

Value

Our value for this half term is: Trust
"Trust takes years to build, seconds to break."
(Anon)

Assistant Head Post

We are delighted to announce that Mr Ashman and Mrs Harrison have taken on the role of Assistant Head previously held by Miss Grant. We wish them every success.

Dress Down Day

We are holding a dress down day on Thursday 16th November. Children are invited to wear their own clothes, in exchange for a donation to the PTFA Christmas Fair.

Occasional Day - school closed

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 17th November for an Occasional Day.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Monday 18th December. This is also available to all children who are currently having a packed lunch who wish to join in. If your child would like to have Christmas lunch please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office with payment of £2.40 by Friday 24th November. Cheques should be made payable to HCL please. Those children already having school lunches will automatically be included and there is no need to send further payment. If your child is in Key Stage 1, currently has packed lunches and would like a Christmas lunch, please return the form, no payment is required.

PTFA Fireworks and Quiz Night

Thank you to our PTFA for two wonderful events this month - Fireworks and Quiz Night. Both events were well attended and a good time was had by everyone who came along. Thank you to our PTFA for all your work in planning and organising these evenings.

Year 5 and 6 Carol Service.

This Carol Service will take place at 6.00 pm on Thursday 14th December at St Mary's Church. Attendance is compulsory for all years 5 and 6 children. This is always a very special service and year 5 and 6 parents are warmly invited to attend. Tickets will be issued shortly.

Hockey Club

Hockey club has now finished for the year, but has been a great success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thank you to Mrs Hutchinson for running this.

Art Competition

Thank you to Ms McKenna organised a super art competition across the school. First place Solveig, second Emma G and third Ellie W. Congratulations to all who took part - the standard was very high.

Table Tennis Tournament

On 1st November Welwyn St Mary's boys' 1st team went to Sir Frederic Osborn School to play in a table tennis competition. The team was James S, Jonathan C, Ethan E and Jamie F. Our first match was against

Welwyn St Mary's 2nd team. Ethan, Jonathan and James won their matches but sadly Jamie lost to Charlie. From there onwards we won all of our matches. At the end of the tournament we all came to sit down and they announced that Welwyn St Mary's 1st team came first. We would like to thank Mr O'Neill for training us and the parents for taking us.

Basketball District Tournament

On Wednesday 8th November the basketball team went to Stanborough School to compete in the district tournament. The team was Jonathan C, Emilie W, Ethan E, Ellie L, James S and Lillia S. We did a short warm up as soon as we arrived, then we were off for the first game. Our first match was against Oaklands. They were a great team and sadly we lost. Then we played Watchlytes and we won. After that we played Oak View who were a great team, but we managed to win. Then we played Green Lanes who sadly beat us. We were then up against Applecroft and we won. We then played Commonswood and we won. All of our games were over and it was time for the results. We came third out of seven schools. We would like to thank the parents for taking us and Mr O'Neill for cheering us on.

Ellie L and Lillia A.

Harvest Appeal

The school's contribution to Seeds for Development from our harvest service in church was a brilliant £674. Thank you to all who made a donation - this will make a big difference to the work of this charity in Uganda. Please see the attached letter.

Charity Cake Sales

We have had two cake sales in aid of Cancer Research UK over the last two weeks. K Club plus a group of children from year 6 organised these, and raised a grand total of £237.50 which has been passed across to the charity. Well done for all your hard work in preparing and running these sales, and thank you to parents for supporting them by buying the delicious cakes.

Christingle Service and Collection Boxes

This year's Christingle Service is on Sunday 10th 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.

Music Lesson Opportunities

Would your child be interested in playing the violin, flute or saxophone? We have a few opportunities for children to learn new instruments, violin lessons are offered to children in year 2 and above, flute and saxophone lessons are available to those in years 4, 5 and 6. If your child would be interested in any of these lessons please contact the school office for more details. Trial lessons are available to those interested.

Reception Places 2017

The window for applications is now open and 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.

Autumn Term 2017	
16 th Nov	Dress down day - donations for the Christmas Fair
17 th Nov	Occasional Day - school closed
23 rd Nov	KS2 Gifted and Talented Badminton at Stanborough
25 th Nov	 Christmas Fair 1.00-4.00pm
29 th Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm
30 th Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 9.30 am
6 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm
7 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00 pm
7 th Dec	Key Stage 1 and Reception Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
8 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
10 th Dec	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 3.30 pm
11 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Disco
12 th Dec	Reception Production 1.30pm
13 th Dec	Community Concert - St John's Digswell. Choir performing
14 th Dec	Whole school Christmas service in church
14 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Carol service in church 6.00 pm. Attendance compulsory please.
18 th Dec	Christmas lunch
19 th Dec	Term ends 1.20 pm
Spring Term 2018	
3 rd Jan	Spring Term commences
10 th Jan	Year 4 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00 pm
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



Christmas Lunch - Monday 18th December 2017



- Available to all children who are currently on packed lunches who wish to join in (**those on school lunches will automatically be included**). You do not need to return this form or a payment if your child normally has a school lunch.
- If your child is in Key Stage 1 and currently has packed lunches and would like a Christmas lunch, please return the form but no payment is required.

Child/ren's name/s: Class/es:

I would like my child/ren to have Christmas lunch and enclose £2.40 (per child) to cover the cost. (Cheques payable to HCL please). Please send in payment before **24th November 2017**

Signed: Date: