



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 2
15th September 2023

Overall, we have had a really good week at St Mary's, where the majority of the behaviour has been positive and the activity in the classrooms has been purposeful. It is really good to see the pupils engaging in their lessons and enjoying their learning - after all, that is the main purpose of coming to school! To further extend their knowledge, Year 4 have been to Verulamium today and have had a very successful visit to support their learning in their History lessons.

Next week we are having our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in the afternoons, when parents and carers have the opportunity to come in and meet with me and their child's teacher to hear about what the children will be doing this year. We are holding the meetings for Years 1 - 5, as Year 6 had their meeting in the Summer term and Reception have been doing their own transition with parents. The meetings are all at 2.45pm and please refer to the calendar to see which day is for which year group. Please do attend if you are able, as it is an important opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about the year ahead and it endorses the principle that we have at St Mary's of 'Parents as Partners' when it comes to the education of the children.

I am pleased to report that attendance has, so far, been good this term and, as a school, we have achieved 93.8% attendance. Particular mention should be made of Year 2 who achieved a brilliant 99.3% attendance this week! I am taking the opportunity at the beginning of the new term and new school year to include the attendance information sheet along with this newsletter. This is important information for new parents and a timely reminder for those parents who have been at St Mary's for some time. I have already received some requests for absence for holidays during the first half of this term which I cannot authorise as it means children taking time off from school. High levels of attendance are so important for the academic progress of the children and missing school is so damaging to that progress, as important learning will be missed.

I am delighted to say that we are now able to circulate a list of clubs that will be happening this term and I am grateful to those who are running them. Please read the letter that is being sent out with this Newsletter and then follow the instructions for signing up for the various activities.

We are continuing to focus on our half termly value of respect and I will leave you with this anonymous quote:

"The extent to which you respect others tells people what kind of person you are."

Something to think about.

Have a good weekend.

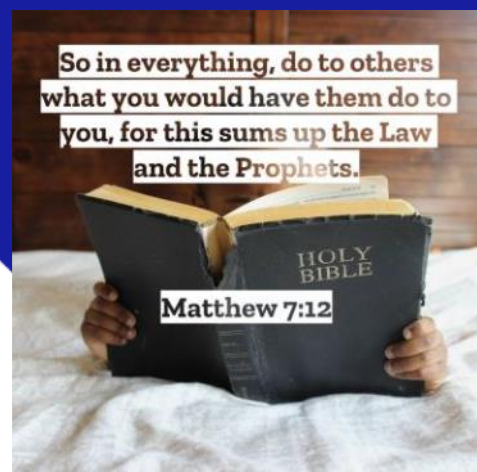
Adrian Petty



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect



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:

185



132



96



107



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

302

178

169

230

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

Reception - Taylor

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Siyoth

Year 3 - Bella

Year 4 - N/A

Year 5 - Maria

Year 6 - Lexi-May

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - All of Elizabeth class

Year 1 - Robert

Year 2 - Elianna

Year 3 - Mikayla

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Tomi

Year 6 - Maxwell

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	99.3%	
Attenborough	97.1%	
Luther King	96.7%	
Curie	93.6%	
Goddall	91.7%	
Elizabeth	91.4%	

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Monday 18th September	Year 1 Parents' Meeting—2:45pm
Tuesday 19th September	Year 2 Parents' Meeting—2:45pm
Wednesday 20th September	Year 5 Parents' Meeting—2:45pm
Thursday 21st September	Year 3 Parents' Meeting—2:45pm
Friday 22nd September	Year 4 Parents' Meeting—2:45pm
Monday 25th September	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 29th September	Poetry Hour St Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 10am
Wednesday 4th October	School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October	Parents' Evening (In person) 3:30pm—5:30pm
Wednesday 11th October	Parents' Evening (Remote) 4:30pm—7pm
Thursday 12th October	Year 7 Tea Party for 2023 leavers—3:30pm
Friday 13th October	Arts Afternoon 3:30pm
Friday 20th October	Occasional Day—School Closed
23rd October—27th October	Half Term
Monday 6th November	Year 6 Health Questionnaire
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day
27th November—1st December	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Wednesday 13th December	Pantomime Whole School Trip
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
Friday 15th December	PTA Christmas Sale
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term Church Service 10am
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Thursday 4th January 2024	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 5th January	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 8th January	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

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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 Elizabeth Fry Award for

Respect



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Respect everyone, love your fellow-believers, honour God, and respect the authorities. (1 Peter 2:17)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Help us to love everyone, whoever they are.

Help us to include everyone in the things that we do.

Help us to be thankful for the people who help us.

Help us always to treat people with respect.

Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth class have been very busy learning about number one and number two. We have also started sharing our whole school focus book 'Look Up!'. Elizabeth class has enjoyed having Year 6 buddies for their first week of lunches in school. They have had a wonderful time exploring the school field during lunchtime play too. Next week the Elizabeth class cohort will be staying all day 8.40 - 3.20.



Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had a very busy first full week in Year 1. In Maths we have been finding out about numbers and patterns. We have explored games with tens frames, dice and dominoes. In English, we have been exploring how the different characters are feeling at different points in our story and have designed some wonderful leaflets to advertise the planetarium! We have had our first Science lesson and found out about different materials and have also enjoyed our first computing, R.E and music lessons! Lots and lots of learning (and fun too!)

