



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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28th June 2024

The last week has been a really good one at St Mary's.

Firstly, the Summer Fayre last Saturday afternoon was a terrific event. After an uncertain start to the day, weatherwise, the sun came out at 12noon and then remained with us for the rest of the day. There was a lovely atmosphere out on the school field and it was great to see so many people, from both the school and local communities, enjoying themselves throughout the afternoon. Events like this don't just happen and I would like to thank all the parents, staff and everyone else who came to run stalls for all the hard work that took place to make the day such a success. However, I would like to single out Bharti Patel, Nicola Burgess, Linsey Steell and Holly Peart for all the work that has gone on for months in preparation: they really have been working so hard to ensure that we had such a successful Fayre last Saturday. I would also like to particularly mention our caretaker, Mr Lewis, who was the first to arrive and the last to leave, for all that he did to make sure that the day ran so smoothly. I am delighted to report that the Fayre raised £5,000 which will go towards enhancing the playground for the children and I would like to thank everyone that came and supported the Fayre.

On Monday we got the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check results and I'm very pleased to be able to report that the average mark this year for St Mary's pupils was 19 out of a possible 25 marks. This is an increase of 4 marks from last year, where the average was 15 and an increase of 5 marks from 2022 when the average was 14 marks. Well done to all the Year 4 pupils and thank you to Miss Males and Mrs Honour who have been working so hard with them.

On Wednesday afternoon we took part in the District Sports competition at Gosling Park where, despite not having pupils in every race, we came 6th out of ten schools, several of whom are bigger than us. This again is a great achievement after we came 9th last year and 10th the year before. I would like to thank all those staff who attended to support the children, but I would particularly like to thank Miss Males, Mrs Honour, Miss Garip and Mr Kilpatrick who have been working with the children in preparation. I am very hopeful that having seen the progress we have made this year with our athletics, more children will want to be involved next year and we will do even better!

It was lovely on Tuesday afternoon to welcome many of our new Reception pupils for September and their new teacher, Miss Cocks, to the stay and play picnic which was organised by Mrs Ellis and we look forward to them coming back on Monday for their transition afternoon.

The weather has been the warmest yet this week and thank you for ensuring that your children have had sunhats and put suncream on before they come to school. Although the weather has been warmer, we do still expect that school uniform, or PE kit on PE days, is worn correctly. There have been a number of occasions this week where we have had to address pupils not wearing the school uniform properly or wearing items that are not school uniform at all. We are very much looking forward to our Sports Day next Wednesday afternoon and parents, carers and families are all very welcome to join us on site at 12.45pm to watch the competition from 1.00pm

To conclude, as I look back over the last week and consider the wonderful amount of money raised last Saturday and the really positive atmosphere at the Fayre, the Year 4 success in the Multiplication Tables Check and the success in the District Athletics; I'm reminded of the words of Madonna:

"No matter who you are, no matter what you did, no matter where you've come from, you can always change, become a better version of yourself."

And that applies to us as a school as well.

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

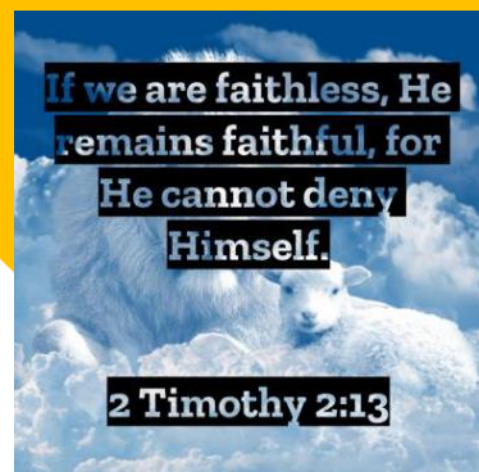
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Flourish for the future

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:

210



165



167



153



Well done Squirrels!

