

Value

Our value for this half term is Forgiveness

"When you forgive you don't change the past, but you do change the future."

Bernard Meltzer

World Book Day



Well done to all pupils and staff for their wonderful costumes worn to school on 2nd March to mark World Book Day.

Easter Egg Competition

Children are invited to enter our Decorated Egg Competition. Use either a hard boiled or blown egg and decorate it in a unique way. Prizes will be awarded for each year group and for an adult section too. Judges will be looking for creativity and imagination. Accessories may be used. Please bring all entries to the collection point outside class MG5 on Monday 27th March and complete an entry form on arrival giving your name, year group and the name of your egg. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 29th March and the entries will be sent back home on 30th March. We look forward to seeing your creations.

School Meals

Please could we remind parents that, unless children attend two clubs in a single lunchtime, it is not possible to "mix and match" between school dinners and packed lunches. Children must either have a school meal every day or a packed lunch every day. We thank you for your cooperation.

Lost Property

There are a number of items in the lost property box in the school office, such as glasses, watches, earrings, purses and even car keys. Please come to the office before the end of term if you think you may have lost something.

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.

Tesco Grant

TESCO

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. Just put your token in "our" box, which is the one on the right in the Welwyn Village Tesco.

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

SMART Production

SMART will be performing their latest exciting production, 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 keep 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.

Breakfast Club Assistant Vacancy

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic and reliable breakfast club assistant. The successful applicant will work as part of our team following our policies and philosophy, providing a nourishing breakfast and good start to the day for our children. The position starts on 18th April, 8 - 8:45 am Monday to Friday, term time only. Welwyn St Mary's Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and therefore the successful applicant will be subject to suitable references, medical and DBS checks in accordance with Herts County Council guidelines.

For more information, and to apply, please visit www.teachinherts.com

Term Dates: 2016-17	
	Spring Term 2017
9 th Mar	Netball competition
9 th Mar	Y2 National Gallery Trip
10 th Mar	11 am and 2.45 pm A2 class assembly
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	Cross Country at Sherrardswood
27 th Mar	Years 3 and 4 PTFA Easter Disco
28 th Mar	Year 1 Visit to St Albans Abbey
28 th Mar	Year 5 William Morris Gallery Visit
28 th Mar	Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
29 th Mar	KS1 Easter Egg Hunt
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
19 th Apr	Year 4 tennis competition
20 th Apr	Year 4 Verulamium Museum
24 th Apr	Year 4 cricket coaching starts
26 th Apr	High 5 netball competition - Stanborough School
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
8 th -12 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week
10 th May	Quicksticks competition
11 th May	Year 4 tennis competition
12 th May	PTFA Indulgence Evening
17 th May	TAP event
17 th May	Year 6 Globe Theatre
24 th May	Year 5 Handball festival
25 th May	Quicksticks final Welwyn Garden City Choral Festival - Campus West

29 th May - 2 nd Jun	Half Term Holiday
7 th -9 th June	Year 6 PGL residential trip
8 th June	Year 4 trigolf tournament
9 th Jun	Year 1 Cake Sale
12 th - 16 th Jun	Top up swimming week
12 th - 16 th Jun	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
14 th Jun	Gosling athletics
15 th Jun	Music Evening
15 th Jun	Cricket tournament
16 th Jun	Reception Standalone Farm
16 th Jun	PTFA Fun Run
17 th Jun	10.30 am Choir sing in church for Welwyn Festival
21 st Jun	Swimming gala
23 rd Jun	French Day
28 th Jun	Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip
28 th Jun	6 pm Choir concert in church
30 th Jun	INSET day - school closed
3 rd July	INSET day - school closed
6 th July	Sports Day
7 th July	Year 4 Commonwealth Games event
8 th July	PTFA end of year family barbecue
10 th July	Leavers' Disco
12 th July	7-side netball tournament
13 th July	Budge Up day
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
20 th July	9.30 am Leavers' Eucharist in church Year 6 Leavers Production
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
	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