



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a very busy week at St Mary's and the preparations for our Christmas events are very much in evidence with plenty of rehearsals going on in the hall for the Reception and Key Stage 1 productions.

It was tremendous to see so many parents come into school on Monday afternoon to look at the children's Writing books and to talk about our new English Writing scheme. We really appreciate the opportunity to invite our parents and carers into the classrooms and engage with you about the children's learning. All the parents to whom I spoke, were really positive about what they saw in the classrooms and we will be offering more opportunities in the future for parents to come in and look at the children's work in other subjects.

Yesterday afternoon, we had the visit of the King's Chamber Orchestra for the Teddy Bears' concert. This is the second year that they have visited us and the enthusiasm of the children in the hall during the concert was wonderful to see. The visit of the orchestra was a real highlight and we look forward to them visiting again next year.

Yesterday after school, the football team played a hard fought match against St Philip Howard, but although they played well, they did lose the match against a very strong side.

This morning we had the PTA Christmas 'Elfridges' sale and the children were able to go to the hall and buy gifts for Christmas. As always, we are very grateful to all the parents who give up their time to make these events such a success and help raise money for the school.

Next week we have some more of our Christmas events with the Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Tuesday at 4pm in St Mary's Church and we encourage as many of our Key Stage 2 parents and pupils as possible to attend. On Thursday we then have our Reception Nativity at 2pm and we look forward to our youngest children sharing the joy of Christmas with our families.

In Collective Worship this week, we have continued to focus on Advent and the meaning of this time of preparation as we journey towards Christmas and I leave you this week with a quote from Pope Francis:

*"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**

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*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Peace



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# HOUSEPOINTS



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

**107**

**115**

**120**

**89**



**Well done Rabbits!**

**832**

**865**

**828**

**839**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Reception - Miral**

**Year 1 - Meghan**

**Year 2 - David**

**Year 3 - Scarlett**

**Year 4 - Isabella**

**Year 5 - Izzy**

**Year 6 - Hallie**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth	98.2%	
Hawking	94.8%	
Curie	94.7%	
Mandela	94.3%	
Luther King	93.9%	

# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 10th December	KS2 Carol Service—4pm St Mary's Church
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Vaccinations
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

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

The sand on the shore is ours to share until the tide sweeps in;  
the land on the earth is ours to share until time rolls away.

We share the sand, we share the land, O God, bring us your  
peace.

Amen

## Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been counting to ten and twenty. Then we have been adding and subtracting one from a number. All children have been fantastic at their Maths this week. In English, we have been continuing our book called 'Halibut Jackson' and had a discussion as to why and when people wear suits during different occasions. The children came up with some great ideas to where we would wear a suit for different occasions. For example, "a dance party", "church", "a wedding" and lots more. In art and design the children have enjoyed making a snowman with a paper plate and making a Christmas bauble. Lastly, all children have been working really hard at practising our Christmas nativity play and they can't wait to show parents and carers.

Another brilliant week Donaldson class, well done!



## Year 1 - Elizabeth

In Elizabeth Class this week, we have started reading our new English text, 'Send for a Superhero' by Michael Rosen. The children have loved reading about the super-villains Filth and Vacuum and written some brilliant 'wanted posters' using adjectives to describe the characters. In maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been able to identify their properties and sort them into groups according to their characteristics. In Design and Technology, we decided what fruit would go into our fruit salad and designed our bowl. We are excited to make them next week!

Well done on another super week of learning Year 1!



## Year 2 - Curie

This week, Curie class and Year 1 have continued to impress with their performances for the upcoming nativity play. They have been practising hard with their lines and their singing is a delight to hear. A huge well done to everyone.

In Maths, we have been comparing number sentences. As a two-part process, the sums had to be calculated first, then it was determined if the first sum was either greater than, equals to or less than the other sum. Tens frames, number lines and part whole models were used to work out the missing numbers. Well done.

In English, we have started a new book called, The journey home. The children were fascinated and intrigued by the variety of footprints running through the classroom. They were tasked with working out which animal the footprints belonged to, using their animal activity booklet. They did a fantastic job, however, one of the footprints could not be identified. Over the next few lessons, the class will further engage with various activities until they can solve this mysterious creature. They have already designed a poster to put around the school, as for some reason, the footprints in the classroom have moved and have been sighted elsewhere in the school...

Keep up those expert detective skills Curie class.

Finally, I would like to thank you for ensuring a high attendance last week. The class were super excited to win Attendance Ted, the trophy and the much anticipated extra ten minutes of lunchtime. They have enjoyed taking it out at break and lunchtime. Curie class would like to share a few pictures with Attendance Ted.



## Year 3 - Hawking

This Friday we had a Christmas sale, we all had fun spending our money and picking our things for our family. We all had fun with our friends this week.

Yesterday, the Teddy Bears' Orchestra was a blast and we all enjoyed the music.

Maths was very fun when we were doing dividing. In English we were making diaries today. We started our new English book and The Tear Thief and she has given us five jars of tears and some clues. For whole class reading we are reading Roald Dahl, The BFG. Our favourite is the Snozzcumber.

This week's newsletter was written by Thomas and Davidzo



## Year 4 - Mandela

This week in Mandela class we continued to learn how to play Tag Rugby. We were learning how to attack and defend. In English writing we have started our new book The Iron Man, we found some mechanical parts in our classroom, we then acted as journalists and wrote a news report about our findings. In whole class reading, we began to learn about the history of flight. We discussed how not many of us would like to fly in the Wright Brothers plane. In Maths we have been focusing on our 3 and 4 times tables and how they relate to the 6s and 8s. We ended our week with a festive trip to Elfridges and decorations afternoon which we all really enjoyed.



## Year 5 - Attenborough

In Year 5 we have been doing amazing things this week, like we have been practising mini police presentation so on Monday we will be performing in middle of assembly on that day! We did that every day. On Wednesday we did bread tasting like bagel and naan. Many more things like Teddy bear concert and it was so fun because at the end we threw our bears round and round that was so much fun.

By Timur, Diksha and Lenny



## Year 6 - Luther King

This week, in Year 6 we have been learning about Anne Frank. Anne Frank was a German Jewish girl who was 15 when she died. As a present on her 13th birthday, she got a diary and she named it 'Kitty'. She always wrote in it about her private life. Did you know that her father died when he was 91! And he didn't know much about Anne until he read her diary. Today, we are decorating our classroom door for Christmas. Every year-group chose a Christmas song as the theme for their classroom door. Year 6, got The 12 days of Christmas. On Thursday, we all bought a teddy in for the Teddy Bears' concert in the hall. It was really good .

*By Mia, Maria and Hallie*



## King's Chamber Orchestra - Teddy Bears' Concert



## PTA



A huge thank you to the members of the PTA who have helped raise £2362.76 this term. Made up of £550 quiz, £640 raffle, £137 own clothes day, £147.21 Christmas art, £258.55 Asda cashpot and £630 Christmas sale which you can see from the photos above was brilliant. We still have a cake sale next Friday. Funds are being used for new sports tops and playground equipment.

Winners of the first 5 Christmas raffle prizes are:

*Teacher Hamper - Freddie Year 4*

*Toy Hamper - Ali Year 2*

*Christmas Eve Hamper - Sheila Hoile*

*Drinks Hamper - Rebecca Stanley*

*Christmas Medley - Mrs McGeady*

There are 7 more prizes to be drawn!



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

