

Value

Our value for this half term is Forgiveness
"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."
Colossians 3.13

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Miss Ireton (in A2) and Ms Donnelly (in H3) who join Miss Oliver (in GB3) as placement teachers. We hope they will be very happy with us.

Entrance Doors

Our new doors within the school reception area have now been installed. This means that access to the school building will be restricted to those holding a valid pass card. This will increase the safety and security for all those in the school building.

Athletics Success



Our boys' team won the area final of the indoor athletics competition, and are now through to the county finals. Well done boys!

Road Safety Competition Winners



The Welwyn St Mary's team won the Road Safety Competition. Congratulations to Brandon, Christopher, Samuel, Joseph and Harmone.

Growing Up Online Workshop

We have booked a training session "Growing Up Online", to which all parents are invited, at 1.30pm on Wednesday 1st March. Please return your slips (see attached letter) so that we can confirm numbers.

Tesco Grant

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Bags of Help

We are delighted to announce that we have been chosen as one of the charities to be supported through the Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme. The money will be used towards the renovation of our Nature Reserve and running a Forest School. Please vote for us when shopping at Tesco during March and April.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme sees three community groups and projects in each of around 200 Tesco regions awarded grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag charge.

www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

Chinese Dance Workshop



On Monday, 23rd January 2017 Years 3 and 4 had a surprise! Alexandra from the Education Group came to St Marys to tell us about Chinese New Year and to teach us a special dance. Each class was treated to a thirty minute workshop.

In our session, we began by learning some Chinese style movements. We then put our movements to a special Chinese song. Later, we had to split up into different corners of the room to decide which line we would be in. Having put us into rows, the dance lady then started to teach us a variety of sharp and flowing moves. When we had learnt the whole dance, we then had to line up to create a Chinese dragon. One of us had the head of the Chinese dragon and there was fabric to cover up the rest of us. A few of us also had umbrellas to create the tail of the dragon. We moved around the room pretending to move like the Chinese dragon would have done.

If you like dancing you would have enjoyed this surprise a lot. Even if you have never danced before you would still have enjoyed learning to dance in a Chinese style, especially being a Chinese dragon. We would like to say thank you the teachers for organising this special surprise for us.

Jamie and Coral GB3

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races

A reminder that a series of team relay races will take place in Codicote Road, between St Mary's Church and the Wellington on 28th February at 4pm (teams to register at 3.45 pm). There will be races for children and adults. Do come along to support or partake.

SMART Production

SMART will be performing their latest exciting production of Noah's Ark. Look out for posters with further information on how to buy your tickets. Performances are on Thursday 23rd March at 7pm, Friday 24th March at 7pm and Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please start collecting these vouchers if you shop at Sainsbury's which we can use towards purchasing new P.E. equipment. Children can bring them in to school and place in the collection box.

Term Dates: 2016-17	
Spring Term 2017	
23 rd Feb	Football/Netball Fixtures Night
24 th Feb	Year 4 Cake Sale
28 th Feb	Year 5 William Morris Gallery Visit
28 th Feb	4pm Pancake Race - Codicote Road
1 st Mar	esafety Workshop for Parents
2 nd Mar	World Book Day
6 th Mar	Drumming Workshop
8 th Mar	Cross Country at Sherrardswood
9 th Mar	Y2 National Gallery Trip
15 th Mar	Year 5 Dance Festival at Campus West
16 th Mar	Football/Netball Fixtures Night
17 th Mar	JT5 Class Assembly
17 th Mar	PTFA Quiz Night
20 th - 24 th Mar	PTFA Mothers' Day Gift Shop
21 st Mar	Boys' Indoor Athletics County Final
23 rd - 25 th Mar	SMART Production
24 th Mar	Year 4 Football at Monk's Walk
24 th Mar	Reception Cake Sale
27 th Mar	Years 3 and 4 PTFA Easter Disco
28 th Mar	Year 1 Visit to St Albans Abbey
28 th Mar	Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
29 th Mar	KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

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29 th Mar	District Football at Monk's Walk
30 th Mar	9.30 am Easter service in church
31 st Mar	Dress Down Day. Term ends 1.30 pm
Summer Term 2017	
18 th Apr	Summer Term commences
20 th Apr	Year 4 Verulamium Museum
26 th Apr	Year 2 Great Fire of London
1 st May	Bank Holiday - school closed
3 rd May	KS1 Gymnastics Competition
5 th May	Year 2 Cake Sale
12 th May	PTFA Indulgence Evening
17 th May	Year 6 Globe Theatre
29 th May - 2 nd Jun	Half Term Holiday
9 th Jun	Year 1 Cake Sale
12 th - 16 th Jun	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
16 th Jun	Reception Standalone Farm
16 th Jun	PTFA Fun Run
28 th Jun	Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip
30 th Jun	INSET day - school closed
3 rd July	INSET day - school closed
8 th July	PTFA end of year family barbecue
10 th July	Leavers' Disco
20 th July	9.30 am Leavers' Eucharist in church
21 st July	Term ends 1.30 pm
24 th July	Occasional day - school closed
Term Dates: 2017-18	
Autumn Term 2017	
30 th Aug	INSET Day - school closed
31 st Aug	INSET Day - school closed
1 st Sept	INSET Day - school closed
4 th Sept	Autumn Term commences
23 rd - 27 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
17 th Nov	INSET Day - school closed
19 th Dec	Term ends 1.30 pm

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	Spring Term 2018
3 rd Jan	Spring Term commences
12 th - 16 th Feb	Half Term Holiday
29 th Mar	Term ends 1.30 pm
	Summer Term 2018
16 th Apr	Summer Term commences
7 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
25 th June	INSET Day - school closed
12 th July	Secondary transfer day
20 th July	Term ends 1.30 pm
23 rd July	INSET Day - school closed
24 th - 27 th July	Occasional days - school closed