



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Spring Term Issue 11
28th March 2024

We have made it to the end of term! The final few days of term have been no less busy than last week. Last Friday afternoon we had another of our Arts Afternoons and the children who took part performed really well; whether they were singing, reading or reciting poetry, giving a speech or doing gymnastics, they demonstrated their own enjoyment through their performances. It was really good to have so many parents and carers join us too.

On Monday the pupils from Year 2 and Year 6 went to the RAF Museum at Hendon and had a really good day looking further into topics that they have studied in school. The pupils came back very enthusiastic about what they had learned during the day.

Yesterday morning we had our annual Easter Egg hunt which was great fun and we completed it before the rain started! I thank the PTA for their organisation in advance and Mr Guilder and his team for the organisation on the day itself: a good time was had by all.

As this term ends, we say farewell to two members of staff: Miss Brooker and Miss Moore. Both have only been with us a relatively short time, but we thank them for what they have done during their time at St Mary's and we wish them well for the future. I have written separately to the year groups that they teach to explain the arrangements for next term.

The late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Basil Hume, wrote the following words:

"The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

These are words on which we can focus and reflect in these last few days of preparation before the coming of the great Christian festival of Easter. It is not often that we break up so close to Easter, finishing as we do this year, on Maundy Thursday. Our End of Term Service, which was held in school this year, was a chance to reflect on the events of the last week of Jesus' life which are marked each year in Holy Week. I thank Rev Ruth for leading our worship and to all the pupils and teachers for the effort that they put into their contributions to the service.

As we break up for the holidays, I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter and I will leave you with the words of the Irish blessing:

"May God hold you safely in the palm of his hand, until we meet again."

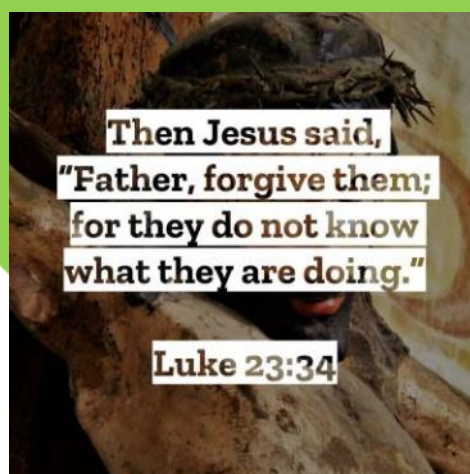
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Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

77



64



100



108



Running Totals:

Well done Squirrels!

8275

8355

8263

8156

ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela 99%



Hawking 93.5%



Curie 91.7%



Elizabeth 90.7%



Rock Steady

A number of people have asked about the Rock Steady sessions that some of the children signed up to a number of weeks ago. We spoke to Rock Steady yesterday and apparently they have had some staffing issues and were not able to start this half term as planned. We have now been promised that they will start at St Mary's in May. They will also communicate directly with the parents that have signed up.

We share your disappointment that this programme has not yet started, as there was a great deal of enthusiasm when they first came to visit, however, we look forward to them starting at St Mary's.

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
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

Confirmation Service, Saturday 8th June at 5pm

Bishop Alan of St Albans Diocese will be attending St Mary’s Church North Mymms to conduct the Confirmation of the Candidates for the Bishop’s Hatfield team of St Albans. Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus. If you are interested to learn more about the Christian Faith, and being prepared for Confirmation or re-new your confirmation vows please speak to Ruth

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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

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

What a lovely last week of term we have had in Elizabeth Class, with lots of preparations and celebrations in the Holy Week leading up to the Easter! We have been learning about the Easter Story and the meaning of the coming weekend, we have enjoyed making and decorating our Easter baskets, and we thoroughly enjoyed our Easter Egg Hunt organised by Mr Guilder. We also had a visit from some of the Year 6 children to share their interactive stories on the Chromebooks: they each took a small group to share with and our children were thrilled! We have also enjoyed practising our songs for today's Easter Service, along with learning the accompanying Makaton signs. Alongside all this we have been practising our writing and Phonics skills and have been learning to estimate amounts to 10! The children have definitely earned their coming holiday!

I wish you the happiest of holidays and a wonderful Easter weekend!



Year 1 - Curie

Only a short week but as always very busy! We have enjoyed making our own non-fiction book about Bats, using all the information we have learnt over the past 2 weeks. We had great fun at the Easter Egg hunt; thank you to the PTA for providing the eggs and to Year 6 for hiding the eggs for us! On Wednesday, we really enjoyed our Science investigations where we tested our senses of taste and smell!

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in April.



Year 2 - Hawking

A very bittersweet end to term for Hawking class this week. First of all, I just want to say how amazing your children are. The love and perseverance they show every day is inspiring. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them and see the progress they are making, and I could not be any more proud of each and every one of them. I know they are sad I am leaving, as am I, but I know that if they keep their passion and determination, the sky is the limit! I also wanted to say thank you to all of you parents for showing me such kindness on my new journey as a teacher. Your patience and support has meant the world to me and I wish you all the best in the future.

