



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 6
11th October 2024

This week has seen one of the first important occasions in the academic year when teachers and parents have come together, formally, to discuss the progress of the pupils. Whether in person on Tuesday evening or remotely on Wednesday evening, some important conversations took place. Dialogue between home and school and the partnership that we are creating is the best way in which we can ensure that progress occurs. However, it was disappointing that several of our parents did not attend or participate in Parents' Evening this week. These meetings are so important in achieving the best outcomes for the children and attending Parents' Evening demonstrates to them that you are invested in their education. Please do take every opportunity to engage with the school and have an open dialogue with the teachers. In school, this week, we have been holding our half-termly Pupil Progress Meetings where we look at how the children are progressing and look at the additional support that we can put in place to improve their outcomes, which tie in with the Parents' Evening meetings.

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day and the pupils took part in a variety of activities, on Wednesday and Thursday, to mark the day and a number wore yellow accessories yesterday to signify the importance of good mental health and wellbeing.

Year 5 and Year 6 went to St Etheldreda's Church in Hatfield yesterday for the Hatfield House Music Festival where they heard the cellist Guy Johnston, who won Young Musician of the Year back in 2000. It was a new experience for many of them to attend a formal concert like that and several of them said how much they had enjoyed attending.

This weekend sees the start of the 2024 North Mymms Arts Festival at St Mary's Church and members of the choir will be taking part in the Songs of Praise service for schools on Sunday at 4.30pm. If you can, please do come along.

As we focus on mental health and our half termly value of hope, I leave you, this week, with two verses of a poem that I shared in Collective Worship on Monday:

*Feeling low when all around are so high
Smiles surround you but you want to cry
You take a breath and you try to realign
You speak aloud and you say "I'm fine"*

*You may feel scared and all alone
Talk to a friend, pick up your phone
Share your feelings, even if you're blue
People care and are here for you*

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

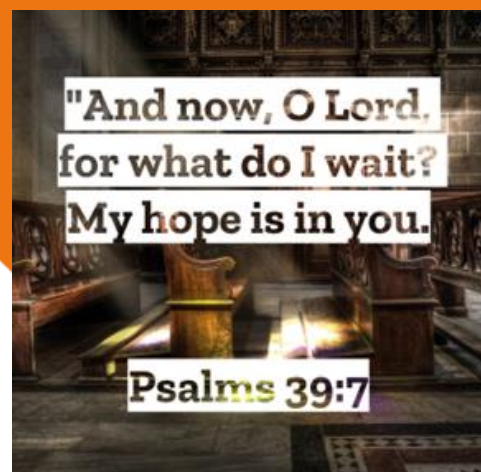
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Hope



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



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

188

198

239

156



Well done Rabbits!

1018

1013

1016

848

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Ronnie

Year 1 - Harriet

Year 2 - Peter

Year 3 - Davidzo

Year 4 - Raphael

Year 5 - Tallulah

Year 6 - Qabid

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson

96.7%



Curie

95.3%



Elizabeth

93.2%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Thursday 17th October	Football Tournament De Havilland School (Invitation only)
Monday 21st October	Netball Match Stanborough School (Invitation only)
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 Elfridges (In School—Children only)
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 13th December	PTA Cake Sale 2:30pm
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.

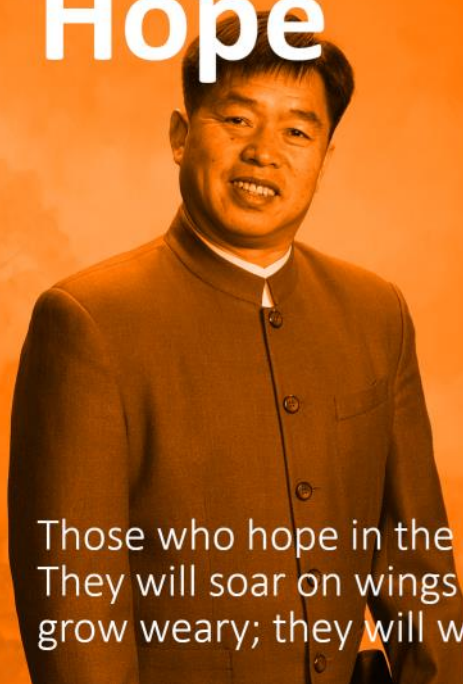
We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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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

Father,

Thank you that in a world of despair,

You are our Hope.

In a world of darkness,

You are our Light.

In a world of sorrow,

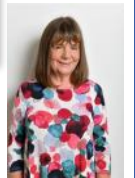
You are our joy.

Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about measure and patterns. The children have a good understanding of comparing different objects according to their size. In phonics we have been learning the sounds J, R, L, H and V, then practising to write these letters correctly. In RE we have been practising our harvest festival song which, we will be singing in church soon. The children enjoyed collecting leaves from the playground and then using these leaves to create marks with crayons on paper. All the children have loved standing up in front of the class and singing their favourite nursery rhyme using their loud voices. Lastly, we have been watching videos of people that help us in our community. The children came up with lots of different people that help us, including: doctors, nurses, police, fireman, teachers and lots more.

