



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have had a very busy and productive week at St Mary's as we have been doing tests throughout this week to see how the children are progressing. They have all engaged very positively with the process and I am grateful to all the staff for how hard they have worked with the children to help achieve the best outcomes for them.

As I put in the newsletter last week, we are inviting the parents in on Monday to look at what the children have been doing in English and specifically in the Writing curriculum. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child and their teacher about the work that they have been doing. This is for all years, except Year 6, and will begin at 2.45pm (not 9am as published last week). A letter has gone out today with all the details. A separate day will be allocated for the Year 6 parents.

Last Friday, we had our termly Arts Afternoon after school and pupils performed songs, read poems, did gymnastics, played the piano and showed off pieces of art that they had produced. It was a real celebration of the Arts in the widest sense and it was lovely that so many parents and carers were able to join us.

After so many winter bugs affecting our numbers last week, I am delighted to report that all of our seven classes have achieved more than 92% attendance this week. We had a visit from our Local Authority Attendance Officers on Wednesday afternoon and they are pleased with the progress that we continue to make and we discussed how we can improve further still. I am also very grateful to those parents who have engaged in meetings with me during the last week where attendance is particularly low: it is only when home and school work in partnership that we make the progress that we need to make.

Today, we have had our Own Clothes Day which has allowed us to raise money for school funds and the money will go towards more equipment for the playground.

This coming Sunday is Advent Sunday and the beginning of the Church's year and it starts the countdown towards Christmas. I always feel that Advent is a very important time of preparation which allows us to think about the coming of Jesus to earth more than 2,000 years ago. At school, we are very focused on those preparations ourselves as Reception and Key Stage 1 are preparing and rehearsing for their Christmas productions, but as we prepare for our end of term Christmas events, we must never lose sight of why we are doing them.

As Bobby Schuller said:

"The Advent journey: Hope becomes peace. Peace becomes joy. Joy becomes love. Love becomes Christ."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Peace

Make every effort to live
in peace with everyone
and to be holy; without
holiness no-one will see
the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

114

151

150

165



Well done Squirrels!

725

750

708

750

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Godwin

Year 1 - Heidi

Year 2 - Joannah

Year 3 - George

Year 4 - Daisy

Year 5 - Fahimoh

Year 6 - Darcey

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Curie

98.7%



Elizabeth

98.2%



Luther King

97%

Donaldson

95.6%

Attenborough

93.5%

Mandela

93.3%

Hawking

92.4%

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 2nd December	Reception to Year 5 English Book Looks for Parents 2:45pm
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 for parents and carers—9:30am
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

Deep peace of the running waves to you,
 deep peace of the flowing air to you,
 deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 deep peace of the shining stars to you,
 deep peace of the shades of night to you,
 moon and stars always giving light to you,
 deep peace of Christ,
 the Son of Peace, to you.

Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about subitising objects without counting them with our fingers. The children have been really good at recognising which number it is without counting them. In English, we have started a new book called 'Hailbut Jackson' and using our thinking skills to see what they think the book will be about by looking at the front cover. In PE, we were pretending to drive a car by, walking for moving, jumping for speed bumps, walking backwards for reverse and changing our types of walking for changing gears. Lastly, the children have enjoyed making Christmas activities for example, a hand printed Christmas tree and a Christmas stocking. Also, we discussed why Christians celebrate Christmas and the importance of the nativity play. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

This week in Elizabeth Class, we have been working hard in our first ever assessment week. The children have worked in small groups to complete some reading, maths and spelling questions and have done brilliantly. Mrs Shearer and I have been amazed at the fantastic progress all the children are making and we are so proud of their perseverance and efforts. We have also been very busy, working hard at practising our Nativity with Year 2. We are so excited to share it with our grown ups in the next few weeks.



Year 2 - Curie

This week, Curie class have been busy doing their assessments in Maths, Spellings and Reading in the morning sessions.

In Geography, we have been learning about the equator and the poles. They have worked hard, as there was a lot of information to learn. Well done. We have also discussed about the temperatures in countries that are closer and further away from the equator. They finished by labelling the North and South poles, Arctic, Antarctica and the equator on a globe. Amazing effort.

