



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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19th July 2024

What a terrific week it has been! On Monday morning we had our postponed Sports Day and all the children enjoyed participating in the field events and the races. It was great to see so many of our parents, carers and families attending to support the children as well. Although the 9.45am start was early for some after the England v Spain football match the night before, it did mean that we got everything finished before the rain came down at lunchtime! Medals were presented in Collective Worship on Tuesday morning, as well as the cup for the winning House. It was a really good morning and I would particularly like to thank Miss Males and Mrs Honour for their organisation of Sports Day, both beforehand and on the day itself.

Although we got Sports Day done in the morning, the poor weather on Monday afternoon did mean that the Year 6 barbecue had to be consumed inside, whilst the children watched a film, but they enjoyed themselves nonetheless!

On Wednesday we had two performances of the Year 6 production: 'Pete Pan'. The Year 6s have worked hard over the last few weeks to bring this production together and the resulting performances really demonstrated how they were able to work effectively together in order to perform an entertaining play with some characters based quite closely on members of staff!! A big thank you to Mr Guildler, Miss English and Mrs Brooks for all their hard work in working with the Year 6 pupils and putting this production together.

This morning we had our Rock Steady concerts which literally had the hall buzzing! Rock Steady is something that we have been doing at St Mary's since May and the five bands that have been working together during that time, with Ivano the band leader, performed for us today. Whilst developing the children musically, it is also about developing confidence and self-esteem, something that we saw in abundance this morning! I am delighted to say that this is an initiative that we will be continuing with next academic year.

As I reflect on all these events from this last week, we really have seen the best of our pupils as they have participated in them and I will leave you this week with a quote from Erin Heatherton:

"If you work hard and you do your best, you can do anything."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher



Our value this half term is:

Loyalty

**"Be sure of this:
I am with you
always, even
to the end of
the age."**

Matthew 28:20

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

113



66



83



65



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

1160

875

857

923

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Dominion

Year 1 - Sofia

Year 2 - Skyla

Year 3 - Mia

Year 4 - Kristy-Anne

Year 5 - Leonardo

Year 6 - Rawan

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Polly

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Lola-May and Jessica

Year 3 - Matthew

Year 4 - The Whole Class

Year 5 - Bozhidara

Year 6 - Laila

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela

95%



Elizabeth

93.6%



Luther King

92.2%





| Date | Event |
|---------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Thursday 19th September | Year 4 trip to Verulamium |
| Wednesday 23rd October | Inset Day—School Closed |
| Thursday 24th October | Inset Day—School Closed |
| Friday 25th October | Inset Day—School Closed |
| 28th October—1st November | Half Term |

Car Park Entrance



Do not use the school car park entrance to turn or wait. This causes an obstruction.

Ice Cream Van

On Monday, after school, there will be an Ice Cream Van on site. This has been organised by Sunshine Pre School. Please make sure you collect your children and supervise them at all times.

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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 know that you give me opportunities to learn and practice the virtue of loyalty while on earth and I thank you for those opportunities.

Help me to do my best to embrace them.

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 has been a very busy week in Reception. The children enjoyed joining in with Sports Day on Monday and all of them did extremely well, trying their best in all the activities that they took part in. On Tuesday, Reception received a special letter from 'Buttons' the Bear, inviting them and their teddy bears to a picnic. The letter also asked them to write an invitation to their teddy bear and prepare food for the picnic. The children used their phonic knowledge to write their invitations then, on Thursday morning, they had fun making sandwiches and icing and decorating biscuits. In the afternoon, the children and their teddy bears enjoyed a lovely picnic in the sunshine on the school field. Their teddy bears seemed to enjoy it too! Today, the children are looking forward to joining the rest of the school to watch the Rock Steady concert. A lovely end to a busy week!



Year 1 - Curie

Wow! Where has the year gone! Can't believe that we are writing the last newsletter for our wonderful Curie class in Year 1. We have had a busy week, as always, with lots of fun and learning. The class had great fun at sports day and were very well behaved. We have been continuing to learn about numbers to 100 in maths and applying this knowledge to solve problems. In English, we have published our brochures about protecting the Earth and have shared these with other classes. Today, we have made and tasted latkes and donuts, traditional food eaten by Jewish people to link with our topic of Judaism. Thank you for your support at home for your wonderful children and thank you for your thoughtful gifts. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Curie class and wish them every success in Year 2. Have a great summer, from the Year 1 teaching team.



Year 2 - Hawking

In English, based on the Owl and the Pussy-cat poem, we have been studying past progressive tenses. The class were tasked with interviewing the Owl and the Pussy-cat to find out more information about their trip. They used questioning that included the word 'were' e.g. How were they travelling? The class were paired up with a partner and brainstormed different past progressive questions and answers before writing these in their books. We also looked at the un- prefix with different root words and learnt that they change the word to the opposite meaning. E.g. happy and unhappy. The class were tasked with writing a 'step by step' set of simple commands to guide the Owl and the Pussy-cat to the land where the Tree-peas grow. Before this, the class practised giving Mr Bailey a set of instructions to walk from one end of the classroom to his chair. Instructions such as: walk forward ten paces, rotate a quarter of a turn to the left etc. The class thoroughly enjoyed this activity and made the link to what they had been learning about time, such as half a turn, half past.

In Science, we have started a new topic on life cycles and compared pictures of adult and baby animals. New terminology was learned, such as offspring for babies and also discussed which types of animals lay eggs. We had an engaging question and answer session on naming the offspring of various animals. Well done Hawking!

A huge thanks again for ensuring a positive attendance rate last week. Hawking class were thrilled to have won the attendance accolade and of course, Attendance Ted with some new, additional outfits.

