



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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Value

Our value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

"When you forgive you don't change the past, but you do change the future"

Bernard Meltzer

"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."

Colossians 3.13

End of term

A reminder that term ends today at **1.20pm**.

Road Safety in school grounds

- Please ensure that Key Stage 2 children leaving cars in the drop-off zone do so onto the pavement, rather than into the flow of traffic.
- When using the zebra crossings, please ensure that children are on your side, away from the oncoming traffic.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

We are delighted to say our church schools' inspection report is out and we have been graded as excellent in all areas (overall, RE and Collective Worship). This is quite an accolade as the requirements have been raised and this is the top grading possible. Well done to all our pupils, families, staff and governors. Please find a copy of the report attached to this newsletter and it will be on our website very shortly. We are particularly pleased in the way the inspector has captured our pupils' excellent attitudes and the teamwork that runs throughout our school.

Joint Annual Review Visit (JARV) by the local authority

We are delighted that our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner has kept us as outstanding in all areas after her all day visit on 27th March. She praised our pupils very positive attitudes to learning and the high standard of displays of pupils' work around our school. Achievement across the school and in all areas of the curriculum was judged to be high.

"Leadership and management are outstanding. Within the school leaders and governors have created a culture that enables staff and pupils to excel...Leaders at all levels articulate their detailed knowledge about pupils. They demonstrate their desire for pupils, no matter their background or circumstance, to achieve to the best of their ability. Provision is rich and varied and prepares pupils extremely well for the next stage of their education. The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding. At this visit, the learning walk observed all pupils were on task and engaged in purposeful learning opportunities whether this was with a teacher, teaching assistant or volunteer...Pupils display excellent attitudes to learning and they are proud of their achievements. The curriculum, including its





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very broad range of extra-curricular activities ensure pupils' learning experiences are rich...Behaviour in and around school is consistently exemplary."

Well done to all our pupils, staff, volunteers and governors.

Diocesan Visitor

We were delighted to welcome Ryan Parker from the Diocese of St Albans, who came to see our school in action and observe our collective worship. His feedback included the following: "Pupils' work is celebrated and valued through display, which they are clearly proud of. The Christian character of the school is evident throughout."

Class Attendance Award

Congratulations to class MR who won the March attendance award with an amazing 98.25%.

MR	98.25%
A5	97.62%
AT2	97.46%
MJ5	97.38%
GB3	97.32%

Tanzania charity

We are continuing our support for Isupilo primary school in Tanzania as they have so few resources. Well done to Leo, Filip, Therese, Troy and Maja for raising an impressive £95.00 in their recent cake sale. What is good about Walser's charity link to the school is that we have a direct contact there and we know there is no 'middle man'. School Council have launched another way to support the charity through the donation of small second hand toys. They have to be able to fit in the palm of your so that they can be transported easily and cheaply. Collection boxes are in each classroom. School Council will also be selling wrist bands in school for £1.00.

Sherrardswood Cross Country

On Wednesday 3rd April our cross country team went to Sherrardswood school to compete in 4 cross country races. It was a beautiful but cold day - conditions were good! All children warmed up with Mrs Gutteridge - they were excited, but a little nervous. There were about 200 children racing in total. Our children had been training hard every Wednesday lunchtime for the last two terms. All children raced brilliantly; nobody stopped, everyone just kept on running their hardest. Everyone cheered each other on! We are so proud of them all. Girls B team came 2nd, Girls A team came 3rd, Boys B came 4th and Boys A team came 1st. Congratulations to Stanley who came 2nd in his race. The team was: Stanley, Luke, Zach, Thomas, Sean, Oscar, Harry, Oliver, Marley, Callum, Jamie, Josie, Poppy, Sophia, Holly, Roxy, Chloe, Erin, Lily, Lacey, Sophie. Sadly Louie and Luca were unable to take part that day, but also made the team. Mrs Gutteridge and Mrs Reid are both leaving our coaching team and we say thank you and goodbye with heavy hearts. Thanks must also go to Mrs Heaney, Dr Cox and Mr O'Neill for training the team.

SMART

Congratulations to all involved in the excellent SMART production of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The weeks of preparation and rehearsals were very well worth it as every audience greatly enjoyed the show. Thank you to all who helped in any way. It is lovely to see this great tradition of our school being continued so stylishly.





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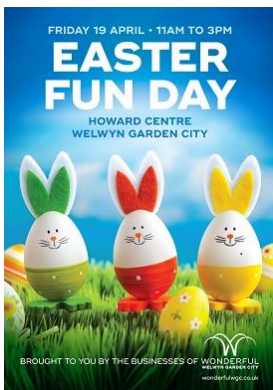
Decorated Eggs

Once again the standard of eggs and the ideas for decoration were incredibly high. A list of the winning entries is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Staffing

We are sorry that Miss Turner will be leaving us at the end of this term and thank her for her valuable work with A5. Mrs Southall will take on the bulk of the Friday sessions with A5 in the summer term.

Easter Fun Day



On Friday 19th April from 11am -3pm in the Howard Centre, there is a free Easter Fun Day taking place. There will be:

- Free Face painting
- Characters and mascots
- Fun photo opportunities
- Fun and games
- Competitions and prize give aways.

PTFA vacancies

Tracey, PTFA co-chair and Natalie, secretary of the PTFA, will both be standing down at the end of the summer term as their children head off to secondary school. This leaves us with vacancies in key roles that we are keen to fill as soon as possible. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to find out more about either of these rewarding positions please contact Jenny or Tracey on chair@wsmpfta.org.uk

Spring Term 2019	
5 th April	Dress down day for PTFA. Term ends at 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2019	
23 rd April	Summer Term commences
25 th April	Year 2 trip to Tate Britain
25 th April	6 pm Year 6 PGL Parents' information session
26 th April	Year 2 Cake Sale for PTFA
6 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
17 th May	Year 1 Cake Sale for PTFA
21 st May	Year 5 Outdoor Activity Day
23 rd May	Welwyn Garden City Music Festival (choirs)
24 th May	Sports Day (KS2 morning, KS1 afternoon)





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27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
3 rd - 5 th June	Year 6 PGL Trip
6 th June	Reserve Sports Day
7 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
w/c 10 th June	PTFA Fathers' Day gift shop
11 th June	Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum
12 th June	Gosling Athletics
13 th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony
14 th June	Year 3 Cake Sale for PTFA
17 th June	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
19 th June	Music Evening
21 st June	PTFA Fun Run
26 th June	Whole School Photograph
28 th June	INSET Day - school closed
2 nd July	Year 1 History Off the Page Seaside Day
5 th July	Reports out to parents
8 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
9 th July	Open Evening
11 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
12 th July	French Day
13 th July	3.30 - 7.30 pm PTFA BBQ
19 th July	Term ends at 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed
	Autumn Term 2019
2 nd September	INSET Day - school closed
3 rd September	Autumn Term commences
28 th October - 1 st November	Half Term Holiday
22 nd November	Occasional Day - school closed
20 th December	Term ends at 1.20 pm
	Spring Term 2020
6 th January	Spring Term commences
17 th - 21 st February	Half Term Holiday
3 rd April	Term ends 1.20 pm





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	Summer Term 2020
20 th April	Summer Term commences
25 th - 29 th May	Half Term Holiday
19 th June	INSET Day - school closed
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
17 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
20 th - 21 st July	INSET Days - school closed

