



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The weather this week has been great for the children to be playing outside and enjoying themselves at break and lunchtimes. When we reach that point in the year and start sending out reminders about sunhats and suncream, it really feels as if summer has finally arrived!

On Tuesday all our pupils went to visit the North Mymms Book Swap at the Memorial Hall. All the children walked very sensibly from school to the hall and then listened to a story, swapped a book and then had a drink and biscuit before returning to school. I am grateful to Mrs Bartlett for organising the visit and to the Book Swap team for hosting us.

Today our Year 3s and Year 4s have been playing in a local football tournament and they won two out of their three matches. I would like to thank Miss Males and Mr Kilpatrick for organising and taking the pupils to the tournament.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you about uniform as it has deteriorated a little in the last few weeks. Please make sure that your child or children are dressed in the correct uniform in the morning - items are listed on our website - when they come to school and, if it is their PE day, please make sure that they are wearing the correct school PE kit. We have reached a stage recently where other items of clothing have started being worn and they are not correct uniform. If pupils are wearing the wrong items, parents will be phoned to bring the correct items into school.

Tomorrow is our annual Summer Fete. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to make it and join us in the school grounds to have a very enjoyable afternoon as our school community and the local community come together. The members of the PTA have been working incredibly hard over many weeks and it would be great that as many people as possible show their support. The money raised will be going towards improving our playground facilities, including installing a new climbing frame - so support for the fete tomorrow will ultimately enhance the experience of the pupils when they spend time outside at break and lunchtime.

As we continue to focus on our half termly value of loyalty, it is a quality and value which must never be underestimated and I will conclude with a quote from Ernie Banks who focuses on the 'wealth' or benefit that such a quality can bring you:

"Loyalty and friendship, which is to me the same, created all the wealth that I've ever thought I'd have."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Loyalty

He who pursues
righteousness
and loyalty
Finds life,
righteousness
and honor.

Proverbs 21:21

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

214



146



153



140



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

523

369

386

395

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Harriet

Year 1 - Jasmine

Year 2 - Freya

Year 3 - Matthew

Year 4 - Jun

Year 5 - Darcey

Year 6 - Johann

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Oakley

Year 1 - Joannah

Year 2 - Cristiano

Year 3 - Josiah

Year 4 - Kofi

Year 5 - Bozhidara

Year 6 - Justin

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie	96.5%	
Hawking	93.6%	
Elizabeth	93.3%	
Mandela	92.1%	



Date	Event
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

Summer Fayre

- We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Fayre tomorrow. Wristbands for inflatables can be purchased from Mrs Jones and Mrs Byrne on the gate.
- 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.

Reminder

Children should **not** bring in items from home, these include but are not exclusive to toys and fans.

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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

When my world shakes Your love remains unshaken
So constant, so perfect, unwavering
When my world falls
Your love remains unfailing
So constant, so perfect,
unwavering
Your love is loyal more faithful than the rising sun
This grace for me I can't outrun
Your love is loyal

Reception - Elizabeth

We have had a busy week in Elizabeth class. In Maths we have continued learning our number bonds up to 5 and have started to learn number bonds up to 10. In Gymnastics (PE) we have been learning how to perfect a forward roll. The children absolutely loved walking to The Memorial Hall for the Book Swap. They were so excited to get a new book and enjoyed a drink and a biscuit, after they had been read a story. They have been busy creating their own 3D artwork.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week for Curie Class!

The children really enjoyed visiting the Book Swap on Tuesday. They listened attentively to the story they heard and chose their new book carefully. Yesterday, we were a group of 'authors' ourselves, writing our own version of the story we have been working on in English, Lost and Found. The children have produced some wonderful stories, complete with illustrations and they are very proud of their work. In Maths we have been exploring position and turns. Ask your child what they can do to remember which hand is their left or right! In R.E., we have been continuing to find out about Judaism and the class we took a virtual tour of the inside of a Synagogue. The children were amazed at how beautiful and decorative this religious building was.

Hope to see lots of you at the Summer Fete tomorrow. Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

A huge thanks for all the parents and carers who have made it possible for Hawking class to win the attendance trophy two weeks in a row.

In Maths we are continuing with fractions. The class have been learning to recognise and find a quarter of different shapes and pizza slices. The key theme of the learning that has helped the children's understanding is that the bottom number of the fraction represents how many equal parts there are and the top number, how many parts have been shaded. The questions have been progressive, and we explored different ways to work out questions that have the shaded squares scattered in a shape. The goal was to identify if the picture representation showed a quarter. We followed the same lesson structure with recognising thirds. I have been impressed with how the class have improved their engagement and participation with these questions.

