



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been great to have everyone back together this week at school, even though the weather has been questionable, but the week has come to an end with some sunshine and the fun of our pyjama day today.

I want to use my newsletter piece this week to focus on the issue of attendance. Anyone looking back over the newsletters that I have written over the last three years, will notice a very clear focus on both behaviour and attendance. Behaviour has improved immeasurably during that time, whilst, as Ofsted noted back during their inspection in March, there have been improvements, there is still more work to be done in terms of attendance. To this end, a new document will be coming out to parents next week about our attendance procedures and I would ask you to read it carefully and particularly in relation to the responsibilities of parents and carers.

However, I would make the following points now: it is the legal responsibility of a parent or carer to ensure that their child is in school. If there is a reason why a child cannot be in school, it is the parent or carer's responsibility to inform the school on each day of the absence as to the reason for this. If these reasons are not forthcoming, the school is required to follow up on the absence. When we do not get responses to our emails and phone calls, we have to take further action.

As I have consistently made clear, it is always my preference to work with parents and carers: that way we get the best outcomes for the children. If parents and carers are not open and honest about absence, then we are required to follow procedures that are laid down for us by Hertfordshire County Council. Consequently, I would really ask you to work with us as we continue to make the attendance improvements that we are aiming to achieve.

Our half termly value for the second half of this term is friendship. It was lovely in Collective Worship on Monday to discuss why people become friends, what makes a good friend and why people remain friends: the children really did have some wonderful ideas. So I will finish this week, by sharing my favourite quote about friendship from Eleanor Roosevelt, that I also shared with the children on Monday:

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Friendship



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

316

307

262

207



Well done Badgers!

1363

1280

1279

1147

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated and joined Mr Petty on Star Table.

Reception - Annalise

Year 1 - Harriet

Year 2 - Marc

Year 3 - Louise

Year 4 - Bella

Year 5 - Diksha

Year 6 - Max

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Attenborough 94.1%



Hawking 93%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 10th June	Cake Sale—After school
Friday 13th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 20th June	Break the rules day
Wednesday 25th June	District Sports
Friday 27th June	Rainbow Run
29th June - 2nd July	Year 6 PGL
Friday 4th July	Rainbow Run (Reserve date)
Wednesday 9th July	Sports Day (afternoon)
Thursday 10th July	Transition Day
Friday 11th July	Arts afternoon - 3:30pm
Tuesday 15th July	Parents' Evening (in person) - 3.30pm
Wednesday 16th July	Sports Day (Reserve date—afternoon)
Wednesday 16th July	Parents' Evening (in person) - 3.30pm
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
Wednesday 3rd September	Inset Day
Thursday 4th September	Term Starts - 8:40am

CLASS PE DAYS

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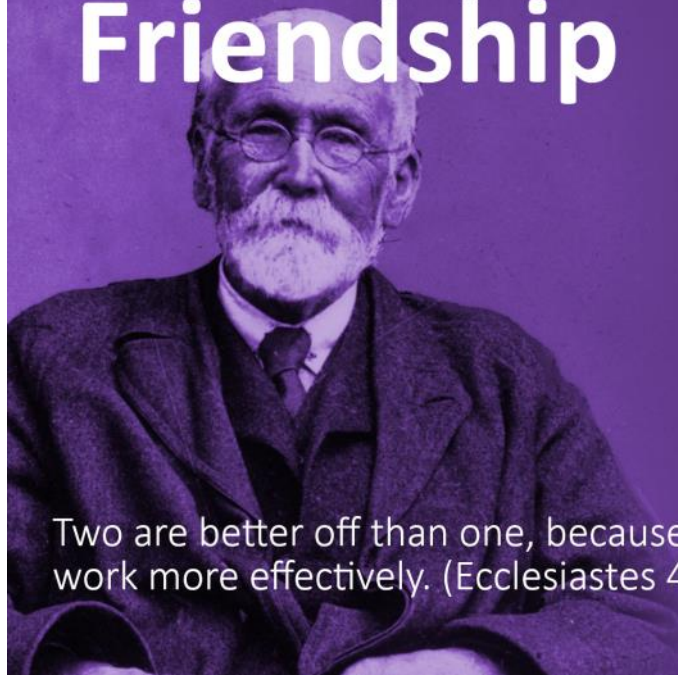


The Joseph Rowntree Award for

Friendship



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*



Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Prayer of the Week

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for our friends. Help us to be good friends, not always falling out. Help us to stand up for our friends and not let them down. Help us to make friends with people who have no friends. Thank you for being our best friend. Amen

Reception - Donaldson

This week in Donaldson class, in Maths, we have been learning about repeated patterns. The children looked around the classroom to see if they could find any repeated patterns, they then used objects in their classroom environment to make their own. Also, the children drew their own pattern onto paper showing their understanding of the topic. In English, we have started a new book called 'Oi Frog'. I showed the children the front cover of the book, to see what they thought the book will be about and the children came up with some great answers. For example, "the frog will find his family and return back to the log". In PSHE, the children had lots of fun naming our body parts. There were some great answers which were, shin, chest, brain, lungs and lots more. It's been a full week of learning this week, we hope you have a lovely weekend break.



Year 1 - Elizabeth

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after half-term. This week, Elizabeth Class have been focussing on fractions in Maths. We began by finding half of a shape and thought about the different ways that we could divide it into two equal parts. We then went on to finding half of an amount, using the method, 'one for me, one for you' when dividing cubes into two equal groups. In English, we have started reading a new book called, 'Lubna and the Pebble'. The children have loved the story so far and particularly enjoyed choosing and decorating their own pebble, just like Lubna. In Geography, we have started a new unit, learning about the seaside and in D&T, we had great fun looking at moving picture books and creating our own moving character. Next week, the children will sit the Phonics Screening Check and more QR codes have been sent out for you to look at with your children over the weekend. Please remind them to look for 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word'. Many thanks for your support in this.



