



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a really full and exciting week here at St Mary's. On Tuesday we marked Shrove Tuesday with class pancake races in the afternoon, which had been organised by Mrs Stoughton.

The children absolutely loved being outside in the sunshine as they ran their races and then they came inside and ate pancakes with a variety of toppings available. In Collective Worship on Tuesday morning, Rev Ruth had explained to the children about the significance of having pancakes on the Tuesday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Rev Ruth then returned to school on Wednesday morning to lead our Ash Wednesday service and lots of the children and staff chose to have ashes imposed on either their forehead or the back of their hand, as a reminder of our place in the world and the mission to follow Jesus. It was a very meaningful start to our Lenten journey this year.

Yesterday was World Book Day and almost all the children and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books. Ms. Carter had then organised a range of activities that took place during the course of the day to celebrate a love of reading. It is 30 years since World Book Day was first introduced and reading remains as important as ever, particularly reading for pleasure. It

allows us all to escape in our own imaginations. As I heard someone say on the radio this week, even when a film is made about a book, it is not nearly as good as simply having the book and using your imagination. We are very grateful to the members of the local Book Swap who gave up their time to visit St Mary's yesterday to allow the children to exchange books that they have previously read for a different book.

As we begin our Lenten journey this year, I will leave you with a quote about the importance of Lent, from the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Trust

**We put our hope in
the Lord. He is our
help and our shield.
In him our hearts
rejoice, for we trust
in his holy name.**

Psalms 33:20-21

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HOUSEPOINTS



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

283

188

225

179



Well done Badgers!

1545

1575

1472

1522

STARS OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

Reception - Reggie

Year 1 - Evie

Year 2 - Joannah

Year 3 - Elianna

Year 4 - Mia

Year 5 - Violet

Year 6 - Oliver Wi

Congratulations to all these children.

Luther King

98.5%



Hawking

96.3%



Elizabeth

94.8%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 21st March	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Thursday 27th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 28th March	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Friday 4th April	Easter Service - 10am St Mary's Church
Friday 4th April	Term ends - 1:45pm
Monday 21st April	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Term Starts - 8:40am
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
12th - 15th May	Year 6 SATs
26th - 30th May	Half Term
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 18th July	Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
Wednesday 23rd July	End of Year Service - 10am St Mary's Church
Wednesday 23rd July	Term ends - 1:45pm

CLASS PE DAYS

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

Trust



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Prayer of the Week

When fog descends

be with my God

Though I lose my horizon

may I keep your hand

Unseen shepherd

may I know you near

Blind as I am, lead me

Amen.

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been revisiting one more and one less. The children have been using cubes, tens frame and singing songs by subtracting and adding one. In English, we are continuing our book called 'The Tiny Seed' and have been story mapping from the beginning of the book to the end. The children then wrote some words that linked with the story, using their phonics knowledge. In RE, we have been exploring the Easter story and looking at why Christians put a cross on their Easter gardens. Following on from this, the children decorated their own El Salvador crosses using beautiful colours. In Understanding the World, we had very exciting visitors which were the caterpillars. This links with understanding the life cycle of a butterfly and we're all very excited to look after them. Lastly, the children enjoyed pancake day and World Book Day this week. It was lovely to see all the children dressing up as their favourite book characters and reading stories. Also, the children enjoyed participating in pancake races. Keep up the good work Donaldson class!



Year 1 - Elizabeth

Wow! What a fun week we have had in Elizabeth Class! The week started with us beginning our new English text, 'Staley's Stick', all about a little boy with a vivid imagination. We went outside to find our own sticks and imagined what magical things they could be. The children came up with some excellent ideas and wrote a label to describe what their stick could be used for. On Tuesday, we enjoyed pancake races in the playground and loved trying a pancake with a choice of toppings! On Thursday, we had so much fun dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day. The children all looked incredible and had so much fun celebrating a love of reading. We made bookmarks, designed a character and had fun sharing books and poems with our friends. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine this week- keep up the excellent work Year 1!



Year 2 - Curie

This has been an eventful and busy week for Curie Class.

In Maths, we have been working on the fives and tens times tables. They have been working out patterns from number shapes and utilising number lines with intervals of five. Number shapes were also used to work out multiplication problems. The class also had fun colouring in a number grid up to one hundred for the same times tables and discussed the patterns they could see. The work progressed to comparing two multiplication sums and established which comparative symbols would be used between less than, greater than or equals to. Well done, Curie!

In English, we have continued with the Owl and the Pussy Cat. We have been working on correctly using capital letters for names and possessive pronouns for a diary entry. They also had to prepare interview questions to find out more information about the Owl and the Pussy Cat, using the word 'were.' E.g. Why were they going on the boat? There were some great discussions and answers to the questions given.

In Design and Technology, we are learning about what puppets are and what they are used for. Lovely brainstorming sessions and I loved how some were able to relate their facts to films or places they had been to. Well done.

We then went on to discuss the different types of puppets. The Marionette puppet is controlled by strings and made from wood. The Rod Puppet is controlled by a stick and we also investigated the Sock, Hand and Finger puppets. They class had fun learning about these.

