



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As I was standing out on the playground yesterday lunchtime, it occurred to me what a different place it now is from when I stood on almost exactly the same spot on the day of my interview for St Mary's some two and a half years ago. Not only is there now so much more for the children to do at lunchtime, there are different zones for different year groups on different days, but most importantly it is the leadership that we are seeing from our Year 6 children that is most impressive. The

Year 6s are not just leading games and playing with the younger children, either individually or in groups, they are taking responsibility for issuing the equipment from the outdoor cupboard and then collecting it in again at the end of the lunchtime. Seeing this level of engagement really is evidence of school improvement which makes our school community stronger.

With a greater range of activities available comes another advantage: we are seeing far fewer behavioural incidents. I have spent far less time

this term meeting with pupils to talk about their poor choices in behaviour and I have spent far less time on the phone or in person with parents discussing those behaviour choices. All this allows us to have a much greater focus on our core purpose, which is what is going on in the classroom and getting the best results for the pupils. It is so pleasing that there are far more conversations going on with parents about the partnership between home and school and how, together, we can improve the children's outcomes. These conversations will continue formally next week with our Autumn term Parents' Evenings which are in person in the hall on Tuesday after school and remotely on the phone on Wednesday afternoon. It is really important that all parents take the opportunity to engage with the teachers at Parents' Evenings so we are all doing our best for the children.

There is so much to be positive about this term and as we continue to focus on the value of hope, I will share with you a quote from Howard Thurman:

"A dream is the bearer of a new possibility, the enlarged horizon, the great hope."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Hope



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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Dellsome Lane, Welham Green, AL9 7NE

HOUSEPOINTS



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

184

226

215

192



Well done Hedgehogs!

830

815

777

692

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table at lunchtime today.

Reception - Blossom

Year 1 - Shane

Year 2 - Ali

Year 3 - Elianna

Year 4 - Mikayla

Year 5 - Henry

Year 6 - Taylor-Rose

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Mandela

98.6%



Curie

93.3%



Luther King

93%



Attenborough

92.6%

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 8th October	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm—5:30pm School Hall
Wednesday 9th October	Parents' Evening - 4:30pm-7pm Remote
Tuesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival—St Mary's Church 1:15pm
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
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Wednesday 20th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22nd November	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Monday 2nd December	Carol Singing Hatfield Asda—3:30pm
Thursday 5th December	Teddy Bears Concert 2pm
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 2:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 17th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 19th December	Carol Service - 10am St Mary's Church

CLASS PE DAYS

Elizabeth - Year 1	Tuesdays & Fridays
Curie - Year 2	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 3	Mondays & Thursdays
Mandela - Year 4	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Attenborough - Year 5	Mondays & Wednesdays
Luther King - Year 6	Mondays & Fridays

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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.

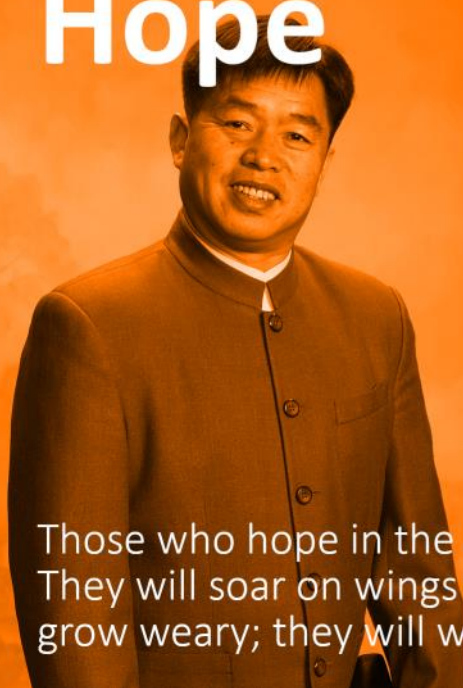
We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Brother Yun Award for

