



## Value

Our value for this half term is: Trust  
"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."  
Corrie Ten Boom

## PTFA Fireworks

There are still tickets available for the PTFA fireworks event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Advance tickets are available at £5 each, or there will be some to purchase on the night at £6. Please return your order form to school via your child's book bag. Ticket requests received prior to Wednesday morning will be emailed out to the address provided on the order form, ticket requests received after Wednesday morning will be on a list on the door. Don't worry if you don't receive your tickets in advance, we have your details on the door and you will be allowed in

Firework Code - Please go through this with your family.

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light all fireworks at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors

## Staffing

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Williams who joins our office team and Ms Lowne who joins our teaching assistant team and midday supervisory teams. Mrs Williams will be dealing with lunches, attendance and our Breakfast and After School Club bookings. Welcome to them both.

## Mrs Rogers

We wish Mrs Rogers, TA in M1, a full and speedy recovery from her knee injury.

## New Pupils

We warmly welcome new children Theodore, Anaiah, Caitlin and Louella to Welwyn St Mary's. Welcome to you all and your families.

## Building and improvement work

We are delighted with further improvements in school completed over the half term holiday:

- new carpet for HT6
- lighting back to full capacity for the dining room
- upgraded toilets for AT2
- upgraded boiler for HT6



We have also just begun our final phase in our internet upgrade with new wiring to aid faster and universal wifi access across the school. Then in November we will begin to replace all the windows in the dining room corridor as per O5. Thank you Mr Stockton for organising all this.

### CD1 Assembly

Well done to class CD1 for their wonderful assembly all about Noah's Ark. Thank you children for all your hard work in remembering your lines, and to parents for your support both in practicing at home, and by coming along to watch. A big thank you to Mrs Crofts, Mrs Dunstan and Mrs Porter for all their preparations.

### Poppy Appeal

We are selling poppies in school from now on and suggest a minimum donation of 50p in aid of the Royal British Legion.

As in other years we will be holding a two minute silence in school at 11.00 am. This year it will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### Year 6 Football B Team

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October the Welwyn St Mary's girls' B Team went to Monk's Walk School to play in a football tournament. The team was: Mimi, Molly, Ellie, Amelie, Jessica, Anneliese, Sarah and Tilly. Our first match was against Oaklands School and we drew 0-0. Our second match was against Applecroft School and we won 1-0. Finally we played against Oaklands' second team, and sadly lost 1-0. We would like to thank Mr O'Neill and Mrs Tucker for taking us and cheering us on. We had a great time.  
Molly J.

### Christingle Service and Collection Boxes

This year's Christingle Service is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in St Mary's Church at 3.30 pm in support of the Children's Society. All families welcome. Children will be bringing home a Christingle "candle" collecting box and we hope they will fill it with coins to support this worthy cause. The "candle" can be either taken to church to receive a Christingle or brought into school.

### WH Times Target Stamps

Please look out for Target Stamps in the Welwyn Hatfield Times and bring them in to school via your child's school book bag, or in an envelope through the Office Letterbox (near M54). We can collect these and then exchange them with the WH Times to purchase resources for the school. This is an ongoing scheme, with no end date.

### Occasional Day

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November for an Occasional day.

### Warm Clothing for P.E.

During the winter months, please ensure all children have warm clothes (black tracksuit bottom and a warm top) to wear during outdoor P.E. sessions. A small P.E. kit bag is requested, as peg space is limited. KS2 children also need a carrier bag for their trainers.



## 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) Once you have registered your child, please speak to the School Office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

<b>Term Dates: 2017-18</b>	
	<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	U11 Boys and Girls Table Tennis Competition at Sir Frederic Osborn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bags2School, and PTFA fireworks
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 cake sale
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Angela Bonner portraits
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress down day - donations for the Christmas Fair
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Occasional Day - school closed</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	KS2 Gifted and Talented Badminton at Stanborough
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fair
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1.30pm and 6.00pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 9.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 1 and Reception Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Production 9.30am <b>PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community Concert - St John's Digswell. Choir performing
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school Christmas service in church
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 5 and 6 Carol service in church. Attendance compulsory please.
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>



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