Curie class had lots of fun participating in the pancake races at school. They were paired with Year 1 with Year 3 cheering throughout the races. Lovely balancing skills, especially when the pancakes split into tiny pieces, and they continued to flip these too. Fantastic effort from everyone.



Year 3 - Hawking

This week in Maths, we continued learning about measuring length. We worked on converting between millimetres, centimetres and metres, as well as adding and subtracting lengths. In English, we continued with the Black Dog story where we sequenced the events of story. We also looked at different verbs and chose which ones would be best for effect in our sentences. In French, we continued with les saisons, where we learned how to say and write "In winter, it snows, and it is cold." On Tuesday, we took part in pancake races in teams. Afterwards, we enjoyed eating pancakes together in the hall. Yesterday was World Book Day! We were really impressed by all your amazing costumes. We designed our own personalised bookmarks and tuned into a live event with Michael Rosen. He performed some of his amazing poems and made us laugh.



Year 4 - Mandela

This week, we have been immersing ourselves in the whimsical world of Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Inspired by the book, we embarked on a creative endeavour to design and craft our very own chocolate bars.

Adding to the excitement, we also participated in thrilling pancake races on Tuesday, which brought us immense joy and laughter.

In our Physical Education classes, we have been channelling our inner creativity by choreographing unique dance routines centred around the theme of espionage. This has allowed us to express ourselves through movement and storytelling, adding a dynamic element to our curriculum.



Year 5 - Attenborough

Another great week in Year 5. Mrs Bartlett returned and we are so happy to see her back and teaching us. On Tuesday we had lots of fun taking part in pancake races for Shrove Tuesday. We enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and all the activities on the day. In Maths we have been learning about Thousands in different ways, as Fractions, Decimals and Place Values. We had a question for RE, what can we find out about the creation story in Genesis 1?



Year 6 - Luther King

It was World Book Day yesterday and we all dressed as different characters in Year 6 – Coco Chanel, Harry Potter, Secret Agent Lenny and Nikki from Dork Diaries - to name a few! To link with our current text – The Last Wild – Mrs Hutchinson wrote a Dystopian story which included all the class as characters. In pairs, we wrote the next chapter of the story called, 'The Price of Defiance' and designed the front cover. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate the volume of cuboids by counting and multiplying the length, width, and height together. In Science, we learnt about the circulatory system and drew the heart, capillaries, and veins. Did you know... veins carry blood towards the heart and arteries carry blood away?



Ash Wednesday



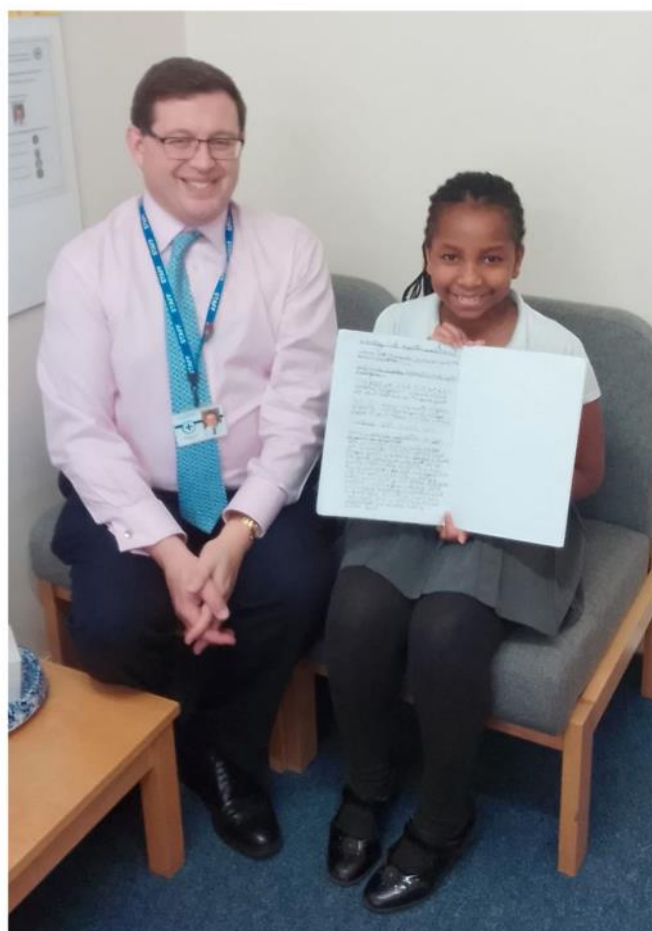
Book Swap



World Book Day



Please clear all payments on your child's Arbor account by the end of term. This includes dinner money and trips.



Mr Petty with Jadyen and Fahimoh from Year 5.



St Mary's Church are offering the opportunity to learn some basic British Sign Language. If you would like to join in with this initiative, please follow the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KHknQUGwrgRIH1AiSBzWe2>

They will show a few signs a day with subtitles and it is suitable for all ages to use.



Afterschool Musical Theatre!

St Mary's C of E Primary School

This terms Musical Is Mary Poppins!

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