In RE, we have been learning about the link between the Christmas story and Incarnation. The class looked at the famous oil painting by Sandro Botticelli which depicted the birth of Jesus in the stable. The class were tasked with identifying the characters in the painting, such as the shepherds, and learnt about why the Three Wise Men brought Jesus Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold. Lovely discussions throughout. Keep up the good efforts.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week we have been doing our assessments. Well done to everyone doing the tests in Maths and English. We have done French with a new French teacher. Mr Petty picked 12 children to go into the hall with the French teacher and the rest stayed with Mr Kilpatrick. In PE we have been doing tag rugby, Last lesson we learnt to pass the rugby ball. In the Maths assessments we have been trying division and things we have not yet learnt in detail, but Ms Garip has told us that we have done very well in answering our questions. In English we have been learning about apostrophes and doing assessments.

We have also made sandwiches and it was so much fun and we got pictures of our sandwiches.

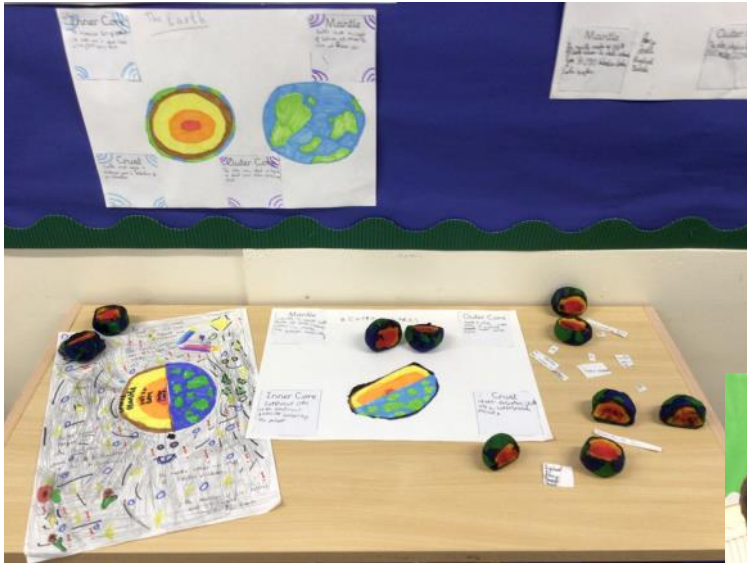
Today it's non-uniform day and everyone is excited to see everyone's clothes.

This weeks newsletter was written by Cristiano and George.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we have continued our learning about the Earth's core and volcanoes. We used playdough to recreate the layers of the Earth and then make a geography display explaining what each layer is like. We have also begun to make our own volcanoes making sure that we incorporate different parts of an active volcano in our structures. We ended the week with our design and technology unit and making Jam tarts. Well done to Mandela class who showed real determination and were extremely hard working throughout assessment week.



Year 5 - Attenborough

We have worked really hard this week starting with assessment week. Here is how it went: On Monday we did the English test. It was intimidating for some people. For other people it was easy. On Tuesday we did the reading paper, some people found it hard to read the text and find the answers. On Wednesday we did the arithmetic paper. Some people found the Maths equations difficult but we got there in the end. On Thursday we did the Maths reasoning test. There were 18 questions in total, about all the things we've learned. It was the last day of assessments. On Friday we did normal lessons with Ms Williams the supply teacher. It was very fun. We also won Attendance Ted for the first time in year 5. We did it for Miss Males!



Year 6 - Luther King

This week in Year 6 we have been doing assessments, including 3 Maths papers and one reading paper. We have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of ourselves. Today is a non-school-uniform day! In Geography, we are learning about South America and we had to write a 100 word paragraph about the Amazon river. Did you know....that the Amazon river flows through 6 different countries and is believed to start in Peru. The river takes carbon dioxide from the Earth's atmosphere!

By John and Oliver Wi



We have raised over £640 from the raffle and £137 from the non uniform day for the PTA.

Please be reminded if your child is in Year 5 or below, you need to bring them to the classroom door each morning.

All are welcome to come to St Mary's Church this coming Sunday, 1st December at 10am for a special service called Stir up Sunday, which is usually celebrated last week, but we are doing it on the first Sunday of Advent. Stir up Sunday is still celebrated today by many people who enjoy making their own Christmas pudding or other festive treats. It is a fun and creative way to get into the festive spirit and involve the whole family in a tradition that dates back centuries. We will be making & eating mince pies during the service, all in the parish room.





Saturday 7th December 2024

North Mymms Book Swap

North Mymms Memorial Hall

10am-1pm

Book Swap will be open as usual but we have extra Christmas fun:

Raffle

Tombola

Jewellery

Gifts and more

Meet Santa and receive a small present (we are asking for donations for the foodbank this year)

Sit and enjoy homemade mince pies, cakes and hot or cold drinks.



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