



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy week at St Mary's and a great deal has been achieved.

We had an Open Afternoon on Wednesday and there was a real interest and enthusiasm amongst the prospective parents for what St Mary's has to offer. It has also been really good this week to start our new clubs which has extended what we are offering for the children and I thank those members of staff who are willing to give up their time in order to make these things happen. I know that the staff have been as enthusiastic about running the clubs as the children have been to take part. However, there are just two things that I must just mention: firstly please be aware at what time the club that your child is taking part in finishes and please come and collect them at the correct time. Secondly, we do not have a facility to look after siblings or friends of children taking part in the clubs; they must be picked up at the usual time at the end of the day.

Whilst mentioning the end of the day, I must also take the opportunity to remind you about punctuality at the beginning of the day. The school gates open at 8.40am and children should be arriving at that time. We expect children to be in class no later than 8.50am. After that time the children are late. This allows us to start the day promptly and maximise the learning time for the children.

Over the last week the North Mymms Arts Festival has been taking place at St Mary's Church and, as it comes to an end, it was a real treat to attend the Poetry Hour this afternoon and hear six of our pupils recite poems. Not only was this a great opportunity for pupils from our school to show off their talents, it was also an opportunity for us to support and be involved in a local community event. Next Tuesday we are very much looking forward to being back at the church for our Harvest Festival Service at 10am. As always, parents are very welcome to join us for that service and if you feel able to donate tinned food gifts, please give them to your child to bring into school on Monday or Tuesday and we will transport them up to the church and from there they will be taken to the Hatfield Food Bank where they will make a difference to someone's life.

This week has been National Inclusion Week and it is something that have talked about in Collective Worship. As I said to the prospective parents at the Open Afternoon on Wednesday, we welcome everyone at St Mary's and we aim to help every child that joins the school to develop their full potential and flourish for the future. Our community at St Mary's is stronger when everyone pulls together. This is encapsulated in a quote from Melinda Gates that I came across recently:

"If we want to include everyone, we have to help everyone develop their talents and use their gifts for the good of the community. That's what inclusion means—everyone contributes."

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

Headteacher

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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Respect



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HOUSEPOINTS



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

89



125



167



105



Well done Rabbits!

Running Totals:

602

566

506

501

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Shane

Year 1 - David

Year 2 - Lola H

Year 3 - JoJo

Year 4 - Charlotte

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 6 - Rawan

ATTENDANCE STARS

Elizabeth 95%



Mandela 91.6%



Hawking 90.3%



Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Isla Mae

Year 1 - Ewa

Year 2 - Bethany

Year 3 - Rishika

Year 4 - Henry

Year 5 - William

Year 6 - Sophie

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
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 Commemoration
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
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

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy, go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners, go with us as we try to be good neighbours in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community, go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.

Amen.

Reception - Elizabeth

This week Elizabeth class have been very busy learning about number four, we will continue to learn what makes four next week and consolidate the numbers we have learnt so far.

The class have also continued learning our set 1 Read, Write, Inc. phonics sounds and begun blending to read VC and CVC words during Fred talk and green word time 1.1. We have been learning about the i, n, p, g and o sounds this week. We have sent home letter formation sheets for Elizabeth class to practise. Please support your child to use them. We have been busy practising our song for the Harvest Festival on Tuesday 3rd October at St Mary's Church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us the service starts at 10am.



Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had another busy week! The highlight of the week was bringing toys in from home to talk about in our History lesson where we are finding out about toys from the past. The children were all very keen to explain why their toys were special to them. If there are any adults in the family that still have a toy from their childhood, that they would be happy to bring in to show the children, please let us know! We have also been busy learning about Harvest and practising for our little performance in church next Tuesday! Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week Hawking class have started a new book in English, 'The Frog and The Stranger', focusing on characters and sentence structures. In maths we have been coming to grips with addition over 10 and the different strategies we can use. In Science we have been looking at habitats and which animals belong in which habitat. Next week we have our Harvest Festival on Tuesday morning, and we are all very excited for you to join us. Have a relaxing weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela class has settled and is working faster and more independently this early into Year 3! This week has been a fantastic yet evolving week as we are having lessons which are both challenging and progressive. We have done some amazing artwork and interesting diaries in English. We are understanding the Netball rules and practising these in our P.E lessons. Maths has been a great challenge as we are trying to secure subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers from each other and comparing them.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 4. In English we started looking at our new book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. The children have been drawing their own maps and labelling using descriptive language. In Maths, we have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In Science, the children really enjoyed making paper cup telephones and experimenting with how sound changes over distance. In PE, we have been increasing our fitness and focusing on our footwork in Netball. We finished the week writing a class Harvest poem and coming up with some actions to go with it. I hope everyone has a restful weekend ready for another busy week.



Year 5 - Luther King

This week in Year 5, we have been looking at the solar system. The children learned the names of the planets in order from the Sun and learnt a mnemonic to help them remember.

Many vile earthlings munch jam sandwiches under newspaper. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn Uranus and Neptune.

Why don't you test your child at home to see if they can remember the order?

To aid their understanding on how far the planets are from the Sun, we decided to create our own solar systems using fruit. We also use toilet roll to work out the distance, with each toilet roll piece, being 20,000,000 km!

Ask your child if they can remember which fruits matched each planet! We had peppercorns, cherry tomatoes, grapes, watermelons, limes, apples and grapefruit.



Year 6 - Goodall

This week Year 6 have been exploring classification in Science and learnt about constructing branching databases using sweets. We had lots of fantastic discussions, amazing work and enjoyed eating the sweets too.

We're also looking forward to seeing lots of parents and guests at the Harvest church service on Tuesday, we've been working hard on our song to share...