Hope



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Prayer of the Week

The Lord bless you

And keep you

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His

Face toward you

And give you peace

Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson Class, in Maths, we have been recapping everything we have learnt from sorting, grouping, matching and counting objects to ten. In English we are continuing our book called 'Where The Wild Things Are' and we made a wild thing mask which, the children called 'wild monsters' and enjoyed role playing with their masks on. In PE, the children have been fantastic at practising balancing, jumping and catching. We have still been focusing on our Autumn topic and have been exploring different ways of using our fine motor skills. One of the children's favourite activity has been using tweezers to get the conkers out of the spider's web. In our outside area the children have been busy digging up the mud and putting it into the wheelbarrow. Then wheeling it around the garden and back into the mud to start again. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Elizabeth Class this week, we have been carrying on with our adventures of the Naughty Bus! This week, we found him in the library hiding under a pile of books that he had knocked over! We became police detectives and investigated what had happened, taking photos of the crime scene and writing notes about what we discovered. Later in the week we planned our own Naughty Bus story and the children came up with some wonderful ideas.

In Maths, we have been looking at number lines and ordering numbers and objects from greater to smaller. We can use greater than, lesser than and equal signs to compare numbers and are getting more confident in explaining our reasoning. In RE we thought about all the ways we can show God love. The children came up with some fantastic ideas, including, praying, singing hymns and being kind to all of our friends. Well done Year 1 on another super week!



Year 2 - Curie

There has been an improvement in our attendance this week, so thank you all for your efforts.

In Maths, we have been using number lines for counting in groups of two, three, five and ten. The key element was understanding the intervals from a range of different numbers. Number tracks were also used to fill in the missing blanks and number grids were incorporated for the class to colour in numbers for various intervals.

In English, we are continuing with Goldilocks and the three Bears. The class did an amazing job with their wanted posters. Great work Curie! However, Goldilocks was upset about finding the wanted posters around the school, so we discussed our reasons. The class then had to write an apology letter to the three Bears and include how they would fix the problems caused at their cottage. There were some lovely discussions and letters written with beautiful engagement.

In PE, we have been focussing on Fundamentals and Ball skills, which include balance, co-ordination, and movement skills. The children have been having fun learning to jump safely with soft knees on a place mat and moving in different directions. They have also been having fun developing their football dribbling skills.

Curie class are continuing to improve in their learning, so well done!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Hawking Class, we have been continuing to manipulatives to solidify our understanding of adding and subtracting. In English we have been reading 'Leon and the Place Between Grahame Baker-Smith and are exploring different ways of reading and writing. We have had some fantastic work which was celebrated by Mr Petty also.

Year 3 have made fantastic progress in their PE lessons, where we have continued with netball and fundamentals. This has gone hand in hand with our work in science on the Skeleton.

In Art we have been working with crayons to showcase bright colours and working with dots as inspired by Yayoi Kusama.

Please continue to read with your children and bring in their reading records every day, thank you.



Year 4 - Mandela

In English this week we have continued with our book 'The Ever Changing Earth'. We used it to write about how the Earth has changed and the Northern Lights.

In Maths we worked on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

In Art we studied different facial expressions and drew them. We focused on mouth, eye and eyebrow positioning.



Year 5 - Attenborough

Newsletter written this week by Tallulah and Jun

In Year 5 we have found out more about Phillippe Petit crossing between the twin towers on a tightrope. We did 'hot-seating' and pretended to be journalists in NYC. We used the 'jigsaw chart' to help us write some interesting sentences and we have been writing in paragraphs. In Maths, Mrs Bartlett has asked some of us to help her teach the class by showing them how we have worked out our answers to some tricky maths problems in addition and subtraction. In Art, we have been exploring textures inside and outside the classroom and then using these textures to produce some amazing artwork. On Tuesday, we had some police officers come to see us to start our mini-police programme. We are very excited about doing this. In PE, we have been swimming and played basketball. In Computing, we have been using coding to create our own programs.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week we have made WW2 timelines. It was fun. In Maths we have enjoyed doing prime numbers and factor bugs. As for English, we have been reading Leila and the blue fox, the fox has travelled 1100 miles in one month! That's impressive, but what else is impressive, is Year 6 have done some incredible work in RE. We painted the 7 days of creation with Mrs Smyth and Mrs Brooks. We are all really proud of our work.



On Thursday, all children and staff will be involved in activities as part of the 'Young Minds' awareness day linked to World Mental Health day. Should you wish to, donations can be made through the Young Minds website.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

We are collecting tins for Harvest.
Please bring in the week of the 14th
October.