Running Totals:

733

534

553

548

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Casey

Year 1 - Robert

Year 2 - Thomas

Year 3 - Rishika

Year 4 - Henry

Year 5 - Maita

Year 6 - Sophie

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Ava

Year 1 - Ali

Year 2 - Louise

Year 3 - Diana

Year 4 - David

Year 5 - Termeh

Year 6 - Eryk

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	96.7%	
Curie	93.5%	
Elizabeth	92.2%	
Mandela	91.7%	
Attenborough	90.4%	



Date	Event
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:45pm 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 raised £5000! A fantastic achievement and it was a great afternoon!



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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

Dear God, I desire to grow in the value of loyalty.

I know how Christ was loyal to you, Father, and I want to be a mirror of that loyalty to my family and my friends

but most of all to you.

Please stay with me as I learn

and keep my heart open to you and your Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

This week, Reception have continued to learn about summer. with a particular focus on the story 'Lucy and Tom at the Seaside' by Shirley Hughes. They have discussed and written sentences to describe what they like to do when visiting the seaside. They have also talked about what they would pack for a summer holiday and have completed a cut and paste activity related to this. In Maths, the children have been learning how to share objects equally between two or more people. They have also discovered that some amounts cannot be shared fairly, eg, 7 apples between 2 children. It would be great if the children could continue to practise sharing at home, eg, sharing 6 sweets between 2 teddies, sharing 9 toys between 3 dolls, sharing 9 cakes between 2 teddies....



Year 1 - Curie

As always, a very busy week in Curie Class! We have loved having Attendance Bear as part of our class this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed changing the bear into different outfits and helping them join in lessons! Thank you for helping us get the highest attendance last week, we hope to see Attendance Bear in our class again before the end of term! This week in Maths, we have been learning all about time. We have been reinforcing learning about the days of the week, months of the year and learning how to tell the time using o'clock. Please ask your child to show you how clever they are!

Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

In Maths we have been finding the whole of amounts. Picture diagrams with counters have been used to work out the whole, working out how many equal groups the shape has and completing a fraction statement e.g. $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9 is ____.

I modelled a few examples using a step-by-step approach, then the class practised set questions with their partners. The class were further challenged by working out questions such as: a $\frac{1}{4}$ of sweets were eaten. The quantity of sweets was displayed and they had to work out how many sweets they started with.

We have started looking at unit fractions and learned about numerators and denominators. The class are regularly questioned about what these numbers means i.e. the numerator represents how many parts are shaded and that if the numerator is 1, is called a unit fraction. To assess their understanding, whiteboards were used to determine which shapes represented unit fractions.

In English, we have been learning to sequence the events of Grandad's camper story by looking at present tense and flashback (past tense). Pictures from the story book were analysed to determine which were present tense or flashback. The class had to explain how they could tell, which characters were involved and what they looked like. E.g. Grandad was a young boy in the picture with Gramps, so the picture is a flashback. The class then had to cut out six pictures and captions and put them in sequential order based on the story.

The class are excited to have started planning a sequel to the story called 'Our camper.' We started by brainstorming different adventures for the new sequel and modelled an example of completing a five paragraph bare bones planning template. There were some excellent plans, and everyone was engaged and excited to share their ideas. To be continued...

In RE we have been learning about the five pillars of Islam, what each pillar represented and looked at the meaning of Ramadan. Pictures, videos and engaging class discussions have been used to understand all the new terminology.

We then progressed by learning about Eid-ul Fitr, which is a festival celebrating the end of Ramadan. A KS1 video was watched about this festival which solidified the classes understanding. We ended with a fun activity where everyone designed art henna patterns on a hand printout. I was amazed by the array of beautiful designs. Well done Hawking class.



Year 3 - Mandela

In Year 3, in English we have been looking at escape from Pompeii, where there was an earthquake in Pompeii. Did you know Pompeii got persevered?

Miss Garip's Reading group we have been doing debate like they would do in Parliament. Our debate is about plastic pollution and there is no right or wrong answers. Sea's are still dying especially our coral reefs.

The language devices we used; personification, hyperbole, repetition, emotive language, using facts and imagery.

