



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Where has this week gone?! No sooner was it Monday morning and now here I am on Friday writing my contribution for the newsletter. It has been another busy week which has included our Summer term Parents' Evenings and it has been so good to see so many parents engaging - either in person or remotely - with their children's learning. For the best educational outcomes home and school must work together in partnership and that is something that was really in evidence this week.

Another thing which ensures good educational outcomes is high levels of attendance and, as you are aware, we have a number of things that we do to encourage good attendance. We have now added a new incentive for the children this week and that is Attendance Ted. This new addition to our school community is a teddy bear that the class with the highest attendance over 90% will win each week. Attendance Ted has a range of clothes in which it can be dressed and the pupils can also let Attendance Ted take part in any activities or trips that they are doing: I certainly witnessed Attendance Ted taking part in the Year 2 PE lesson yesterday afternoon!

At this time of year we are very focused on transition: both of those children who will join us in Reception in September and for our Year 6s moving on to secondary school. This week we have had some of our new Reception children visiting for a 'stay and play' so that they can get used to their new surroundings and we have had visits from secondary schools to meet with our Year 6s. There will be further visits next week.

This morning the PTA held their annual Father's Day sale in order that the children could buy gifts for significant men in their lives. It was another very successful sale and I'm very grateful to those parents who give up their time, not just on the day of the events themselves, but in advance preparing for the events. The preparation for these events often falls to a very small number of people and we are always looking for volunteers to help. If you think that this is something to which you could devote some time, please do let us or a member of the PTA know.

As we mark Father's Day this weekend, we celebrate all those men who have been and are significant influences in our lives who have been there for us unconditionally when we've needed them and I will leave you with the following anonymous quote, which although about fathers, could apply to any of those important male role models in our lives.

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Loyalty



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

131



106



127



150



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

309

223

233

255

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Ellie

Year 1 - Peony

Year 2 - Oscar

Year 3 - Charlotte

Year 4 - Fahimoh

Year 5 - Rocky-James

Year 6 - Jack

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Harriet

Year 1 - Sofia

Year 2 - Teddy

Year 3 - Maria

Year 4 - Izzy

Year 5 - Termeh

Year 6 - Nana

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	96.2%	😊
Attenborough	95.4%	😊
Elizabeth	92%	😊
Mandela	90.87%	😊

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 18th June	Whole School Book Swap at The Memorial Hall
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:30pm till 3:00pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day reserve date in case of bad weather
Wednesday 10th July	Year 3 trip to London
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Friday 12th July	Arts Afternoon 3.30pm
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term service—10am St Mary's Church
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

PTA

- Raffle tickets can still be purchased and will be on sale at the fayre. Please return all sold raffle books by 3pm Saturday 22nd June to the raffle stall.
- The Father's Day Sale made a fantastic £480 profit. Thanks to all those that helped and those that took part.

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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 Eric Liddell Award for

Loyalty



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them round your neck; write them on your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Prayer of the Week

For April, May, and lovely June,
For bud, and bird, and berried vine;
For joys of morning, night, and noon,
My thanks, dear Lord, are thine!
For mountains, valleys, forests deep,
For maple, oak, and lofty pine;
For rivers on their seaward sweep,
My thanks, dear Lord, are thine!

Reception - Elizabeth

This week, Reception have continued to learn about summer, with a particular focus on the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of summer. They have all written words or sentences to describe this. In Maths, the children have been practising using number fans and number lines, which they have been using to find one more or less than a number up to 10. Then, towards the end of the week, Reception have been learning about Father's Day. We have discussed how our fathers help us and have used finger printing to create a Father's Day card. The children also enjoyed buying a gift for Father's Day at the school sale, which they are looking forward to giving to their Dad or Grandad on Sunday.



Year 1 - Curie

We have been reading 'Lost and found' and finding out about animals from Antarctica. We have been learning about how long a blue whale is and how long a killer whale is. A killer whale is called an Orca. An Orca is eight metres long and a blue whale is twenty eight metres long. We used some chalk and a metre stick to measure how long they were on the playground. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, with quarters that have four parts, and halves split in two. In Computing we are making our own e-books and are making the things move.

This week was written by Ewa and Jasmine



Year 2 - Hawking

I would like to start by thanking all the parents I met and spoke to at the parents meeting. It was great getting to know you and discussing how your children are getting on at school. I hope you found it beneficial, and that we continue with this wonderful partnership.

In Maths we have started a new topic on fractions. The class were introduced to parts and wholes using pictures, then progressing to part whole models. From there we have looked at equal and unequal groups and calculating whether a set number of counters split into either two or three groups would result in either an equal or unequal group.

We also looked at recognising a half, based on different shapes with lines drawn at different proportions and being able to apply these skills showing different ways of showing a half.

Year 2 - Hawking

In English, we are continuing with Grandad's camper story. We have practised using interview style questions to find out more information about Grandad and Gramps. The class focussed on correctly using capital letters, question marks and proper nouns in their writing. I took on the role of Grandad and each person asked me their questions. I was overly impressed with the high calibre of questioning, and I was forced to give detailed answers as the questions were specific. Well done Hawking!