Another fabulous week Donaldson class, well done!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Elizabeth class this week we carried out our first investigation in Science. We made predictions about what materials might float or sink and gave our reasons. We then carried out our experiment to see if we predicted correctly! We were surprised that the lolly stick floated as some of us thought it would sink because it was made of wood.

In Art we experimented with mixing primary colours to see if we could make new ones. We created colour wheels to show how different colours mix together to make secondary colours. In English, we looked at non-fiction books and created our own fact file about our favourite toy. Well done on another great week of learning Year 1!



Year 2 - Curie

Thanks again for engaging with the consultations and hope you found the feedback productive.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on addition and subtraction. We have looked at bonds to ten using a tens frame with coloured counters and created addition sums. We also practised using a Rekenrek and had to work out which beads were missing to complete the calculation. The children progressed to working out fact families from picture representations, working out the three values and then writing the addition and subtraction combinations.

In English, we are continuing with the story Goldilocks and the three bears. We have looked at an alternative version called 'Me and You' and compared how both stories were similar and different. The class had fun creating a Goldilocks emotions graph based on the start, middle and end of the story. Lovely discussions!

In History, we have been studying the workings of a hot air balloon. We have learnt about Vincenzo Lunardi, who was an Italian aeronaut. They were interested to find out that his first stop was in Welham Green. The class have been engaged with fantastic discussions and watched some videos about the controls inside a hot air balloon.

Well done, Curie!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we have been working very hard and it has been a very good week. In Maths, we have been learning place value, addition and subtraction. We played a fun game with the tens frame. In English, we have been writing about Leon and the Place Between where Leon discovers magic. In History, we started learning about the Stone Age and how people used to draw on the inside of caves. In French, we learned 'les couleurs' which are the colours in French. In RE, we carried on with Noah's Ark and in Computing, we learned about internet safety.

By Divine, Year 3



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have been working on our book *The Ever Changing Earth*. We planned and wrote an explanation text on the Northern Lights. Unfortunately, we did not see them on Thursday night. In Science we designed our own invertebrates using a water balloon and different materials. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting using exchanging. We built a tower using base 10 resources, we managed to get it to 10,000. In PE, we focused on our co-ordination and were playing different tennis games.



Year 5 - Attenborough

In Year 5, this week we have started to write a biography about Philippe Petit's life. We have found out that he was expelled from 5 schools because he was a distraction to the class because he wanted to do magic and juggling rather than learning. He then became famous for walking on a tightrope between the twin towers. In Maths we have started multiplication and division and were finding multiples of numbers. On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 went on a trip to a church at Hatfield House. We walked to the station and went on the train to Hatfield. We then walked to the church and got the best seats to listen to the music of Guy Johnston and his other musicians. The music was incredible and inspiring. In whole class reading, we have found out about a 12 year old boy who is extremely tall and pretends to be a 'Dad' to win a competition to go into space. The book is called *Cosmic*.



Written by Jessica and Charlene



Year 6 - Luther King

Today, Year 6 went on a school trip with Year 5. It was amazing! We were listening to classical music being played in a church in Old Hatfield. The instruments were playing and were talking to each other. We had to guess what they were talking about. The chamber orchestra were made up of a cello called Tony played by Guy, a piano played by Emmanuel and a violin played by Pria. The people who played them were famous and passionate about their music. One of the pieces sounded like a murder in a scary movie. We went on the train there and back and it only took 3 minutes! We got back to eat our lunch a bit later, went outside and then we came back in to finish our History timelines. We have been researching the key events during WW2 and putting them in order. Today was a really fun day! It was also, World Mental Health Day and spoke about how we could share our thoughts and feelings.

By Taylor-Rose and LENNY RAY PEART



Please be reminded that once your child has been collected from their classroom, it is your responsibility to supervise them, even whilst you are on school grounds. The children are not to climb on the climbing frames after school.

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 and, in particular, we do not expect that holidays will be taken in term time. Regular attendance is important to achieve the best for all our students.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated with this matter.

Age 3yrs-12yrs old

Oct half term Holidays

28th Oct – 1st Nov 24



Cranborne Primary School

Laurel Fields, Potters Bar
Hertfordshire, EN6 2BA

8.00am to 6.00pm



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Weds	Crafty Creations	Mission Impossible	Sublime Slime	Fun Fit
Thurs	Messy Mayhem	Wacky Races	Cupcake Heaven	Athletics
Fri	Beauty School	Football Camp	Halloween Party	

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Oct Half term Holidays

28th Oct – 1st Nov 24



Woodside Primary School

Jones Road, Goffs Oak
Waltham Cross, EN7 5JS

8.00am to 6.00pm



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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

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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
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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:
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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.
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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.

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