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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

Air Ambulance Assembly



We were delighted to welcome representatives of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance service to share with us their work. This was very impactful, as can be seen in these reports written by our pupils.

I thought yesterday's Air Ambulance assembly was fabulous as it told us everything we need to know. For example: the crew, the vehicles, medicine etc. It also told us what skills you must have to take part in a life-saving rescue. It explained that no matter how hard things can seem you must always keep trying. It was very inspirational and urged me on to join one of the forces and help people.

Sean, Year 6

Yesterday, the 16th January 2020, part of the Air Ambulance crew came to talk to us about their jobs. They talked to us about how important their job is and how they save lives every day. They told us about the new helicopter that was bought four years ago for £6.5 million! They told us about and showed us all the equipment used on the helicopter and explained who was on the helicopter if there was a real emergency. The helicopter could get to Watford in 12 minutes! We were told that the £6.5 million that was used to buy the helicopter was all fundraised by the public. The assembly was fun and very interesting and we were very lucky that the crew came in to talk to us.

Josie, Year 6

Thank you to those who kindly sent in donations for this valuable charity.





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Indoor Athletics



Welwyn St Mary's indoor athletics team travelled to Stanborough School to compete in this year's family event on Friday 17th January. 26 children took part in a variety of events; some track and some field. A few track results to note. We finished 1st in the girls obstacle relay, boys 2+2 lap relay, both the girls and boys under and over relay and the boys 4 x 1 relay.

After all of the track and field events had finished, Welwyn St Mary's boys team finished 1st and the girls second. Meaning overall, Welwyn St Mary's finished first on 258 points with second place on 254! We now look forward to competing in the District competition later this month.

Meeting with Welwyn Parish Council

The Junior Travel Ambassadors went to meet the Welwyn Parish Council on Monday 20th January. The council are planning to send out leaflets and put them on parked cars in car parks. The leaflets included a questionnaire and a survey of parking in the car parks in the village to assess the amount of parking needed. *Jesse, Millie and Adam, Year 6*

Netball

We are very proud of our netball team who played in a fixture on 22nd January. Despite losing their matches against Brookmans Park and Templewood, the team showed excellent perseverance, positive attitude and determination, improving as the matches went on.

The team was: Jess O, Jess H, Josie, Georgia, Robin, Lucy, Hannah, Bella. Well done to all of you.

Dentist visit



Neel Dentistry visited Year 4 and shared with the children some tips on keeping their teeth and mouths clean and healthy. It was an interesting session with some useful reminders.





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Year 4 Faith Tour



On Wednesday 29th January 2020, Year 4 went on a Faith Tour Trip which was very interesting. All the places that we visited were in Bedfordshire. First we went to a mosque which is where Muslims go to pray. It was really interesting. Our next stop was at a church. We were allowed to look around and find different things. It was different from our church because it was bigger and had a different layout. Finally we went to a gurdwara which is where Sikhs go to pray. We had been learning lots about Sikhism and how they pray. We had lunch there and we all brought a vegetarian lunch. The best part of the trip was seeing the holy book in the gurdwara.

Laura, Year 4

Year 6 RAF Hendon Trip

The Year 6 RAF trip was amazing as we investigated all of the fascinating planes that fought for the allies in World War II. Some of the most recognisable planes we saw were the Spitfire, Avro Lancaster and Hawker Hurricane.

We also had a fabulous workshop where we dressed up and did presentations on inspiring people in World War II.

Overall this brilliant experience was a great way to see how our loyal pilots fought high in the sky for our country.

Sean, Year 6.

Cross country championship

Well done to our team from years 5 and 6 who took part in the Hertfordshire schools' athletics primary school cross country championship on Saturday 1st February. The official results have not yet been announced, so will be shared in the next newsletter.

Class attendance cup

Congratulations to class HT6 who won the January attendance cup.

HT6 98.36%

A4 98.25%





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O4 98.15%
CD1 97.58%
AB5 97.34%

Staff car park

Please allow enough time in the morning to bring your children to school, including the time to park safely and walk in to school. The staff car park must NOT be used by parents at any time due to space constraints.

Name labels

Please can you ensure that all items your child brings in to school are labelled with their name - uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles. Any un-named items are stored in a cabinet at the school office, so please do come and claim any lost property.

Nut-free school

A reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts. Please check the contents of cereal bars where these are often on the ingredients list.

Music Lessons notice

If your child would like to stop music lessons after Easter, please contact the school office by Friday 14th February.

Pancake race

The annual village pancake race takes place on Shrove Tuesday (25th February) after school, starting by the church.

All are welcome to come and cheer on the Welwyn St Mary's staff team. Pupils may also enter. More details to follow.

Nature Reserve tidy up

Mr Anstey is organising a working party to prepare and tidy our lovely nature reserve for spring. This will take place on Saturday 29th February from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. All are welcome, including children, and the event is a lot of fun. Please bring your own tools if possible. The tidy will be postponed if it is raining.

New Reading Well for Children collection in Hertfordshire Libraries

Libraries will launch the Reading Well for Children book collection in the week commencing 3rd February. The 33 titles in the collection cover subjects such as maintaining good mental health, understanding and managing feelings, dealing with worries, dealing with tough times personally and navigating the world around you, including at school, online and in the news.

Visit your library on or after 3rd February to find out more. The full book list is available at www.reading-well.org.uk

Photography Competition

If your child would like to take part in the Welwyn Garden City centenary schools' photography competition, please note that the photograph should fit with the theme of "celebrations" and be taken in the local area. Photographs can be uploaded to: www.wgccsps.co.uk/school The deadline is 17th July, with a prize giving ceremony in November.





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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
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
25 th February	Shrove Tuesday pancake race
26 th February	Year 2 National Gallery trip
29 th February	11am - 1pm Nature Reserve tidy up
5 th March	World Book Day
6 th March	MR class assembly - now moved to 20th March
11 th March	Early evening - Year 5 dance festival at Hawthorne Theatre, Campus West
13 th March	CD1 class assembly
13 th March	3.05 pm PTFA Reception cake sale
16 th to 20 th March	Science Week
18 th March	Key Stage 2 Speakers' Cup
20 th March	MR and LR class assembly - new date for MR
24 th March	AB5 Distractions training
25 th March	MJ5 Distractions training





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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	Years 5 and 6 Sherrardswood cross country event
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
26 th June	3.05 pm PTFA Year 5 cake sale
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	
4 th January	Spring term commences
15 th - 19 th February	Half term holiday





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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

