is so much going on every day in school and this week has been no exception.

The Year 6s have been working very hard this week in preparation for their SATs tests in May. Every day, from Monday to Thursday, they have done past papers and they will spend time going through them next week so they fully understand the demands of the test papers. This is an important time for them and I would ask that parents and carers ensure that the children are in as often as possible in order to maximise their potential.

We had a visit from the Saltmine Production Company on Wednesday afternoon and they told various Bible stories through drama and workshops and the pupils really enjoyed watching and participating in the presentation. The company were also very impressed by the behaviour of our children.

I am pleased to report that, overall, behaviour has been good recently and there have been fewer incidents with which we have had to deal. However, there are still a few pupils who are having times when they are finding it difficult to work within the expectations that we set at St Mary's. There have also been one or two incidents that have taken place outside of school in the last week or so involving our pupils. Whilst it might not seem that these incidents have anything to do with the school, when people know that children attend St Mary's, the antisocial behaviour reflects on the school. I would encourage parents and carers to remind the children of our behaviour expectations.

Today is Comic Relief Day and it has been good to see the pupils entering into the spirit of the day with lots of red noses appearing in school. We also had a voluntary collection on the gate at the beginning and the end of the day to raise money for a very good cause.

Next week we are having an 'Own Clothes Day' on Thursday and pupils need to bring in £1 and give it to their class teacher if they wish to wear their own clothes. This is to raise money towards playground equipment and to improve our outside area.

As we continue our journey through Lent this year, we are focusing on our half termly value of forgiveness and how important it is to forgive others when things have gone wrong. I will conclude this week with a blessing from St Patrick, who we commemorate on Sunday:

"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore."

Have a good weekend.

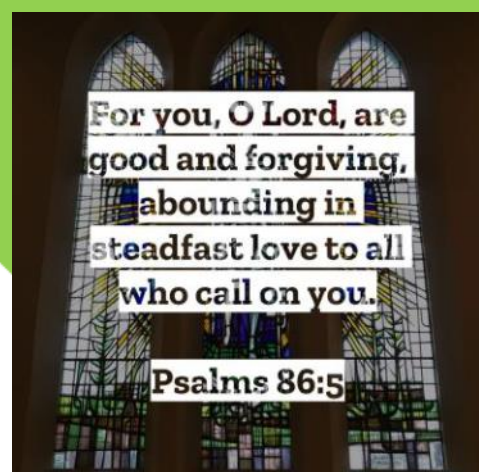
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Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

7560



7772



7584



7624



Well done Hedgehogs!

Running Totals:

7964

8117

7891

7869

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Nikita

Year 1 - Naveen

Year 2 - Poppy

Year 3 - Nancy

Year 4 - Jun

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 6 - Laila

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Dylan

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Elianna

Year 3 - Abrish

Year 4 - Jayin

Year 5 - Tomi

Year 6 - Declan

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking

93.8%



Luther King

92.3%



Mandela

91.3%



Elizabeth

90.7%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 18th March	PTA Cake Sale—3:20pm
Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 and Year 4 trip—The Natural History and Science Museum
Wednesday 20th March	Year 3 and Year 5 trip—The British Museum
Thursday 21st March	Own clothes day—£1 donation
Friday 22nd March	Arts afternoon 3:30pm
Monday 25th March	Year 2 and Year 6 trip—RAF Hendon
Thursday 28th March	End of term service 1pm AT SCHOOL
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
13th May—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

Cake Sale

On Monday, after school, the PTA will be holding a cake sale on the playground. Donations of cakes, donuts or biscuits will be gratefully received. Please bring these to the office on Monday morning. Prices will range from 50p to £1.



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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 Desmond Tutu Award for

Forgiveness



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.
(Ephesians 4:32)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

I'm sorry when I make mistakes.

For those times I'm rude to my friends and family, when I don't do what my teacher says and for the times I don't tell the truth.

Thank you for forgiving me,

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

A super-busy and exciting week for Elizabeth Class! In Maths we have been learning about patterns and finding them all around us - in the Maths area, the natural world area, in music and even in the large loose parts area outside! In PE we are learning Gymnastics and practised making our bodies into different shapes. On Wednesday, Elizabeth Class were totally entranced by a performance from the brilliant Saltmine Theatre Company! We also looked at different occupations and thought about what we want to be when we grow up - the children had lots of lovely ideas! In RE we are learning about the Easter Story and we made palm leaves ready to wave on Palm Sunday. We are also continuing to explore lots of lovely traditional tales.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 1 - Curie

As always, we have been very busy in Curie class. We have started a new book about 'Bats' and have been finding out about key features of a non-fiction book. On Thursday, we were all blindfolded and pretended to be bats, squeaking and using sound vibrations to try to stop us from bumping into things (and each other!). We then had to write about how it felt and many wrote that 'it was fun'! In Maths we have continued to find out about addition and subtraction and the links between the two. We were captivated by the Saltmine theatre company production on Wednesday and have been discussing the creation story as well as the Easter story in R.E. Please enjoy our wonderful land art pictures from last week! Have a great weekend.



