



Value

Our value for this half term is:

Thankfulness

"Write your troubles in the sand, but carve your blessings in stone." - Anon.

Staffing

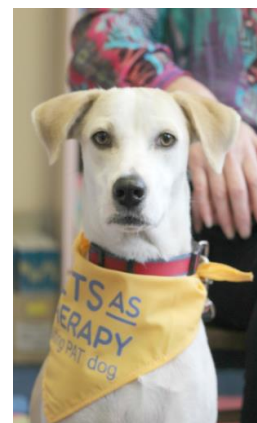
We are delighted to say that Mrs Sivell has returned to work and rejoice in her recovery.

Thank you to School Fund

A very big thank you to our School Fund for donating the money for our new Key Stage 2 playtime boxes. They were launched in the sunshine and have been a great success.

Lola our Reading Dog

Last week the children met Lola in assembly. Lola is fully qualified with bronze, silver and gold from the Kennel club and is also qualified as a member of Pets for Therapy. She will be joining us once a week to hear readers. Please look out for parental consent forms to be completed.



Lola our Reading Dog.

New House Captains



We welcome our new house captains:
Normans - Ryan, Jack, Charlotte, Lillia.
Vikings - Daniel, Ellie, Ethan, Megan.
Saxons - Joel, Callum, Mimi, Tilly.
Romans - Jonathan, Abigail, Lennon, Eve.

Year 5 Running Festival

All of Year 5 took part in the Monks Walk running festival for our family of schools. Congratulations to the following for being placed in the top ten: Grace, Erin, Luke, Louis, Stanley and Holi. We wish them very good luck in the district final today.

Tag Rugby

On 20th September Year 4 went to Welwyn Rugby Club for a tournament. Over 34 teams, from schools in the Welwyn Hatfield area took part and the atmosphere was electric. Well done to all the children for getting involved and doing their best. So many smiles and positive attitudes from our children made it a really special event.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

On 29th September we held our third annual coffee morning. It was wonderful to be able to chat to so many parents over a cup of coffee and a slice of delicious cake. Thank you to all who came along, baked cakes and supported this worthwhile charity. A total of £412 was raised from this event.

Monday 9th October

Charlie, Louie and Grace will be selling homemade origami ranging from 10p - £6.00. They will give lessons for 50p and repairs for 10p. All money raised will go to Macmillan nurses. Venue: KS2 library at 12.30 pm. Well done in advance children for being so considerate and using your skills.

Open Morning

Our Open Morning takes place on Wednesday 18th October from 9.30 to 10.30 am. This is primarily for those considering applying for a Reception place in September 2018.

Hot Coals Walking

The Welwyn Team of Churches are organising an evening of Hot Coal walking on Saturday 21st October at Tewin Cowper School in aid of the Isabel Hospice and The Refugee Council.

It costs £25 to walk the coals (which includes a 2 hour training session), and £5 for spectators (under 16's free). Please do come along and join in or support those taking part.

If it helps encourage others - the clergy team will be leading by example.

£1 Coins

As the old £1 coin is being taken out of circulation later this month, please note that we can no longer accept these as payment for trips, clubs, dinners or music lessons.

Emergency Procedures

We will continue to practice our evacuation procedures in school, for if we all had to leave the building, but will also practice procedures for if we all had to stay in the building. Please stress to your child there is no need to worry as these are only practices and that the need for them in reality is really very small.

Polite Reminder

We have had a significant number of pupils arriving late in the mornings. Please allow sufficient time for your journey so that children in Key Stage 1 can line up before the bell rings at 8.45 am and Key Stage 2 children should arrive in the building by 8.45 am so that they are ready to start their lessons promptly. Thank you.

Medicines in School

Please note that we do not allow children to carry any type of medicine in school. This includes over the counter medicine such as throat lozenges, ulcer treatment and cough syrup.

Change to End of Term Finish Time

Following the change to the end of the school day, the last day of term will now finish at 1.20 pm. Reminders will be sent nearer the time.



Secondary School Admissions 2018

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **31st October 2017**. It is vital that parents make their applications on time. The easiest way to apply for a school place for September 2017 is online by logging on to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk and completing the online application form. If you apply online, you can:

- Amend your application at any time up to the closing date
- Access your school offer before allocation letters are received
- Accept your school allocation online

Last year, 99 per cent of parents in Hertfordshire applied this way and found the system quick, easy and secure.

A quick and easy way of obtaining all the information you need about the secondary transfer process is by going to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions Parents without internet access can request a paper application form that must be returned direct to the admission and transport team. Application forms cannot be returned to primary schools.

Before making an application, parents and carers are strongly advised to visit schools and attend the information evenings to help them make their preferences. Any applications received after 31st October 2017 will be considered as '**LATE**' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

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.

Term Dates: 2017-18	
	Autumn Term 2017
5 th Oct	Harvest Festival in church for years 1 - 6
5 th Oct	Street Food Festival Lunch
5 th Oct	Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby at Welwyn Garden City Rugby Club
6 th Oct	Girls' football at Monk's Walk School
12 th Oct	Under 11's Rugby at Welwyn Garden City Rugby Club
13 th Oct	Basketball at Stanborough School
13 th Oct	PTFA Quiz Night



18 th Oct	Open Morning 9.30 am
18 th Oct	Parental Consultations 3.30 - 7.00
19 th Oct	Parental Consultations 3.30 - 6.00
20 th Oct	Year 6 Legal Eagles
23rd - 27th Oct	Half Term Holiday
31 st Oct	Reception to Year 4 Flu vaccinations
3 rd Nov	Bags2School, and PTFA fireworks
10 th Nov	Year 5 cake sale
11 th Nov	Angela Bonner portraits
16 th November	Dress down day - donations for the Christmas Fair
17th Nov	Occasional Day - school closed
25 th Nov	Christmas Fair
29 th Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1.30pm and 6.00pm
30 th Nov	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 9.30am
30 th Nov	Choir Christmas Concert at St John's Church 6.00pm
6 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm
7 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm
7 th Dec	Key Stage 1 Pantomime trip
8 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip
11 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Disco
13 th Dec	Reception Production 9.30am
14 th Dec	Whole school Christmas service in church
14 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Carol service in church. 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
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
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
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th June	Class Photographs
6 th - 8 th June	Year 6 at PGL
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