



Value

Our value for this half term is: Trust
"Trust is the most valuable thing you will ever earn."
(Anon)

End of Term

A reminder that term ends on Tuesday 19th December at **1.20pm**, and After School Club closes at **4.15pm**.

Christmas Fair Result

The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £3,920. This money will be used to support projects at school which will benefit all of our pupils. Thank you once again for your generosity. The next big project is to develop a garden with benches for Key Stage 2. This will be in conjunction with School Fund. Please see below.

Key Stage 2 Production

The Key Stage 2 production of "Aladdin Trouble" was a great success. Well done to all children for learning their lines and dances so well. Thank you to the staff team who helped to put this all together, and particularly to Miss O'Keeffe to leading the production.

Reception Production

Reception performed "Humph the Camel" to a delighted audience of family and friends. Well done to all of our children for practising so hard to give us such an enjoyable show. It was amazing to think that most of you are still only four years old.

Year 5 and 6 Carol Service

This was one of the very best we have done. It is hard to know how all the readers managed to learn their lines. Congratulations to them all for that and for the high quality of their spoken word. The singing was excellent too, plus the lovely acting brought the important Christmas story to life.

Our Choir

Our choir, and chamber choir, have surpassed themselves by singing in no fewer than eight public performances this Christmas. They are in great demand because their standard really is so high. We are very proud of them and their immaculate manners when out of school. Thank you choir and Mrs Harrison x 100.



We wish all our families a very happy Christmas and successful 2018

Our chamber choir singing at John Lewis on 14th December.



Beat SCAD

Beat SCAD was our chosen charity for the retiring collections at our Christmas productions. Beat SCAD supports research into Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection - a rare form of heart attack, which Mrs Sivell suffered from last year. We are delighted to report that your donations totalled: £1,218.88. For more information about the charity, please visit their website: www.beatscad.org.uk

Table tennis county champions

Many congratulations to Jonathan, Ethan, James and Jamie for becoming the U11 boys county table tennis champions. It is now official that they are the best team in Hertfordshire. This is a great honour and very well deserved as they have practised hard and used their skill. It was a nail biting final with Welwyn St Mary's beating Edge Grove by one point! All goes to show that every point counts. Welwyn St Mary's boys have now been county champions for the last three successive years. So thank you PTFA for the table tennis tables in the playground. They have really paid off!

School Fund

We are grateful to School Fund for their intention to work alongside the PTFA to develop the KS2 playground area to give us more space to use in winter months by developing a garden with benches. School fund is a quick and easy way to contribute to school either through a one-off donation, or by regular giving. See attached donation form.

Road Safety Petition

A reminder please to sign our petition to the County Council asking them to introduce traffic calming measures on London Road. This is available at the school office, or please return the slip from the letter in your child's book bag.

Parking



Please park considerately in and around the school grounds, observing the road markings. This is for the safety of all our children, and to maintain emergency access.



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to class AT2 who won the class attendance award for November.

AT2	98.33%
MS4	97.62%
M1	97.62%
MR	97.31%
GB3	96.31%

Clubs and Music Lessons

All clubs and music lessons will re-commence from Monday 8th January.

Special Menu - 18th January 2018

Herts Catering are putting on a special menu on 18th January. This is a great opportunity to try school dinners for those who currently bring in a packed lunch. The menu choice is: Kentucky Baked Chicken Burger or Spicy Bean Burger - both served with potato wedges, corn on the cob and coleslaw, plus ice cream factory for dessert.

All children in Key Stage 1 will be provided with a meal on this day, free of charge, whether or not they usually bring a packed lunch.

Children in Key Stage 2 who normally have a school dinner will automatically be included.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and normally has a packed lunch but would like to try a school dinner on this day, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and send payment of £2.40 to the school office by 8th January.

Reception Places 2018

The window for applications is now open and closes on 15th January 2018. 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

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.



Autumn Term 2017	
19 th Dec	Term ends 1.20 pm
Spring Term 2018	
3 rd Jan	Spring Term commences
8 th Jan	Clubs and Music Lessons start
10 th Jan	Year 4 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00 pm
17 th Jan	Year 5 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00 pm
24 th Jan	Year 6 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00 pm
26 th Jan	Year 6 Cake Sale
6 th Feb	Year 3 Greek Day
12 th - 16 th Feb	Half Term Holiday
23 rd Feb	Year 4 Cake Sale
5 th - 11 th Mar	Mothers' Day Gift Shop
9 th Mar	Y6 K'Nex challenge
21 st Mar	Key Stage 1 Easter Egg Hunt
22 nd Mar	Easter Church Service
23 rd Mar	Reception Cake Sale
26 th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Easter Disco
29 th Mar	Dress Down day
29 th Mar	Term ends 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2018	
16 th Apr	Summer Term commences
27 th Apr	Year 2 Cake Sale
7 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
18 th May	Year 1 Cake Sale
23 rd May	Class Photographs
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th -6 th June	Year 6 at PGL
12 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
15 th June	Fun Run
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
25 th June	INSET Day - school closed
9 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco



12 th July	Secondary transfer day
19 th July	Leavers' Eucharist
20 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
23 rd July	Occasional Day - school closed
24 th - 27 th July	Occasional Days - school closed
Autumn Term 2018	
3 rd Sept	INSET DAY
4 th Sept	Autumn Term commences
29 th Oct - 2 nd Nov	Half Term Holiday
23 rd Nov	Occasional Day - school closed
21 st Dec	Term ends 1.20 pm
Spring Term 2019	
7 th Jan	Spring Term commences
18 th - 22 nd Feb	Half Term Holiday
5 th Apr	Term ends 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2019	
23 rd Apr	Summer Term commences
27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
28 th Jun	INSET Day - school closed
19 th Jul	Term ends 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed