



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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Value

Our value for this half term is:
Perseverance

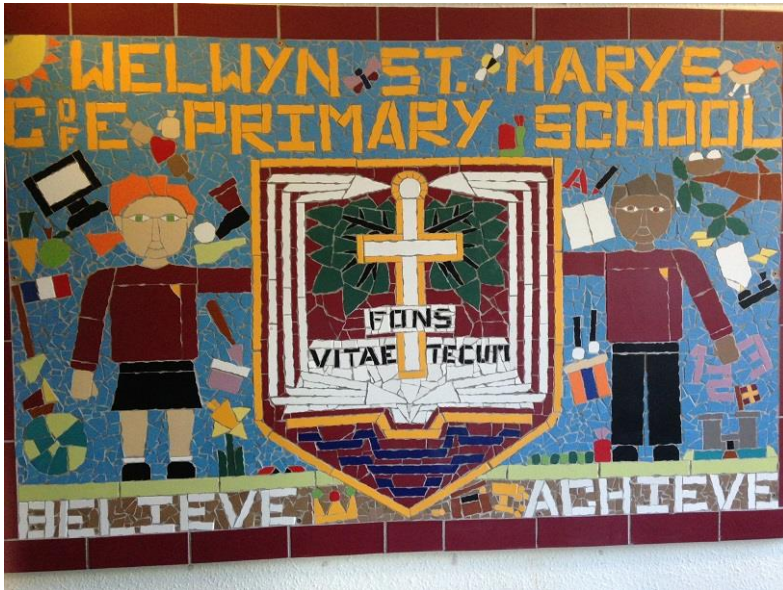
"When the world says 'Give up', Hope whispers 'Try it one more time.'"
Anon

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families. We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break, and are looking forward to 2020.

Holiday Work



Thank you to Mr Stockton for putting up our smart new shed in the Key Stage 1 playground, and also our new mosaic. This was completed last term by children in Year 2 and is displayed inside the main school entrance. Thank you very much to our PTFA and School Fund who kindly raised money to make this project possible. Thanks also to Ms McKenna for organising.

Go Green for 2020

Why not make lower carbon use your new year's resolution for 2020?

Here are three easy ways you can help.

1. Car share for the school run, or your journey to work, with neighbours or friends.
2. Park and Stride. Leave your car in one of the many car parks in the village, see our website for a map, and walk the rest of the way.
3. Turn off your engine when in the KS2 drop off zone.

Good luck.

From our Year 6 Travel Ambassadors and Mrs Westley





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Our Values

A Values Adventure sheet will be sent home with children, with ideas about how to discuss our current value of perseverance.

Children are also invited to make a 'Values Creation' at home based on perseverance. It could be a poster, painting, model or anything which illustrates our value in some way. Send your creations to school with your name and age clearly marked by Friday 31st January. Small prizes are available. Good luck.

Fitness trackers and smart watches

Children should not wear fitness trackers or smart watches (e.g. Fitbits and Apple watches) to school due to their high value and possible internet use.

Online Safety Videos

We will be showing age-appropriate online safety videos to our Key Stage 2 children in school. We encourage all parents to watch this, and discuss with your children how they can stay safe online. Please google CEOP and access "Lee Kim" for Key Stage 1 and "Jigsaw" for Key Stage 2.

Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

We are pleased to welcome representatives of our local Air Ambulance who will be sharing about their work on Wednesday 15th January. The charity has recently completed 25,000 missions since it started 21 years ago. If you would like to support this very worthy cause we have a collection box at the school office.

Considerate Parking

Please could we remind all families to park with consideration for our neighbours when picking up and dropping off their children. Please do not block driveways or obstruct access under any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation

Photography Competition

As part of the Welwyn Garden City centenary this year, a schools' photography competition is being run. If you would like to take part, please take a photo which fits with the theme of "celebrations" and upload to: www.wgccsps.co.uk/school The deadline is 17th July, with a prize giving ceremony in November, so there is lots of time to capture an image. Good luck. Full details are attached to the newsletter.

New school lunch system

A reminder for those who have not yet given consent by completing the online Parentmail form regarding the new school lunch system - please do this as soon as possible. Without this consent, your child will not be registered on the new system, and will not be able to have a school lunch. If you are having difficulties, please speak to the school office who will be able to help.

Reception Places 2020

The window for applications is now open and closes on 15th January 2020. Please be aware that we require our own Supplementary Information Form to be completed and returned to the school office as well as your online application to county. For more information please visit www.hertsdirect.org/admissions





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Pupil Premium

For every child registered for Pupil Premium, the school receive additional funding which is spent on raising the attainment of those pupils. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, your child could access a range of additional benefits, including extra help in class, additional resources, free school trips and visits and one free club per term.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals and are not currently registered, please complete the simple online application form which can be found at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals Once you have registered your child, please speak to the school office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

Severe Weather Guidance

In the event of bad weather and possible school closure due to snow we will Parentmail parents as early as possible. You can also receive up to date information from www.hertsdirect.org or listen to BOB FM Hertfordshire 106.7 and 106.9. We always endeavour to keep the school open and will only close if absolutely necessary.

Diary Dates

	Spring Term 2020
16 th January	Year 3 swimming begins
24 th January	Year 6 road safety quiz final
24 th January	3.05 pm PTFA year 6 cake sale
29 th January	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
29 th January	Year 4 Faith Tour
31 st January	MJ5 class assembly
12 th February	Parental Consultations
13 th February	Parental Consultations
13 th February	Year 3 Greek Day
14 th February	MN2 class assembly
14 th February	3.05 pm PTFA year 4 cake sale
17 th - 21 st February	Half term holiday
25 th February	Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
26 th February	Year 2 National Gallery trip
5 th March	World Book Day
6 th March	MR class assembly - now moved to 20th March
13 th March	CD1 class assembly
13 th March	3.05 pm PTFA Reception cake sale





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16 th to 20 th March	Science Week
20 th March	MR and LR class assembly - new date for MR
24 th March	AB5 Distractions training
25 th March	MJ5 Distractions training
26 th to 28 th March	SMART production
27 th March	M1 class assembly
31 st March	Year 1 Chiltern Open Air Museum trip
31 st March	AT2 scooter training
1 st April	Visit of the Bishop of Hertford
1 st April	MN2 scooter training
2 nd April	Whole school Easter service in Church
3 rd April	Term ends 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2020	
20 th April	Summer term commences
22 nd April	Year 2 Fire of London day
24 th April	3.05 pm PTFA year 2 cake sale
8 th May	May Bank Holiday
11 th May	SATs week
15 th May	3.05 pm PTFA year 1 cake sale
22 nd May	Sports Day
25 th - 29 th May	Half term holiday
9 th June	AB5 class assembly
10 th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip
12 th June	3.05 pm PTFA year 3 cake sale
16 th June	Year 4 Verulamium Museum trip
19 th June	INSET day - school closed
22 nd June	INSET day - school closed
24 th June	Year 2 Kew Gardens trip
17 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
20 th - 21 st July	INSET days - school closed
Autumn Term 2020	
2 nd September	INSET day - school closed
3 rd September	Autumn term commences
26 th - 30 th October	Half term holiday
20 th November	Occasional day - school closed
18 th December	Term ends at 1.20 pm
Spring Term 2021	





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4 th January	Spring term commences
15 th - 19 th February	Half term holiday
26 th March	Term ends at 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2021	
12 th April	Summer term commences
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term holiday
16 th July	Term ends at 1.20 pm
19 th - 22 nd July	INSET days - school closed