In English, we have re-read Grandad's camper story and created bullet points of the things they liked and disliked about the story. The class discussed their ideas with their partners and confidently shared them with the rest of the class. We also looked at puzzles and connections to the story. With puzzles, they looked at areas of the story which needed more information, e.g. I wonder how long it took Grandad to repair the campervan. With connections, they thought about how some parts of the story reminded them of things they have done in their lives. e.g. This reminds me when I went on a camping holiday and toasted marshmallows over an open fire.

In Science we have been looking at bulbs and seeds. We explored that fruits have seeds on the inside (peppers) and on the outside (strawberries). We learned that new shoots of the plants grow above the ground and roots below the ground. We discussed that bulbs store food for plant growth and do not contain seeds and ended with looking at the differences between bulbs and seeds.



Year 2 - Hawking

Attendance Ted

The class have really enjoyed having Attendance Ted (AT) in the classroom, especially having the opportunity to change the outfit. We took AT out with us on our walk to the Book Swap session. Everyone enjoyed being out in the fresh air and were well behaved. AT and the class enjoyed being read a story and then went on to another room to choose a book to swap. There was a beautiful selection of books and even AT had a book. We then went outside and had drinks and biscuits under a canopy.

At was also engaged in the class lessons and enjoyed learning how to jump in the PE lesson. Everyone had fun which ended with a fun relay race.

We hope you enjoy our selection of pictures.



Year 3 - Mandela

In Year three in English, we have been learning about volcanoes in Italy. We have looked at the volcano in Pompeii which is called Vesuvius. Everyone is looking forward to the trip.

In Maths we have been looking at the time, it gets hard but Miss Garip helps you through it. We finished Money on Monday and had a pop up Cafe where we had money to spend in the cafe. Mr Petty and Mrs English also bought cups of tea and coffee. We had to make sure we gave the correct change back.

Yesterday, we were looking at symbols on a map in Geography, everyone enjoyed it. On Wednesday, we did French and we learnt how to say some animals for example 'lapin' that means rabbit. On Wednesday, in PE, we played 'Hero or Chicken' to warm up with year five and then we did some 50 metre sprinting for athletics. Well done everyone.

This week's newsletter was written by Lily Hines.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy week in Attenborough class. In English, we have been preparing and planning to write a tourist brochure inviting people to our village. In Maths, we have moved onto angles and ordering and comparing these. In Science, we got to build our own circuits, investigating whether the number of batteries affects the brightness of the lightbulb. In Geography, we looked at the Tatra Mountain range. In DT, we started to make our own money wallets, the children tried really hard sewing their material together. The highlight of our week was going to the book swap, all the children behaved beautifully and represented the school really well. They all had such fun and enjoyed picking their own books.



Year 5 - Luther King

Another busy week in Year 5 with lots of great learning taking place. We had a very exciting morning on Tuesday when we all walked down to the Memorial Hall for a Book Swap event. The children displayed excellent behaviour, which was commented on by passing members of the public. Everyone was excited to choose new books to read.

In Maths we continued to look at shape and we have been learning to use protractors to measure angles.

Although it was tricky at first, we all managed to use the protractors to measure a variety of angles. Maybe your child can tell you how many degrees in a right angle and the difference between an acute angle and an obtuse angle. Good job Luther King.



Year 6 - Goodall

Year 6 Goodall has been busy this week! On Tuesday, they visited the local Memorial Hall for their final Book Swap. It was a delightful event where the children browsed for new reads, enjoyed refreshments, and even listened to some poetry read by a volunteer. Their well-mannered behaviour was a true reflection of our school. Back in the classroom, English lessons kicked off writing workshops with a focus on character creation – a crucial step for crafting captivating narratives. Meanwhile, Maths continued its real-world application theme, with the children designing and furnishing their dream rooms – all while putting their DIY maths skills to the test!



Football Festival



Book Swap

On Tuesday, 170 pupils plus all staff, walked to the Memorial Hall for the Book Swap. The wonderful team of volunteers who run this event for us, cheerfully welcomed everyone and invited us in. The children listened to a story, chose a book to swap and were offered refreshments before walking back to school. Members of the public commented on the politeness and sensible behaviour of our pupils and there were some wonderful comments from the book swap team (see below). Quotes from the children on the day:-

'This is my bestest book ever, I'm going to keep it for ever'

'Thank you for taking me to the book swap, it's the best day ever'

'I can't believe the ladies remembered what books I like and saved them for me'

A huge thank you again to Teresa Travell and her team of volunteers to enable our pupils to experience this opportunity.



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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