Now, Hawking class have had a very busy week! On Monday we visited the RAF museum and the children loved exploring the hangars and finding out about the different planes. The workshop leader told me she was amazed at how polite and curious the children were! Yesterday, the children got to participate in an Easter egg hunt, well done to Thomas for winning the bonus prize! Lastly, I wanted to say a very big THANK YOU to Year 2 for my heartfelt farewell card! I'm going to miss you all so much! I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and I wish you all the luck in the future!



Year 2 - Hawking



Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela class is saying a very sad 'goodbye' to Zikora-Reign. We have enjoyed how helpful and friendly you have been with everyone you meet and hope to see you in the future.

In English, we were writing the story of The Finger Eater in the role of Gudrun. We have had to change our pronouns to fit into character and write from her point of view. This is important because we need to be able to use these different pronouns also, depending on tenses.

In Maths, we have finished our statistics unit of work. We have completed our assessments and are practicing being quizzed on prior knowledge.

In Reading, we have finished summarising Chapter 11 in Varjak Paw. This is an important skill as we will have to summarise verbally and in written work throughout our lives. For our end of term service, we are doing a poem on The Trial of Jesus. Year 3 are doing so well with practising their lines.

This week's newsletter is written by Lily.



Year 4 - Attenborough

Happy Easter - it has been a very busy and productive final week of term. We started the week off by doing our last swimming session, the class have worked really hard, and it has been lovely watching them progress with their swimming. We have been practising our poem for the end of term service, the children have really enjoyed learning this and talking about the crucifixion of Jesus. In English, we have been planning and working on an independent story, the children were given a selection of story starters or could choose their own story. We had an excellent variety of stories written and all the children should be really proud of their work. In Maths, we have been continuing to work on fractions and have been looking at fractions on a number line. We also had lots of fun making our Easter cards. I hope everybody has a restful and exciting Easter break.



Year 5 - Luther King

The last week of this term has been a short but very exciting week. We have been wrapping up our Maths for this term by relooking at multiplication. We focused on multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers, and it was great to see how confidence had grown since we first looked at this in the Autumn term.

Yesterday there was great excitement as we all got to hop around the playground looking for eggs as part of the Easter egg hunt.

We finally got to paint our pots that we made earlier in the term based on our inspiration after our learning about Ancient Greek pots. When we visited the British museum, we were impressed with the range of pots and vases that had been painted so beautifully, depicting a variety of images ranging from Greek gods and goddesses as well as the many battles and games that were important to the Ancient Greeks. We use all that we learned and painted our own pots to tell stories and show off our Art skills.

We have been practising our short presentation for today's church service where Luther King will tell the story of the Resurrection through a short skit in the form of a news report. Reporters will interview Mary, Peter and other characters to find out what happened on the first Easter Sunday.

A great week to wrap up another very positive term. Wishing you all a very happy easter break!



Year 6 - Goodall

The RAF Trip

Me and my spectacular classmates went off to go to the RAF museum. Exuberantly, we hopped on the coach and it took us about 40 minutes of driving to arrive...

We approached the immense, daisy-white museum structure. Once we got inside we put our coats and lunches in a metal container. We commenced our voyage to go see some WW1 planes from 1914 to 1918.

We went over to another bricked building and observed different types of early plane and found out what they were used for. Apparently, they were used for scouting out the enemies land instead of fighting in the air. We also gazed at peculiar-looking bombs that sat there perilously as though they were glaring at us ready to explode into a million pieces. We felt what materials the planes were made from. I explored the hanger and loved looking at how the propellers turn round and round endlessly.

We trudged our way up a flight of stairs and walked into a classroom. We were experiencing how it was in a WW2 classroom. I sat next to my friend Tomiwa. We lifted up our table top and I found a dip fountain pen (to write something with some ink), blotting paper (to place down when you've written a line or otherwise the ink will explode everywhere) and a cloth (to wipe the nib when you have finished writing.)

We had a book to write in and I wrote the school name and my full name. Abruptly, a loud siren started ringing and everyone was jumped with fear. It was an air raid siren so everyone had to go under their desks. We eventually got back up and started writing again.

After finishing lunch, Mr. Guilder gave us a piece of paper with planes on it and a tiny, little checkboxes next to each one of the planes on the sheet. The challenge was that we had to try to find all the planes in 20 minutes. I was in a group with Tomiwa and David, who were very good at finding things. We had 3 broad hangers in which to find all 20 planes. We darted left and right having no idea where we were going. We found the names of the planes and kicked off to tick the boxes once we found the plane.

In conclusion, I definitely recommend this visit and I had the best school trip of my life.



Written by Ayaan





Easter Monday 1st April

St Mary's Church North Mymms

Come and join us for this **FREE** event to search for knitted Easter Eggs in our churchyard, find five and claim a chocolate egg, and enjoy activities in the church.

Refreshments available for purchase and free juice for children.

Timed tickets are available from Ticketsource at
2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm
Booking essential.



www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms



Want to ask the School Nurses a Question?

Come to our live
Instagram Q&A on the
10/04/2024 at 15:00



@hct_schoolnursing



Hallie and George are raising money for cancer research. If you would like to sponsor them please follow the link below

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-carpenter-2>



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