Year 2 - Curie

Curie class have settled back well after half term and have had a productive week.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on time. They have been familiarising themselves with the minute and hour hand of a clock then moved on to learning about o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We went through lots of examples of different times, using the model clock. The tricky conception was working out the hour for half past, as the hour hand is always between two numbers on the clock. They have learnt that whichever number the hour hand has moved past is the number to use. For quarter to, the class have been learning to use the number that the hour hand is moving towards. They have worked hard at this. Keep on practising.

In English, the class have designed six new story characters for Toys in space. The character descriptions had to consist of a personality and appearance word e.g. a friendly, spotty cat. They then went on to complete a question template that was answered for the original story but had another column to change their answers for a new story. E.g. in the original story, the characters were beamed up by a UFO, so they could change this to their new characters being picked up by a helicopter. Lots of lovely brainstorming sessions to share different ideas. Well done. The next step was to complete a bare bones planner for their new ideas which will then be written up as paragraphs in their book.

In Geography, we have started a new topic about Africa. The class have already learnt that Africa is the second largest continent in the world. We have looked at the different cities and discussed a few famous people such as Nelson Mandela, Chris Froome and Sir Mo Farah. We also looked at various African landmarks such as the Valley of the Kings, The pyramids etc. We had lots of interesting discussions, and I was able to discuss my experiences of some of the landmarks I had visited in Egypt.

We ended with a fun quiz which consolidated all the facts we had learnt about. Amazing effort Curie class!



Year 3 - Hawking

This week, Year 3 have wrapped up their Maths unit on Money. The children have worked hard identifying coins, making totals, and solving problems, involving finding change.

We've now begun our new Maths unit on Time. We'll be learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and understanding concepts such as a.m. and p.m. It would be really helpful if the children could practise reading analogue clocks at home to reinforce their learning.

In Geography, we've started exploring Atlases. The children have enjoyed using atlases to locate countries, continents, and key features of the world. It's been an exciting start to our new unit!

In English, we've started our new text: "Jim: A Cautionary Tale" by Hilaire Belloc. We'll be exploring the poem's themes, vocabulary and structure.

We're looking forward to a fun and engaging term ahead!



Year 4 - Mandela

This week, we have started exploring Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. It is very confusing, as it has lots of nonsense words, but we've enjoyed trying to translate it. In Science, we are learning about tooth decay and are looking forward to conducting our science investigation. Our Computing Unit is cross circular as involves music. We have started using Busy Beats to explore pitch, melody, rhythm, tempo and dynamics and we hope to improve our DJing and composing skills by the end of the unit. We are looking forward to continuing our cricket lessons. In Maths, we have been learning about time with a focus on 24-hour clocks.



Year 5 - Attenborough

This week, Year 5 took part in a DT workshop in which they learned how cams can be used to produce different movements. They constructed toys which had moving parts. They used their manual dexterity to produce and join moving parts. This involved the careful use of saws to cut small blocks of wood, using glue guns to join materials and fixing dowl rods into cams. Children did really well, completing the activity within the allotted time. In English, we have arrived at the conclusion of our book, Kaspar: Prince of Cats. They have been learning about the dramatic events surrounding the sinking of the Titanic in preparation for creating their own newspaper report. In Maths, we have focused on lines of symmetry in shapes and reflection in horizontal and vertical lines.

Next week, we look forward to revisiting learning about decimals in Maths. In English, we shall begin a new book - Children of the Benin Kingdom.



Year 6 - Luther King

It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 6, full of learning and new experiences! In PE, we've started our cricket unit. Even though the rain made a surprise appearance, it didn't dampen our spirits! We had great fun learning the basics, including practising how to hit a tennis ball with a cricket bat – a great way to improve our coordination and timing. In Science, we've been learning about the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and nicotine on the human body. The class showed real maturity discussing how these substances affect our organs and overall health. It's been an important topic, and we're proud of how thoughtfully everyone engaged with it. Meanwhile, in Geography, we've been exploring the UK's role in global trade. We've looked at what goods and materials the UK imports, like bananas and electronics, and what it exports, such as scrap iron and medicines. We also learned the meaning of the word trade and how it connects countries around the world. There's lots of excitement building as we start preparing for our forthcoming PGL trip – a highlight of the Year 6 calendar! We're also beginning to think ahead to some very special end-of-term events. Watch this space for updates – there's plenty more to come!



We have raised over £112 from today's pyjama day!





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There is no better way to spend a summer evening than dancing to an incredibly talented 5-piece live band at the newly upgraded Memorial Hall, while helping to raise funds for a great cause. Pumping out everyone's favourite tunes, with incredible vocals backed by sensational musicians, the Pop 'N' Soul and Rock 'N' Roll band will have everyone on the dance floor throughout the night. We have a licenced bar serving your favourite drinks for purchase and you are welcome to bring along some nibbles. Don't forget to buy tickets for your family, friends, and children over the age of 10 too and make it a celebration of your own! Tickets are limited to 100 on a first come basis. No children under the age of 10 are permitted. No drinks are to be brought in from outside. No animals of any kind are permitted. Remember to bring some cash for the raffle draw.

TICKET PRICE (Adults and Children - Same Price)

Advance Purchase Online - £10 Per Person (+ booking fee)

At The Door (if tickets available) - £15 Per Person (+ booking fee)

Date

Sat 7th June 2025 - 7pm to 11pm

Location

Get directions

North Mymms Memorial Hall

36 Station Road, Welham Green, North Mymms, Hatfield AL9 7PL



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