



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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22nd March 2024

It has been a very full week at St Mary's and a great deal has been fitted in! On Monday the PTA ran a cake sale at the end of the school day, which as always, was very popular. As ever, I'm grateful to those parents who have given of their time for the cake sale to happen.

On Tuesday, Year 1 and Year 4 went on trips to visit the National History Museum and the Science Museum and on Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 5 went to visit the British Museum. All these visits were to support learning that had taken place in the classroom and the reports that came back were that the children's behaviour had been exemplary. This demonstrates how behaviour is continuing to improve at St Mary's and, equally, makes me very proud as the Headteacher that this is the case. I was equally impressed during our Own Clothes Day yesterday - the first one in my time here and something for which some of our Year 6 pupils have campaigned - when the children came into school in their own clothes and maintained high standards of behaviour.

I am also delighted to report that our school's focus on attendance, which still remains a priority, is paying dividends. This afternoon certificates were presented to children who have improved their levels of attendance this term. This is different to the certificates that are awarded on the last day of term for attendance of 93% and above.

These children, with the support of parents, have increased their level of attendance by more than 5% this term. The following certificates have been achieved:

11 pupils achieved Bronze certificates for 5% - 9.9% improvement

11 pupils achieved Silver certificates for 10% - 14.9% improvement

3 pupils achieved Gold certificates for 15% - 19.9% improvement

4 pupils achieved Platinum certificates for more than 20% improvement.

Well done to all these children and we look forward to further improvement next term.

Next week will be another busy week and we are looking forward to the Easter break. I would take this opportunity to remind you that, for this term only, the End of Term service is taking place in school at 1pm next Thursday and not at the church. Parents are welcome to attend, but it is dependent on good weather as we need to be outside. We will inform you on the day, if the weather is bad, and we have to change the plan of parents and carers attending.

This has been a great week at St Mary's and I've really felt the strength of the team working together: staff, pupils, parents and governors. We are so fortunate in the talented team that we have working at the school in a variety of roles and I thank all the parents for your support of our staff and the pupils.

I will leave you with a quote from Andrew Carnegie:

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organisational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness

**Be kind to one another
and tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God has forgiven you.**

Ephesians 4:32

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

234



174



272



179



Well done Rabbits!

Running Totals:

8198

8291

8163

8048

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Cedric

Year 1 - Annabelle

Year 2 - Jessica

Year 3 - Maisie

Year 4 - Sofia

Year 5 - Tomi

Year 6 - Eryk

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Callie

Year 1 - Ramatoulie

Year 2 - Lyla

Year 3 - Kameel

Year 4 - Dennis-Junior

Year 5 - Dennis

Year 6 - Lexi

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking

96.9%



Luther King

95.8%



Elizabeth

95.2%



Attenborough

94.3%



Curie

92.4%



Mandela

92.1%



Congratulations to all these children.

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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

End of Term Service - Reminder

A reminder that, for this term only, the End of Term service is taking place on Thursday 28th March **at school** at **1pm**. It is not taking place at St Mary's Church at 10am as would usually be the case. It is planned that the service will take place outside and parents and carers are welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather, we will have to move into the hall and it will not be possible to have parents and carers attending, but we will advise on the day if this is the case. Pupils will be collected at 1.45pm for the end of term.

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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,

Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we can have our sins forgiven.

Thank You for forgiving my sins.

Please help me to forgive others as You forgive us.

Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

In Reception this week we have been using songs to learn about one more and one less. We have been reading Three Little Pigs and then making our own houses with different materials. We used duplo, building blocks and paper. Some were more sturdy than others!



We have also been learning about Easter and made our own Palm leaves!



Year 1 - Curie

What a week in Curie Class! The highlight of the week has to be our school trip with Year 4 to the Natural History and Science Museums on Tuesday. The awe and wonder on the children's faces as we stepped into the Natural History Museum was a delight to witness. All the children were incredibly well behaved and members of the public commented on how polite they were. We found out lots of exciting facts and loved the dinosaur and creepy crawly exhibits! We have also been busy with assessments in school, where the children have had the opportunity to show us how much progress they have made in the last term. We are very proud of them! On Thursday, we welcomed a new pupil to Curie Class. The children have made Christopher very welcome and he has settled well into class. Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

Another great week in Hawking class. In Geography we have produced some great creative writing after learning about the rainforest. In Maths we have secured our knowledge that we learnt last week about money and receiving change. During RE we have been learning about Easter. We are very much looking forward to our trip to the RAF Museum in Hendon on Monday. Please make sure your child arrives on time for school, in full school uniform, they are able to wear trainers if they wish and with a packed lunch. Have a great weekend.



