

Value

Our value for this half term is:

Perseverance

When the world says, "Give up", Hope whispers, "Try it one more time." *Anon*

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone and we wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2018.

Thank you

A big thank you to Jane Coates and Katie Mitchell who created our beautiful advent wreaths which we enjoyed throughout December and helped us to focus our prayers as we prepared for Christmas.

Holidays in term time

Please make sure you know our exact dates when booking holidays and flights. It is detrimental to a child's progress to miss the beginning of term. New topics are started and new work begun. We are not able to repeat these sessions so your child will simply miss out. Please bear this in mind.

Height and Weight Checks

Year 6 height and weight checks will take place on Friday 12th January. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please advise the school office in writing.

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.

Coming in to School

It is vitally important that we are aware who is in school at all times. If you need to come in to school for any reason, for example to check a cloakroom for missing items, please ensure that you enter through the school office and sign in. Please do **not** come in via classroom doors or use the children's exits.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to class CD1 for winning the December attendance cup with 97.8%. AT2 were runners up with 96.9%.

In addition, we were delighted to award 80 certificates to those children who achieved 100% attendance, and no late arrivals during the autumn term. The classes with the most certificates awarded were: AT2, CD1, C3 and A5. Well done to all.

Recycling for Medic to Medic

We continue to re-cycle to raise funds for Medic to Medic. This is a great charity based in Malawi where British doctors support local doctors in their training.

Items to collect are:

used pens (felt tips or biros)

old phones

old cds

spray nozzles from liquid soaps/detergents (please rinse first)

There is a specific re-cycling station near the school office. Thanks to Green Group and Magnus in MN5 for organising all this. It is excellent to re-cycle and to be able to help others at the same time.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Tennis

Congratulations to Ahrin and Laurie who took part in a tennis league tournament last term, playing for the Welwyn Tennis Club Under 8s team - the Welwyn Wanderers Red. The team won the league, winning 54 out of the 80 rubbers. A fantastic achievement - well done.

Golfing Success



We are pleased to be able to congratulate one of our budding golfers on his wins this year. Joshua is pictured here showing his medal and trophy. The medal represents two wins in the monthly intermediate Stableford competitions where Joshua shot 5 under his handicap, reducing it from 36 to 30. The trophy was the prize for winning the intermediate Autumn Cup and means that Joshua has the honour of having his name posted on the clubhouse board.

Well done, Joshua! Keep up the good work!

Instrumental Lessons

We have opportunities for children wishing to learn woodwind (flute, saxophone and clarinet) or brass instruments. Contact the school office for more information.

A reminder that the charges for instrumental lessons are for 33 lessons across the whole year split into 3 termly payments of 11 lessons each. Pupils may receive more or less than the 11 lessons per term depending on the length of each term but in total this will equate to 33 lessons for the year.

Orchestra

If your child learns an orchestral instrument outside of school they are invited to join the school orchestra run by Mrs Lee on a Monday morning at 10 am.

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.

Reception Places 2018

The window for applications 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.

Spring Term 2018	
10 th Jan	Year 4 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00 pm
12 th Jan	Year 6 height and weight checks
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