Year 1 - Curie



Year 2 - Hawking

Another great week in Hawking class! We have been continuing to work very hard learning about money and finding the change, so if your off to the shops, let them show off their amazing skills! In English, we have been writing letters and focusing on our editing skills to check and improve our writing. On Wednesday, we had the amazing Saltmine Theatre Company visit us which the children really enjoyed! In R.E, we have been looking at the Easter story, specifically Good Friday, and why Christians call it Good Friday. We have our school trip to the RAF museum on the 25th March so please make sure permission slips are given into the office. Have a relaxing weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

This week, we have welcomed Abrish into Mandela class and we hope she loves our class as much as we do.

Maths has seen the introduction of Statistics and all children have been conducting their item research to tally up and present information in pictograms. We have worked incredibly hard to understand and implement our new skills.

In geography, we completed research on mountains in the UK. Their independent work ethic is getting stronger and stronger.

On Wednesday, we thoroughly enjoyed the Saltmine production, and they gave us plenty to reflect on.

Next week is assessment week, so please continue to use Purple Mash for homework, spellings and reading.

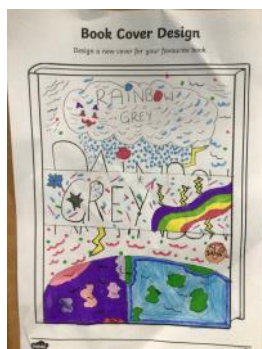
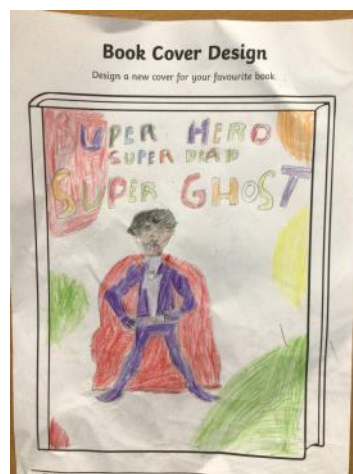
Reading is a pivotal part of their learning, and they need to read to their adults as their comprehension needs to be tested. We will be doing a Reading assessment next week as well as writing and Maths.



Year 4 - Attenborough

This week in Attenborough class we have been very productive and learnt lots of new things. In English, we have been continuing to look at our book 'Until I Met Dudley'. The class have been inventing their own contraptions and describing how they work using sentence starters. We watched some clips of Wallace and Gromit's cracking contraptions to help inspire our writing. In Maths, we have continued learning about fractions, this week we looked at; partitioning and comparing mixed numbers, understanding improper fractions and how to convert improper fractions. In Whole Class Reading, we have just finished our book 'Llama out Loud' the class really enjoyed it, and a lot of the children were sad that the book had ended, we have really enjoyed following the story of Yasmin and Levi. This week we were lucky enough to have the Saltmine Theatre Company come and perform the rhyming Bible, all the class had lots of fun and really enjoyed the performance. We are all getting excited for our trip next Tuesday to the Natural History and Science museum, I am sure it will be a day all the children will get a lot from.

Last week when it was World Book Day, we held an in-class competition to create a new book cover, see below the pictures of the four winning designs - well done to Daniel, Charlene, Jessica and Sheyni. All the class put in a lot of effort and it was a very tough decision, all the covers were judged anonymously.



Year 5 - Luther King

This week has been a continuation of some of the fantastic work we started last week in Luther King class.

In Maths we are still working on understanding fractions, by both adding and subtracting mixed number fractions and improper fractions. Why not ask if your child can explain to you what they are and how they could add or subtract if the denominators are not the same?

In English we have started looking at a new book called 'The Promise' which all the Year 5 pupils are really enjoying. We talked about planting trees, and it was great to hear how many of the Year 5 pupils have helped a family member or friend of the family to grow all kinds of vegetables, plants, and flowers. We looked at some figurative language and were able to recognise alliteration, similes, and metaphors in the text.

A very special afternoon was had on Wednesday when the whole school thoroughly enjoyed the production that was performed by the excellent Saltmine Theatre Company. Year 5 and 6 got to spend extra time with the actors in workshops which they enjoyed very much.

Another busy and productive week in Luther King Class.



Year 6 - Goodall

This week, Year 6 Goodall have been busy putting their knowledge to the test! They've been diligently tackling mock SATs papers, getting valuable practice for their upcoming exams. To add a touch of excitement to their learning, they also had a visit from the SaltmineTheatre company. Their performance of the Rhyiming Bible and the accompanying workshop was a fantastic way to spark their imaginations. Inspired by their recent reading of 'Hermelin', the class has begun drafting their very own stories; we can't wait to see where their creativity takes them! To keep the momentum going over the weekend, there's some homework waiting for them in their Maths and English revision books.



Saltmine Theatre Company

On Wednesday 13th March we were joined by Saltmine Theatre Company for a performance of the Rhyming Bible! We had angels singing, students dancing and even an epic rap battle between an Egyptian Pharaoh and Moses. Children and staff were all wowed by the fantastic acting and gripping narrative.

Year 5 & 6 had a bonus extra workshop with the actors afterwards where they got to look at some of the themes of the show in more depth (as well as showing off some of their amazing RE knowledge).

