



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This has been one of the most challenging weeks so far this term, with colds and flu beginning to hit people. Several staff and pupils have been off or have had to go home during the course of the week. However, we have continued as normal and have been very fortunate in securing the services of some very good supply teachers who have maintained continuity for the children. Unfortunately, however, this absence has impacted on our weekly attendance figures and only two classes this week have more than 92% attendance, but illness has been the cause in this fall. However, we will aim to increase the numbers again next week. The Local Authority Attendance Officer is visiting us next week to look at our attendance and the strategies we employ in order to improve it. The positive cooperation and dialogue that we have with parents is an important part of this. One of the highlights of this week was yesterday when I had the chance to listen to some of the children talk to Mrs Stoughton about their work in Maths. It was wonderful to hear them as they were able to share their enjoyment of the subject and their understanding of what it means to be a mathematician. Several of them were able to articulate what they needed to do to persevere with their learning and knew that being a mathematician is so much more than just being good at Maths. This afternoon we have got our termly Arts Afternoon in the hall after school, where any of the children that want to take part have the opportunity to demonstrate any talent that they wish to perform and we look forward to that.

A week on Monday, 2nd December, we are inviting parents into school to see how the children learn in English through our Literacy Tree scheme. A letter will go out next week giving the details of the session which will begin at 9am.

In Collective Worship yesterday, as part of looking at our half term value of Peace, the pupils were asked to consider their role and what they can do in making a peaceful world. I will leave you with the quote from the song written by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller on which they reflected:

"Let there be peace in earth... and let it begin with me."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

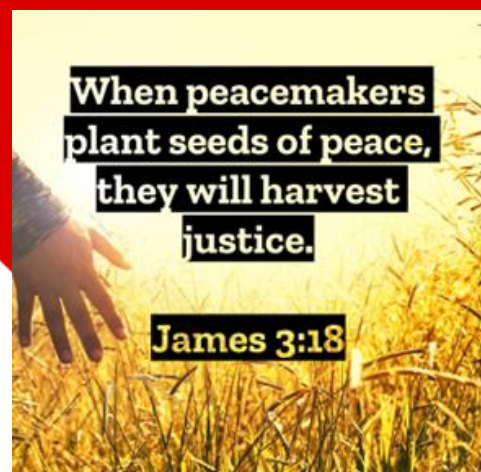
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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Peace



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:

215

230

232

255



Well done Squirrels!

611

599

558

585

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Sonny

Year 1 - Callie

Year 2 - Marc

Year 3 - Thomas

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 6 - Dave B

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Attenborough 94.6%



Luther King 92.2%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 22nd November	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Friday 29th November	Own clothes day—£1 donation
Friday 29th November	PTA meeting—2:45pm
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)
Tuesday 10th December	KS2 Carol Service—4pm St Mary's Church
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
Thursday 19th December	Term ends - 1:45pm
Friday 20th December	Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 6th January 2025	Term Starts - 8:40am
17th - 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April	Term ends - 1:45pm

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 St Francis of Assisi Award for

Peace



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. (Colossians 3:15)

Prayer of the Week

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about two shapes, which are a circle and a triangle. The children have been looking around our classroom to see if they could find either shape and then shared this with the class. In English, we have now finished our book which is called 'Look Up!' which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Then the children made their own rocket ship. In our home corner, the children enjoyed our cafe shop, role play area. This is where the children were pretending to work in a cafe, by pouring tea and coffee into cups and then paying the cashier for them. The children also had fun writing down their orders on their note book. Lastly, we have been very busy practising our Christmas nativity play, by learning the songs and our lines. Well done for another great week Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Year 1, we have continued to read our story, 'Billy and the Beast'. We remembered the order of the main events and split into groups to act out the scenes. The children did a great job of acting the parts of the different characters whilst also narrating the story. We are now planning our own versions based around a hero and a monster and will be writing these next week. We will use that time to focus on writing in full sentences and using conjunctions such as 'and', 'but' and 'so' to extend our sentences.

In Maths, we have continued to solve subtraction problems and learnt how to use a numberline to jump back and help us find the answers. In Geography, we learnt about our village and how it compares to the neighbouring towns of Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City. The children drew a picture of our school and looked at a map to see where it is located in the United Kingdom. Well done on a great week of learning Elizabeth Class!



