

Value

Our value for this half term is:
Thankfulness

"It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy." - Anon.

Basketball



Two teams from Welwyn St Mary's took part in a basketball competition at Monk's Walk School last week. Team 1 came 2nd narrowly losing out to Oaklands and team 2 came third. Team 1 go through to the Level 2 competition on the 8th November. All children had great fun and played their absolute best. There was super sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by all.

Year 6 Tag Rugby

On 5th October the Year 6 tag rugby team went to Welwyn Rugby Club to take part in a tag rugby festival. Our first match was against Peartree and we won 3-0. Our next match was against St Michael's and we won 3-0. Our third match was against Harwood Hill and we won 3-0. Our fourth match was against Peartree and we won 3-0. Our final match was against St Michael's and, as we beat them last time we knew they would want to beat us, but we won again - 5-3. We would like to thank Mr Ashman and the parents for cheering us on.

Lillia, Amelie, Sarah, Emilie, Edward, Jack, Elliot, Ryan, Henry and Rafferty.

Year 6 Football Tournament

On 6th October 2017 our Year 6 girls' football team competed at Monk's Walk School. The team consisted of Ellie, Abigail, Maia, Abby, Lillia, Ellie, Clara, Erin and Amber. We started off really well with Lillia scoring an amazing goal, set up by Abigail. This meant we won 1-0 to St Michael's. Our second match was against Springmead and we won again because Ellie had a great run from our own goal to theirs followed by a terrific goal. Abby managed to stop the ball from getting past the half way line and Clara did some great saves when it did. Next we played Birchwood who were a tough team and it came down to penalties. We took some great shots but sadly the other team won. Our last game was against Brookmans Park who were very rough. Luckily Elli set up a fabulous goal for Maia. We drew 1-1 but we didn't take penalties because we were running out of time. We finished in third place out of nine schools. We would like to thank Mr O'Neill and Mrs Tucker for taking us and cheering us on, and Mr Ashman for organising it.

Ellie, Abby, Abigail, Maia and Ellie.

K Club Cake Sale

Our K Club are organising a cake sale which will take place in the Key Stage 1 playground after school on Monday 30th October. Proceeds to Cancer Research.

The Parliamentary Review 2017/18

We are pleased to share that Welwyn St Mary's has received an invitation to represent Primary Education in The Parliamentary Review 2017/18. A selection of outstanding or improving schools appear alongside the Prime Minister, the Schools Minister and the Labour Party representative on the Education Select

Committee. The idea is to share knowledge and insight in order to raise standards. We are honoured to be selected.

Application for Leave of Absence Forms

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day please can you ensure that you have completed an application for Leave of Absence form. Please attach the appointment confirmation and return to the school office before the appointment. These forms are available from the school office or on the school website. You may email the form if more convenient.

Named Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform and school equipment is named so that we can return it to the rightful owner if found.

eSafety News

Please find attached the latest issue of eSafety news produced by Herts for Learning.

HAND News

A free online newsletter from the Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database is available, including free courses, inclusive activities, support groups and much more. Please see: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

Entering school at the end of the day

A reminder please that should you need to come in to school at the end of the day (e.g. to search for lost property) then you must do so by coming in via the main office door and signing in, rather than entering through the classroom.

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 - 5.30
20 th Oct	Year 6 Legal Eagles
23rd - 27th Oct	Half Term Holiday
31 st Oct	Reception to Year 4 Flu vaccinations
1 st Nov	U11 Boys and Girls Table Tennis Competition at Sir Frederic Osborn
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
23 rd Nov	KS2 Gifted and Talented Badminton at Stanborough
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
6 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm

7 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Production 6.00pm
7 th Dec	Key Stage 1 and Reception Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
8 th Dec	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip - Hertford Theatre
11 th Dec	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Disco
13 th Dec	Reception Production 9.30am
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. 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 12.30-3.00pm
17 th Jan	Year 5 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00pm
24 th Jan	Year 6 Indoor Athletics at Gosling 12.30-3.00pm
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
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th June	Class Photographs



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