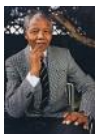
In Maths we have been learning our Time, year, Month, Days, 8 and 4 times tables.

In Art and Design, we are finally doing the finishing touches to our planning to make our pneumatic monsters, pneumatics are things which use air to work.

In Geography, we've been learning about survey maps and symbols. Yesterday, we learned about Layer Shading which are areas of different heights are shown using different colours.

Make sure to teach your kids their times tables!

This weeks newsletter was written by Mikayla.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy week in Attenborough Class. I want to say a massive well done to all the children in the class who participated in the Athletics Competition. I am so proud of every child who not only went to the competition but has also been coming to the practices each week.

In English, we finished off our tourist brochures and are very excited to start our new book next week. We have been focusing a lot on maths this week, we have finished our shape topic, and have now moved onto learning about money. In whole class reading, we finished our book 'Ajay and the Mumbai Sun' the majority of the class really enjoyed the novel and we completed a book review to round off our learning. In Art, we looked at Viking art and the class practised drawing out Viking patterns. In Music, we have been practising singing a variety of songs that we have learnt throughout the year. I am looking forward to Sports Day and all the fun events that are coming up.



Year 5 - Luther King

Despite the hot weather Luther King class has produced great work this week. In English we have been writing the sequel to our The Island book and today, like real authors we have edited our written work.

In Maths we have continued to learn all about shape, focusing on 3D shapes. Why not ask your child about the mathematical names of the shapes and how many faces, edges, and vertices each shape has.

In PSHE we have continued to talk about online safety and had the discussions about why certain games have age restrictions. There were some very sensible comments about staying safe online by not giving anyone personal details and what to do if you feel uneasy or unsafe when playing with strangers.

In French, Luther King practised ordering food and drink from a café in French. So many gave it a go and it was impressive how many could use full phrases accurately and remember the meaning. Well done Luther King!



Year 6 - Goodall

Ahoy there! Get ready to set sail for Alwaysland as Year 6 Goodall has officially begun rehearsals for their swashbuckling production of Pete Pan! The cast has been chosen, scripts are in hand, and acting workshops have already set the stage for a magical performance. Buckle up for weeks of rehearsals and line-learning as these young thespians prepare to take the stage at St. Mary's School Hall in Welham Green on July 17th. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!

But the learning adventures don't stop there. English lessons have set sail for descriptive shores, focusing on creating realistic settings to bring their stories to life. Science has taken a serious turn, exploring the effects of legal and illegal drugs on the human body. And to round it out, the class continues to hone their cricketing skills!

Parents/guardians should have received a letter this week outlining all the exciting Year 6 leavers' events. Don't forget to return the response forms as soon as possible to secure your spot!



District Sports

It was a very hot and humid day as we headed to the Gosling sport track to compete in the district athletics competition. Everybody raced and completed their event to the best of their ability. We had a lot of children winning and coming first place in their event. Most of our sprinters won their heats, and well done to our children who participated in the bean bag shuttle who all won their heats. Our relay teams were very successful too. Everybody's effort meant that we place 6th place out of 10 schools, our most successful year in recent times!!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who participated, the staff who helped and the parents and careers who came to watch. All the children behaved excellently and represented St Mary's so well. Everybody raced and completed their event to the best of their ability. I am so proud of you all!

A big thank to Mrs Honour for all her support with practice and the main event, a big thank you to Mr Kilpatrick and Miss Garip for their support and help as well.





North Mymms Book Swap

North Mymms Memorial Hall

10am-12 Midday

Saturday 6th July 2024

Saturday 20th July 2024

Saturday 3rd August 2024

Saturday 17th August 2024

Saturday 7th September 2024

Saturday 21st September 2024

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fun for all the family at St Mary's Church
Sunday 14th July
2 - 5pm



Come to watch the brave teddies parachute from the church tower, enjoy a picnic, and play outdoor games. Refreshments and ice cream are available for purchase.

To book your free timed ticket for the parachute drop* visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms
or scan the QR code



*Advance booking
essential