Year 2 - Curie

In Maths, we have been practising adding and subtracting two-digit numbers using number lines, base 10 and part whole models. The questions have been varied but the class have persevered working through them, often in groups or partners. Well done on your hard efforts. Keep up with your Mathletics practice!

In English, the class have been writing a sequel to Jim and the beanstalk. They have created new character names and changed the story events. In the original story, the Giant had a new wig, glasses, and teeth, so we brainstormed different things that the Giant would need. The children have been encouraged to add more descriptive words through green pen editing. Great effort!

In PSHE, our topic has been on bullying. We have had some brilliant discussions about what this means and what we should do if it is experienced. Jigsaw Jo, our PSHE mascot, had six different scenarios which each pair had to act out. Everyone had fun and I was impressed with some of the acting abilities.

Well done!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Year 3, we have been getting creative with planning our own sandwiches for Art and Design. Thinking about what would make the best sandwich, ready for us to put it in to practice and make it!

In English, we're diving into 'The First Drawing' and enjoying some reading lessons with the BFG.

Maths has us prepping for assessments, focusing on adding and taking away with two and three-digit numbers, including some exchanges.

Plus, we're learning how to name different animals in French!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week, we delved into the world of Mathematics, focusing on sharpening our multiplication skills. From times tables to problem-solving, we showed dedication and enthusiasm for numbers.

In PE, we took on the challenges of hockey and bench ball, showcasing our teamwork and sportsmanship. The friendly competitions and collaborative spirit were evident throughout the sessions.

In Science, the class explored the intricate connections of food chains. Engaging with concepts of producers, consumers, and decomposers, the students gained a deeper understanding of the natural world and its delicate balance.

For Whole Class Reading we have continued our book 'The Wild Wood'.



Year 5 - Attenborough

In Year 5 we have been writing Odes in English about the book Percy Jackson and the Lightning thief. We wrote about a pre-algebra teacher called Mrs Dodds who turned into a bat like creature.

In mini police we have been doing the beep test and Pad work and in Science we have been learning about the life cycle of animals like frogs, butterflies and rabbits.



Year 6 - Luther King

This week we have been planning our own 'Can We Save the Tiger?' by Martin Jenkins, with our own animal and today we are moving on to our last paragraph before we publish the text. In Maths, we have been adding fractions and today we are going to subtract fractions for our Maths. In PE, we have been practising hockey so we can do matches later on this term. In Art, we have been drawing sketches, using different methods of shading, for animals. We will use these on our published pieces of English. In Geography, we have been learning about South America and its multiple famous landmarks and we have been searching all the South American Countries in our atlas. *By Leo & David M*



Some children showing their great work to Mr Petty!

PTA

The PTA are meeting in the school on Friday 29th November at 2:15pm.

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Raffle tickets have been sent home for our 12 days of Christmas Raffle event, they need to be returned by Friday 29th November.

The draw will be made on the first 12 school days of December. Winners will be contacted each day.

Twelve days of Christmas Raffle



On the 1st day of Christmas, you could win the Teachers Hamper

On the 2nd day of Christmas, you could win the Toy Hamper

On the 3rd day of Christmas, you could win the Sweet Treats Hamper

On the 4th day of Christmas, you could win the Drinks Hamper

On the 5th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Eve Hamper

On the 6th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas gifts hamper

On the 7th day of Christmas, you could win the Pamper hamper

On the 8th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Food hamper

On the 9th day of Christmas, you could win the Days out hamper

On the 10th day of Christmas, you could win the Board game hamper

On the 11th day of Christmas, you could win the Christmas Medley hamper

On the 12th day of Christmas, you could win the Cash Prize



Organised by St Mary's Welham Green

Tickets to be returned to the school by Friday 29th November 2024



Craft Workshop

Saturday 23rd November
10.00am – 4.00pm
St Mary's Church
North Mymms
AL9 7TN



Come along for an enjoyable day trying your hand at a wide range of crafts.

Suitable for all ages.

Projects include, stone painting, decorative picture frames, brooch making and a trinket pot. There will also be craft and produce stalls and refreshments available all day.

Tickets £7.00 (refreshments not included)

