



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



## Interim Newsletter - May 2019

### Value

Our value for this half term is:

*Friendship*

"Friends are like the walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes you lean on them, but sometimes it's enough to know they're just standing by"

**Anon**

### Sports' Day

Weather permitting, Sports' Day takes place this year on 24<sup>th</sup> May. All parents and carers are invited to come and cheer on the children. Key Stage 2 is in the morning (from 9.30 am), and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon (from 1.30 pm) on the school field. Please check your child has the correct house t-shirt and also a water bottle for those in Key Stage 2.

### Tag Rugby



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Welwyn St Mary's sent a year 5 tag rugby team to the World Cup Tag Rugby Tournament at Stanborough Pavilion. There were 12 schools competing and it was organised by all the PE apprentices working at schools in the area.

The team was: Harry, Jesse, Lucy, Robyn, Poppy, Thomas, Jamie, Zach, Josie and Alfie. Our team was Fiji and we waved our Fijian flag with pride!

We played 6 matches and were undefeated until the semi-final where played Namibia (St Michael's Woolmer Green, who went on to win). Sadly they beat us and we then went on to play for the third place against Scotland (Harwood Hill) which we won. Every member of the team should be really proud of their hard work and commitment during each match. The children never gave up and their attack as well as defending was superb. Mr O'Neill and I were very proud of their enthusiasm and sportsmanship as well.

**Jess Tucker PE Subject Leader**





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Welwyn St Mary's year 4 tennis team travelled to Ridgeway Academy to play in the District finals after winning the previous competition. The team was Arthur, Annelise, Poppy and Riley. Everyone played seven matches and all the scores were added together. After all the games were played, Welwyn St Mary's finished second! Well done to everyone that played and thank you to Ridgeway for hosting the event.

### Year 5 Outdoor Activity Day



On Tuesday 21st May, Year 5 visited Edge Outdoor activity centre near Ware. The children were able to experience a range of activities including (very) high ropes, archery, mountain boarding and air-rifle shooting. Luckily the weather was beautiful! All the children took part to the best of their ability and showed great courage and determination when they were feeling a little out of their comfort zone. Some really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone which was great to see. It was also great to see them encouraging and cheering each other on. It was a pleasure to take them to such a great place and we are proud of them all.

**Year 5 team.**

### Garden Room Mosaics

Thank you to all the children who submitted designs for our new mosaics for the Garden Room. Ideas from these will be used to create the displays in July and we look forward to sharing the finished signs with you. Prize winners will be announced after half term.

### Lunch invoices

As the school office is now cashless and all school lunch payments are made online, we will be moving to a paperless billing system from next half term. We will no longer routinely send home a paper invoice for your child's school meals. Instead, you will receive an email from Parentmail notifying you that you have a new school lunch item to pay for. On receipt of this email, please log in to your Parentmail account to see the





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amount owing for the forthcoming half term. Dinner money bills will be sent out in the last week of each half term and should be paid in full by the first week of the new half term. You will receive two payment reminders from Parentmail. If you require a paper copy of your lunch invoice for your records, please speak with the school office.

### PTFA Cake Sales

Thank you to all who have baked or bought at our PTFA cake sales over the last year. These are a fantastic way to raise funds for school, and any unspent money stays with the children as they move up the school.

Recent purchases include:

MN2 - wet play toys

A5 - reading books

MJ5 - space themed rug

### Key Stage 1 Playground Project



We are very close to achieving our fundraising target for the renovation of the Key Stage 1 playground with new astro-turf and play equipment. Your generous donations to School Fund will be gratefully received, with the aim to carry out this work over the summer holidays. If you are a tax payer, please complete the gift aid form alongside your donation, as this will help to boost the total raised. Thank you.

### Wellbeing and Inclusion Day

Please find attached to this newsletter some information about a Wellbeing and Inclusion Village taking place at Oaklands College in Welwyn Garden City on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We wish to appoint a Teaching Assistant. The position will also include a daily lunchtime duty. The position is initially on a fixed term basis from September 2019 until the end of the summer term 2020. For more information, and details on how to apply, please visit the TeachInHerts website.

<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?keyword=Welwyn%20St%20Mary%27s%20Primary%20School>





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### PTFA Vacancies

Tracey and Jenny, PTFA co-chairs will both be standing down later this year. We are keen to fill these key roles - please see attached letter. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to find out more about these rewarding positions please contact Jenny or Tracey on [chair@wsmtfa.org.uk](mailto:chair@wsmtfa.org.uk)

### Local Job Vacancy

A growing specialist VAT consultancy based in Welwyn needs a bright and efficient administrator to help ease the weight of work. Initially one-day per week under self-employed contract but potential for extending the role and hours into becoming an employee. All of our software and systems are Cloud based so good IT skills are essential, including especially Excel. Current duties would include AML checks, electronic filing, monitoring credit control and amounts due, issuing statements, archive management, purchase invoice input, ad hoc analysis and generally being happy to do anything that might need to happen. We are very flexible around school hours and holidays - the only important thing is for the job to get done. Ideally our new administrator should be happy to have a dog around (the lovely Alfie) and also prepared to take turns making the tea. If you are interested, please send your c.v. to: [catherine.gearing@avsvat.com](mailto:catherine.gearing@avsvat.com)





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	<b>Summer Term 2019</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Welwyn Garden City Music Festival (choirs) 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports' Day (KS2 at 9.30am, KS1 at 1.30pm)
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 PGL Trip
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Fathers' Day gift shop
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosling Athletics
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Cake Sale for PTFA
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 workshop and special assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Evening 6pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council meeting in the staff room - all welcome 2pm
21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTFA Fun Run
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Photograph (only once in 7 years - don't miss it)
28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 Seaside Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6.00 - 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	French Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA BBQ 3.30 - 7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist at St Mary's Church - Year 6 parents welcome 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET Days - school closed</b>





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	<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn Term commences
17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Individual and family photographs</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Occasional Day - school closed</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
	<b>Spring Term 2020</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term commences
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>
	<b>Summer Term 2020</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term commences
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET Days - school closed</b>