We are looking forward to telling you more about Curie class at our parents information meeting next week. Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

Year 2 have been steadily getting into a routine and enjoying this term's curriculum. We have been carrying out Science investigations, being historians, being mathematicians and taking on a character's role from our English book, 'Look Up!' We have also been communicating what our roles are in the school and different ways we can show respect.



Year 3 - Mandela

In Mandela class this week, we have learned about the solar system with many facts about Mae Jamison. We have created our own flyers for the planetarium and as a class, we have created a poem about space.

Look Up!

Look up at the stars

The light feels like it is giving me a warm embrace

Look up at the moon

She's so bright

She fills the room with light

Look up at the clouds

Their shade follows me like a friendly whisper

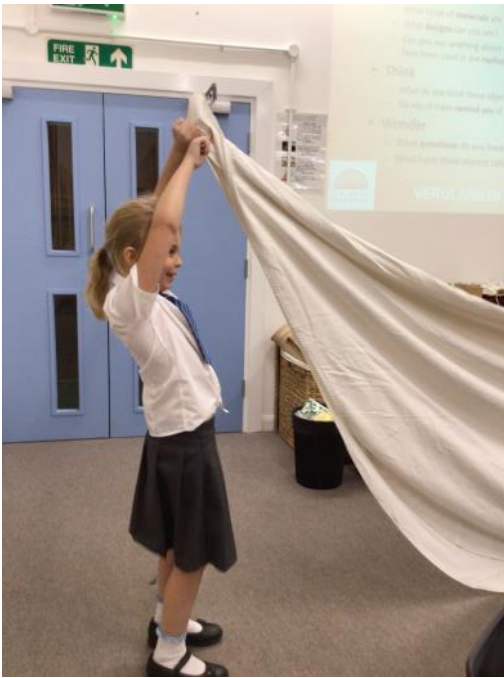
In Maths, we learned regrouping and partitioning 3-digit numbers. In R.E. we have learned key words such as, Covenant, Promise, Sin, Wedding, People of Israel and the story of Noah.



Year 4 - Attenborough

Year 4 had a really productive and exciting second week back. The highlight of the week was visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. The children got to learn about how the Romans lived and got to see lots of different artefacts. All the children were excited and engaged. It was a wonderful trip that I hope the children really enjoyed.





Year 5 - Luther King

We are all getting used to our new routines in Luther King class this week with lots of pupils rising to the challenge of being more independent learners in Year 5. We continued to look at place value and rounding up to 6-digit numbers.

This morning, in English, we all wrote diary entries for one of the main characters in our book 'Look Up!' and everyone was focused throughout the lesson, producing great work.

We have started our French lessons and are learning about the various fruits in French. Even though some found it challenging we all gave it a go.

Some great discussions were had in R.E. and Science and everyone is now contributing to our lessons and learning to give their opinions and speak out.

Another great week in Luther King class.



Year 6 - Goodall

A busy week for Year 6 as we continue to get into the routines of the year. Our boosters had their first session swimming and we were very proud of their excellent behaviour as they went off site. In the classroom we've had some phenomenal English work being produced with amazing leaflets advertising the planetarium and some fantastic diary entries. We've also started digging into our History topic - the Battle of Britain which has really captured the class imagination. Our class stories 'Stormbreaker' and 'Boom!' are also proving popular.

Please make sure that children are reading each night and recording this in their homework diaries. Spellings start in Year 6 next week.



Meet the teacher

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to meet class teachers next week.

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Travelling to school and road safety

As we begin a new term, there are a few reminders:

Please do not just leave your children outside the school gate before 8.40am.

Please ensure that your children are aware of the principles of road safety. We had a report last week of an unaccompanied St Mary's child running out into the road on Dixons Hill Road and nearly being hit by a car.

If you are driving to the school, please observe the 20mph speed limit and do not park across the drives of residents in Dellsome Lane.



North Mymms Book Swap



North Mymms Memorial Hall

10am-1pm Saturday 16th September

Refreshments, homemade cakes, tombola.

All money raised goes to MacMillan Cancer Support

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council.





North Mymms Arts Festival

23rd - 29th September

at St Mary's Church North Mymms



Open daily 10am-4pm
(opens 11am on Sunday)
to view the exhibition

Tickets £3
on the door
(under 16s free)



Friday 22nd September 6-9pm

Preview Evening

Come along for a drink and nibbles
and have the first opportunity
to view and buy the art.

Tickets £10
from Ticketsource



Saturday 23rd September 7pm

Young Musicians' Showcase

Join us for a concert
featuring talented young musicians

Tickets £12
(under 16s £2)
from Ticketsource
or on the door



Liverpool: Ten to One by Andrew Naish

Sunday 24th September 2-4pm

Meet the Artists

Come along to meet some of the artists
to hear about their work

No need to book
Included in
entry price



Tuesday 26th September

10am & 1.30pm

Art Workshops

Join tutor Robin Elgar

Tickets £15
from Ticketsource



Thursday 28th September 2pm

St Mary's Explored

an illustrated talk by Mike Allen

No need to book
Included in
entry price



Friday 29th September 2pm

Poetry Hour: the Cosmos

with St Mary's Church Poetry Group &
pupils from St Mary's C of E Primary School

No need to book
Included in
entry price

www.northmymmsarts.co.uk