

Value

Our value for this half term is: *Service.*
"You are what you do, not what you say you will do."
C.G. Jung

Staffing

We are writing to let you know the new staffing arrangements in place from Monday, following our farewells to Mrs Pace and Mrs Ottaway.

Miss Bryant is breakfast club leader

Mrs Lansberry is senior midday supervisor

Miss Ippolito is after school club leader

Mrs Jackson is teaching assistant in GB3 until the end of term

Mrs Soppett-Moss is teaching assistant in C3 until the end of term.

We wish them well in their new positions.

Music Mark



We are delighted to announce that Welwyn St Mary's Primary School have been awarded prestigious membership of Music Mark. This is in recognition of our outstanding dedication to delivering high quality music education for all in a broad and balanced curriculum.

Plus over 100 pupils are learning a musical instrument. Standards are very high thanks to the dedication of instrumental teachers and the dynamic leadership of Emma Harrison who leads the music teaching in the school.

Our choirs perform regularly in public including at least two charity concerts per year, supporting local and national causes. For more information about joining the Community Choir, please contact the school office.

Drop-off zone

A reminder to parents that the drop-off zone is for Key Stage 2 children only. Recently, a car with number plate **AJ15 HWR** has parked here to take children in to Key Stage 1. This has led to a queue of traffic back to London Road, and made other pupils late for school.

Please do not use the school drive to gain access to the Ottway Walk carpark. We appreciate that this makes it easier to turn in, but it is increasing the volume of traffic close to the school, and a number of cars are travelling at speed as they do this, putting our families at risk.

Garden Room

We are pleased to confirm that work to extend the Garden Room will begin on Tuesday 1st May. This will give us welcome additional space for Breakfast and After School Club, packed lunches and art and craft activities. Regular updates will follow once the project is underway. Contractors will be on site during term time but the area will be safely fenced off so no pupils can access. All contractors will be DBS checked. Key Stage 2 parents please take additional care on the slip road as there will be a skip and building materials in some of the parking spaces. Thank you.

Football Festival



Well done to the year 6 girls who represented Welwyn St Mary's at the football festival at the University of Hertfordshire on 20th April.

Thank you to APEX for organising such a fantastic opportunity for the girls of Welwyn and Hatfield to take part in competitive sport. Our team played four games; drawing one and winning the other three. They played some amazing football and showed great team spirit.

Tennis Success

Congratulations to Ethan E who represented Hertfordshire at the table tennis national schools finals. He won all 4 matches in his group and progressed through to the knock-out rounds. The next match he won 3-0 so meant that he was through to the quarterfinals. Here he was up against the 2nd seed in the competition who is also ranked number 2 in England in their age group. He put up a valiant battle but ended up losing 3-1.

Overall he finished in the top 8 of the 43 entrants from all counties in England - an excellent achievement.

Parent Council

Parent Council is meeting on 1st May at 2.15pm and 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

GDPR

We will be issuing requests for permission to use your contact details going forward, following the changes in GDPR that come into effect from 25th May. It is **essential** that you reply to any requests in order for us to keep our records up to date, and so that you can receive information and updates from the school. Thank you for your assistance.

WhatsApp Age Limit

Please may we draw your attention to the fact that WhatsApp is raising it age limit from 13 to 16 years old. No pupils at Welwyn St Mary's should be using WhatsApp.

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.

PTFA

Bags2School

Please return your donations of clothes, shoes and soft toys to school by the end of school on Wednesday 2nd May as they are being collected early on Thursday 3rd May.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Welwyn St Mary's PTFA Summer BBQ takes place on **Saturday 14th July 4-8pm**

There will be:

Glitter Box face painting, traditional rides and games, refreshments and butcher's fayre for a barbecue feast. Look out for the flyers coming soon with more exciting details.....

Costume Library

The PTFA has a good stock of costumes to hire for use on school themed days.

Visit the school website and go to 'PTFA Costume Library' (<http://welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk/parents/ptfa/costume-library/>) which has great photographs of all the costumes available. The costume library is run by Sinead Thorpe (sin.thorpe@gmail.com) - please contact her for further information or to hire!

Summer Term 2018	
1 st May	2.15pm and 7pm Parent Council meetings
7 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
14 th - 18 th May	SATS week
18 th May	Sports' Day Practice
18 th May	Year 1 Cake Sale
23 rd May	Class Photographs
24 th May	Sports' Day (Key Stage 2 morning, Key Stage 1 afternoon)
25 th May	Reserve Sports' Day
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th - 6 th June	Year 6 at PGL
w/c 11 th June	PTFA Father's Day Gift Shop
12 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
13 th June	Year 6 Athletics at Gosling
14 th June	Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony
14 th June	Music Evening
15 th June	Fun Run
18 th June	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
20 th June	Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
25 th June	INSET Day - school closed
27 th June	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
2 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
12 th July	Secondary transfer day
14 th July	PTFA BBQ 4 - 8 pm
19 th July	Leavers' Eucharist
20 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
23 rd - 27 th July	Occasional Days - school closed
Autumn Term 2018	
3 rd Sept	INSET DAY
4 th Sept	Autumn Term commences
2 nd Oct	Harvest Festival
29 th Oct - 2 nd Nov	Half Term Holiday
23 rd Nov	Occasional Day - school closed

18 th Dec	Key Stage 1 Pantomime visit - Pinocchio
19 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Pantomime visit - Pinocchio
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
2 nd Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
19 th Jul	Term ends 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed