



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



## Newsletter - November 2019

### Value

Our value for this half term is:

### Trust

'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

**Luke 19:17**

"Trust takes year to build, seconds to break"

**Anon**

### Key Stage 1 Playground Official Opening



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November we opened our brand new Key Stage 1 playground officially. The playground, financed by a generous grant from Welwyn Hatfield Community Fund, together with money raised by the PTFA, School Fund and School Council, will provide much needed new outdoor learning and play facilities for children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS.

Jenny Wylie (PTFA Chair) and Evelyn Welch (Governor and School Fund representative) cut the ribbon to open the new playground officially. Also in attendance were Cllr. Terry Mitchinson, Stephanie Rogers (Wicksteed - providers of the play equipment) and Cherie, Emily and Chris from Welwyn Hatfield Community Fund.

All our younger children will benefit from this installation and their fitness will improve. We are extremely grateful to all those who made this possible.

### Open Day

We were delighted to welcome 69 families at our Open Morning. School looked lovely and Year 6 were excellent tour guides. Thank you to our amazing PTFA for providing refreshments.





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### Reception Places 2020

The window for applications is now open and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

### Table Tennis



Eight of our year 6 children took part in an individual, knock-out style table tennis competition at Monks' Walk School. They all played very well, and we will now take part in the district competition at Ridgeway Academy later this month. Congratulations to Jamie for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sean 3<sup>rd</sup> for the boys' competition, and to Poppy who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the girls' competition.

### Class Attendance Trophy

Well done to class BC3 who won the attendance trophy for October with 98.98%.

BC3	98.98%
HT6	98.09%
CD1	97.89%
A4	97.72%
MS3	97.96%

### Our Values

From next month, we will be sending out a Values Adventure sheet to use at home, with ideas about how to discuss our current value of trust.

Another new thing values related is for children to make a 'Values Creation' at home based on the current value. 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 29th November. Small prizes are available. Good luck.

### Art Collection

Following a successful bid, we are really lucky to have been gifted a large number of original art works from the County Art Collection. Hertfordshire's art collection was large and varied and was accessed across the county through the library service. Sadly, it was suspended some years ago due to budget constraints.

During the course of 2019 County have sold the most valuable items at auction. The remaining artefacts have been distributed to requesting schools. We are currently compiling a catalogue of the pieces we hold and hope to make them available for loan to our closest neighbouring schools in a similar way to the original loans service. We are really pleased to have this resource available to our pupils as a source of inspiration and enjoyment.





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### Tanzania



We are delighted to share this picture of some of the children supported by the Walser's Tanzania Charity receiving some of the toys and gifts so generously donated by children at Welwyn St Mary's. Please continue to bring in any small, good quality items - each class has a collection box.

### Year 3 assembly

Very well done to all our Year 3 pupils for their thought provoking assembly on Remembrance. They shared so much learning and really reminded us of how grateful we should be. It was lovely to see how they linked local history in from their own research.

### 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)  
Once you have registered your child, please speak to the school office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.






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### Diary Dates

<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 trip to Welwyn Roman Baths
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Occasional day - school closed</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	 <b>PTFA Christmas Fair</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm and 6 pm Key Stage 1 Christmas production
5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am Key Stage 1 Christmas production
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime visit - Beauty and the Beast (Gordon Craig)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas production
12 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas production
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm Choir Christmas Concert in church - refreshments from 5.45 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm Reception Nativity
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church - <b>attendance compulsory</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
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 swimming begins
24 <sup>th</sup> January	3.05 pm PTFA year 6 cake sale
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Faith Tour
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Greek Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.05 pm PTFA year 4 cake sale
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half term holiday</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 National Gallery trip
13 <sup>th</sup> March	3.05 pm PTFA Reception cake sale
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
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Fire of London day





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24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.05 pm PTFA year 2 cake sale
8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	3.05 pm PTFA year 1 cake sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports Day
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half term holiday</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip
12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.05 pm PTFA year 3 cake sale
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Verulamium Museum trip
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Kew Gardens trip
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>
<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn term commences
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