We have spent some time learning about simple past, progressive past, irregular verbs and simple time adverbials in our writing. Although it was a lot to take in, the class were engaged and helped through lots of practice and repetition. It was also helpful to colour code the new learning to the words in the story when we were writing a postcard about Grandad's campervan adventures.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we are the first class to have acquired the school's new mascot called Attendance Ted. As we won last weeks attendance, we were able to keep the mascot for this week with a bag full of different outfits to change the mascot into. Elianna was the first student to change the outfit with a beautiful dress and headband. We also have the responsibility to get Attendance Ted involved in our classroom activities. As you can see from our pictures, our mascot had fun in the PE lesson and tried out the team activities with the bean bags and cones. Everyone had fun and were proud to show off their throwing skills.

We would love to show you more pictures of what we do in our lessons, but this can only be possible if we maintain our amazing, winning attendance. The class are also rewarded with an extra ten minutes of playtime and the prestigious trophy!



Year 3 - Mandela

This week in Maths we have revisited the use of Money, adding, subtracting and giving change. We have looked into length and Perimeter and what methods/tools we can use to measure different things.

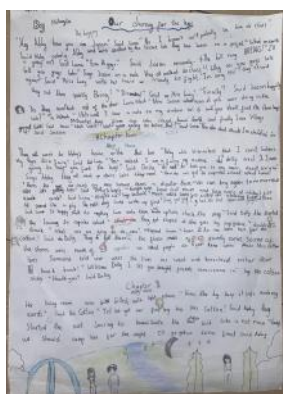
We have completed our 2, 3, 5, 10 and now our 11 times tables. Please continue to practise multiplication with your children as they are doing division with me and cannot access this learning if they cannot do their times tables.

We have been practising finding the amount of something within a fraction and have been doing well so far.

Year 3 - Mandela

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we completed our final 'Fantasy Narrative' using personification and onomatopoeia adding speech marks where there is dialogue. The children have worked incredibly hard to complete these.

In Science, we have been learning about forces and how friction, air resistance and acceleration (pull and push) forces work. We had an interesting demonstration with Dean in Year 6 who allowed us to understand this concept with his bicycle. We were even aware of friction as the tyres made a mark on the ground. In French, we were learning about animals and how to say them in French.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy and exciting week in Attenborough Class. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication problems and different methods to multiply numbers. In English, we hosted a village meeting and discussed which jobs would get a grant to help rebuild their business. The whole class took it very seriously and came up with some great counter points. A big shoutout to Jolaade who was promoted to council member after her great input in the debate. We even finished our meeting with squash and biscuits. All the businesses were granted different amounts of money and some even collaborated. In RE, we learnt about Simchat Torah a Jewish festival. In PE, we have been focusing on Tennis and Cricket, which the class has really enjoyed. In Geography this week we looked at what it is like in Poland, the class made tourist posters encouraging people to go there. I look forward to another busy week of learning next week.



Year 5 - Luther King

What a week we've had! Lots of smiles and laughter coming from Year 5 this week.

This week in Science, we investigated the effect of water resistance on different shaped boats. We made boats out of foil and then raced them across a water table with the help of a fan! As predicted, the most streamlined boats won the race! Hallie was our overall winner!

In Maths, we focused our learning to perimeter and area. The children had to find the area of their own hand by drawing around it and counting the squares! Next week, we are starting shape, so help to get your child get ahead by practising 2D and 3D shapes on Mathletics.

As a class, we keep reminding ourselves that we only have a mere 5 weeks remaining in Year 5. We are going to make the last weeks together amazing: lots of laughing; lots of dancing; lots of friendship.

Have a fantastic weekend.



Year 6 - Goodall

It's been a busy week in Goodall Class, filled with important conversations, exciting learning, and even a touch of sunshine (fingers crossed it stays!)

It was wonderful to meet so many parents at our recent parent evenings, both in person and over the phone. These discussions were a fantastic opportunity to chat about your child's progress and their upcoming transition to secondary school. To further prepare them, Year 6 have also begun welcoming representatives from secondary schools to chat directly with the children. They're gaining valuable insights into what to expect in their next chapter.

PSHE lessons this week focused on the changes and adjustments that come with starting secondary school. Meanwhile, Maths took a real-world turn, tackling the world of bills and mortgages. Who knows, maybe your Year 6 child can offer some financial planning tips – their knowledge is certainly growing! Science lessons delved into the fascinating world of the circulatory system and blood.

And finally, with a hopeful nod to the sunnier weather, the class has switched gears to learning the exciting sport of cricket!



Attendance Ted—Year 2



ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



Do you care for a family member because.....

they have a
mental or
physical
illness?

they
struggle
with
alcohol?

they have a
mental or
physical
disability?

they
struggle
with drugs?

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*"Having people listen
and support me has
got me through the
hardest of times."*

St Mary's School

SUMMER FETE



£1
entry

Family fun
for everyone

All proceeds will be going
towards new climbing frame /
playground equipment

Saturday 22nd June

12-4PM

BBQ

Refreshments

Fire engine & Police cars

Raffle & Tombola

Bouncy castles & inflatable obstacle course*

Beat the goalie

And much more

*Unlimited use of inflatables with £10 wristbands which includes free entry to fete for children

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