We do not accept cash payments. If you are unable to pay via the Arbor App, please ask the office for our bank details, to pay via bank transfer.



A reminder that your child's lunch account should not be in arrears. Meals must be paid for daily, or in advance.

If you are unable to meet these requirements, please send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Please follow the procedures below if your child is off school for any reason.

Please contact the school daily before 08.30am if your child is off sick with the reason of the absence. To leave a message on the phone, use option 1 and hang up once your message is complete. All contact details are on the first page of the Newsletter.

Where possible, appointments for routine medical and dental purposes, should be made outside of school hours.

If your child has a medical appointment in school hours, you may be required to submit a copy of the medical confirmation documentation to the email address below. Also please state the time of collection from school, expected time of returning to school or if your child is off for the whole day.

If your child has transport arranged, either to/from school, it is your responsibility to contact the transport company to inform them of the absence and the expected date of the child's return to school.

Attendance is important to school learning and is disruptive to the student if they are kept off school for any reason. Regular attendance is important to achieve the best for all our students.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated with this matter.



Potters Bar Theatre Company presents



Book and Lyrics by Debbie Isitt **Music by** Debbie Isitt and Nicky Ager
Orchestrations by George Dyer

20th - 24th November 2024
at 7.30pm. Saturday and Sunday Matinee at 2.30pm

Wyllyotts Theatre
Potters Bar, EN6 2HN

01707 645005 www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



Every child in every school has one Christmas wish, to star in a Nativity, and at St Bernadette's School they're attempting to mount a musical version! Only trouble is, teacher Mr Maddens has promised that a Hollywood producer is coming to see the show to turn it into a film. Join him, his teaching assistant the crazy Mr Poppo, hilarious children and a whole lot of sparkle and shine as they struggle to make everyone's Christmas wish come true.

Box Office:
01707 645005
www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk

We always recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment!

	Adult	Family Ticket* (2 Adults 2 Children)	Child**
Wednesday 20th November - 7:30pm	£22	£76	£19
Thursday 21st November - 7:30pm	£22		£19
Friday 22nd November - 7:30pm	£22		£19
Saturday 23rd November - 2:30pm	£22		£19
Saturday 23rd November - 7:30pm	£22	£76	£19
Sunday 24th November - 2:30pm	£22		£19

*Family Ticket - Available Wednesday and Saturday Evening ONLY ** Child - Under 18s

Wyllyotts Theatre
Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane
Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 2HN

Parking - Adjoins building, free after 6.30pm.
PayByPhone app available



Find the Wyllyotts Theatre



www.pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk

Organised by Friends of St Mary's Welham Green

CASH PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE



**£10
PER
PERSON**

QUIZ NIGHT

@ ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Dellsome Lane, Welham Green AL9 7NE

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 7:30PM

QUIZMASTER - MR PETTY

**BRING YOUR OWN
ALCOHOL, WE'LL
PROVIDE THE
NIBBLES**

**PRIZE FOR THE
BEST TEAM NAME**

RAFFLE

**PIZZA
AVAILABLE
DURING THE
INTERVAL**

OVER 18S ONLY

**UPTO 6
PLAYERS PER
TEAM**

**NON ALCOHOLIC
REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO
BUY**

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Whatsapp group to
book your table**

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North Mymms Arts Festival

12th - 18th October 2024

Events



PREVIEW EVENING

Friday 11th October 6 - 8.30pm

Come along and enjoy the exhibition with a glass of bubbly and snacks.

Tickets £10 from Ticketsource or on the door.



MUSICAL CAFE SESSION

Saturday 12th October 2 - 4pm

Listen to live music from talented young musicians, while you enjoy the exhibition.

Just come along, included in exhibition ticket price.



SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 13th October at 4.30pm

Music from local school children

Free event, just come along



ART WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 15th October 10am or 1.30pm

A two hour session creating images using shape and pattern to make designs for Christmas, led by tutor Robin Elgar

Tickets £15 from Ticketsource or the church office.



BUCK BRASS CONCERT

Friday 18th October at 7pm

A fabulous concert by the Buck Brass Quartet

Tickets £15 from Ticketsource or on the door.

Search "North Mymms" at www.ticketsource.co.uk
or use the QR Code