Year 3 - Mandela

Year 3 have been doing assessments this week. We've been to the British Museum and went to the Egyptian exhibitions. Whatever we saw in our booklets, we could tick off, answer the questions and decode the Hieroglyphic writing to see what the carvings meant. We learned so many facts and so did Year 5 who came with us. We also took photographs of the mummies we saw, then we went to The Mitsubishi Corporation Japanese Galleries and saw a Samurai in his armour with his sword. We saw handmade drawings that looked amazing.

During the hot season, they had a hut to keep cool and it had minimal decor.

The children loved when they got to wear whatever they wanted on Thursday. We've been looking at a book called The Finger Eater where a little girl is trying to convince a Troll to stop his finger eating! We will find out if she manages to convince him today. Your children can tell you if she did or not.

This week's newsletter contribution was written by Mikayla.



Year 4 - Attenborough

This week we have been doing our assessment week in class, the children have been working very hard to complete their maths assessments. They have all worked hard to show what they have learnt for the past term. We have also been practising our times tables, I have suggested to the class that they make sure to practise their times tables during the Easter holidays. In English, the class have come up with their own invention, the children have been describing, illustrating and think about how their invention would work.

The highlight of our week was getting to go to the Natural History and Science Museums, every child was brilliantly behaved and really represented our school well. The children enjoyed looking at the dinosaurs and the volcanoes and earthquakes exhibition. In the Science Museum we got to go into the 'Wonder Lab' here the class explored and had a hands-on experience of testing different scientific ideas. Highlights of this were the friction slides, the pull up chairs and the thermal cameras. I was so proud of how Attenborough class behaved and represented the school.

As we head into the last week of school before Easter, we look forward to our last swimming session, preparing for the Easter service and consolidating the things we have learnt this term.



Year 5 - Luther King

What a week! Year 5 have been incredible! They began the week with mountains of assessments in English and Maths. They all tried so hard and we're so proud of everything they have achieved.

On Tuesday in Science, we investigated separating materials. The children had to work out how to separate water, mud and paperclips. This was a huge challenge but after using magnets, sieves and filter paper, lots of their water came out crystal clear!

We visited the British Museum on Wednesday, along with Year 3, to revisit our History topic: Ancient Greece. The children were impeccably behaved and were in awe at the Greek artefacts and structures that were displayed. We gathered some great ideas for painting and decorating our own Greek pots back at school.

It was amazing to see the children's enthusiasm when their learning was brought to life! We are so proud of you, Year 5.



Year 6 - Goodall

This week, Year 6 Goodall haven't wasted a moment! They've been busy reviewing their Mock SATS papers, making sure they're exam-ready. In Maths, things got creative as they explored bar and pie charts - they even transformed themselves into living versions of these charts, becoming human bar charts and human pie charts themselves! Back in English, the focus has been on honing their writing skills with stories on Hermelin in full swing. Over in Geography, Year 6 Goodall travelled the world (well, almost!) as they learned about fair trade, crafting paper bags which got extremely competitive! To keep their brains ticking over the weekend, there's some homework waiting for them in their revision books.

We're all geared up for a fantastic trip to the RAF museum on Monday! We're sure they'll have a blast learning about all things aviation and that their imaginations will take flight. Please make sure they arrive one time, in full school uniform and with a packed lunch/ water bottle.



Good Friday Easter Fayre

North Mymms Memorial Hall

Friday 29th March 2024 12:30-2:30pm

Tombola

Raffle

Refreshments

Knitted items

Arts & Crafts

Easter Egg Hunt and more



Organised by North Mymms Memorial Hall



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School Nurses a
Question?**

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Instagram Q&A on the
10/04/2024 at 15:00**



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Thank you to those who joined in for our dress down day. We raised over £160 to put towards upgrading our playground.

Please clear all payments on your child's Arbor account by the end of term. This includes dinner money and trips.