Despite us winding down towards the end of the school year, the class have remained focussed, engaged and have worked hard with the lessons.

In Maths, we have started a new topic on time. The class have really enjoyed these lessons as they used small clocks with minute and hour hands to work out questions. We started by introducing o'clock and half past. I got the class to stand up and practice using the classes four walls and rotate half a turn to replicate these terms. We worked through plenty of examples and used our clocks to visually see the hand movements. We then progressed onto quarter past and quarter to using the same techniques. I have been really impressed with how the class have progressed so far.



Year 2 - Hawking

Attendance Ted

We have had some enjoyable events this week, from Sports Day to the Year 6 production. Hawking class have enjoyed having Attendance Ted in the classroom, especially with the newly knitted school jumper. Super cool.

This week, Lola was selected to change Attendance Ted's outfit and was given a huge round off applause for her efforts.

The class were proud to show off their throwing and dribbling skills in the PE lesson and AT participated with a one-on-one game of 'grab the beanbag.'

The class also enjoyed making latkes (potato fritters) and doughnuts with Mrs Bartlett. They have looked forward to making these and had lots of fun in the process. Thank you so much for this. We hope you enjoy our class photos.

I would like to end our final newsletter by expressing my delight in teaching Hawking class. They are such an amazing class and I have really enjoyed my time with them as their teacher. I have no doubt that they will flourish with their new Year 3 teacher, Miss Garip, and wish them every success on their educational journey.

Wishing the Year Six leavers all the best in their new schools in September and that everyone has an amazing summer break.



Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela class bids farewell to Matthew as we bid farewell to Year 3! We have had the pleasure of knowing you and learning and laughing with you. Good luck in all you do in your new school. Mandela class have created some amazing work and watching your progression has been inspirational. In English, we have finished our work on Pompeii and finalised our newspaper reports from 25th October 79 AD. Each of our members managed to write reports on the events that took place when Mount Vesuvius erupted. We have continued our work in Maths, and we have seen a real difference in their ability levels. So, please do check Purple Mash and Mathletics to help them with their Maths when they have some free time in the holidays. This is their last push to learn their Multiplication before Year 4, I am already so impressed with all their hard work; however, their independent work is limited by their lack of understanding in their times tables. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children and I cherish all the fantastic experiences they have had in this year which has helped further them in many different ways. Please stay safe and have a well-deserved break. All of Mandela class are also very proud of Thenula, Nancy, David and Lily for their awesome RockSteady concert, it was a blast! As always, during this very long break, please remind your little ones to practice all they have learned in Year 3; Addition and Subtraction of two and three-digit numbers, 3-D Shapes, Division, Money, time, Length and Perimeter, Part-Part-Whole, Angles and Multiplication.

Thank you for all of your continued hard work with your young ones.

Miss Garip and Miss Ellis



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy last week of term in Attenborough Class. We have been working hard in Maths, looking at statistics and line graphs. In English, we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of one of Shackleton's crew from his expedition. In RE, we finished our hexagon assessment looking at what we had learnt about Judaism. In Science, we completed our end of topic test looking at what we had learnt in electricity and circuits. In Geography, we presented the PowerPoints we had done comparing the Tatra Mountains. In Art, we carved and made clay stones based on Viking art. We had a great time listening to the children perform in the Rock Steady concert. It has been a very productive week together, I will miss Attenborough class so much and have loved teaching them for the past 2 years, we have become a family and I look forward to hearing about the classes' progress throughout their time at St Mary's.



Year 5 - Luther King

It's unbelievable that we have arrived at the end of the last full week of this term already, and that Luther King class will no longer be in Year 5 but will be in Year 6 after the summer holidays. We have still had a very busy week filled with learning and the week started with a fantastic sports day on Monday morning. In Maths we have been looking at coordinates and translating points on a grid. We remember that finding coordinates we first go horizontally along the x-axis, before going vertically up the y-axis. Although some of the Maths was challenging, all of the Year 5 pupils tried their best and with some more practice and revisiting some of the more challenging questions most pupils really got the hang of it. In English we have continued to look at Macbeth and we practised reading part of the play, using intonation, tone, volume and action effectively so that the meaning is clear to the audience. Everyone has enjoyed this gruesome play full of murder and drama. We also thought about voicing a balanced argument as Macbeth tried to argue why the plot to kill King Duncan might not have been a good plan, while Lady Macbeth convinced him that he should kill the king as he deserved to be king instead. The week will end with all the pupils that have been part of Rocksteady giving us a performance to show us what they have learned and the skills they have gained in playing their various instruments. What a great last full week of this academic year. We wish all of our wonderful Luther King pupils a great summer and best wishes in Year 6!



Year 6 - Goodall

It's been a whirlwind finale for Year 6 Goodall! They brought the curtain down on an amazing year with three incredible performances of Pete Pan. The show was a swashbuckling success, filled with singing, dancing, and of course, some cheesy jokes that had everyone chuckling! A huge round of applause to the entire cast, crew, and especially Mrs. Smyth and Mrs. Brooks for their tireless support.

But the fun didn't stop there! Year 6 Goodall also squeezed in a final exciting Sports Day and rocked out at the Rock Steady concert. Now, to wrap things up in style, they've begun preparations for their church service next Tuesday. Year 6 parents, don't forget to RSVP so we can make sure we've catered for everyone!



Rock Steady





North Mymms Book Swap

North Mymms Memorial Hall

10am-12 Midday

Saturday 20th July 2024

Saturday 3rd August 2024

Saturday 17th August 2024

Saturday 7th September 2024

Saturday 21st September 2024

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