



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School

## Newsletter - End of term July 2020



### Value

Our value for this half term is: Truthfulness

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment."  
*Proverbs 12:19*

"The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose, it will defend itself."  
*St Augustine*

### End of term pick up times

Just a reminder that **school finishes tomorrow**

1.15 pm Reception and Year 3

1.20 pm Year 1 and Year 4

1.25 pm Year 2 and Year 5

1.30 pm Year 6

We wish you all a lovely, safe summer holiday following government guidelines and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September.

### Thank you

Thank you to all our families, at home and in school, for a very unusual but nonetheless successful year. As you will have read in your children's reports they have all achieved a great deal in a shortened year. Very well done to all of them. Thank you as parents for supporting them and us and thank our to all our staff for going above and beyond.

### A prayer for the end of term

Lord God,

As we come to the end of a busy and different year at school we give you thanks for our community and all the support, learning and growing that we've done together.

As we leave for our time of rest, relaxation and recuperation we ask for you to please bless us all, our families and friends.

Bless our travelling and our journeys, may we explore and have adventures.

Let us enjoy a time of fun, making the most of the opportunities that come and for us to have a really fabulous holiday time, well-earned and needed.

Keep us safe and well until we are back together again to start a new year, ready to meet any challenges that come, and to be the best we can be.

Amen





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### End of year assessment -2020 predicted attainment

Well done to teachers and children for these very strong outcomes.

#### Year 1 Phonics

85% passed their phonics screening (teacher assessment) - 82% National 2019.

#### Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

	<u>Maths expected and above</u>	<u>Maths above</u>	<u>Reading expected and above</u>	<u>Reading above</u>	<u>Writing expected and above</u>	<u>Writing above</u>	<u>Science expected and above</u>	<u>Science above</u>
<b>Welwyn St Mary's</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>22%</b>
National 2019	76%	22%	75%	25%	69%	15%	82%	No data

#### Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

	<u>Maths expected and above</u>	<u>Maths above</u>	<u>Reading expected and above</u>	<u>Reading above</u>
<b>Welwyn St Mary's (%)</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>54%</b>
National 2019	79%	27%	73%	27%

Across our school the majority of our pupils are at least meeting ARE and making at least expected progress. A significant proportion of pupils are exceeding ARE.

### Governor prize winners 2020

KS1 progress: Billy and Sienna

KS1 achievement: Isabelle, Eashaan and Aanvi

KS2 progress: Phoebe and Ryan

KS2 achievement: Esther and Sean

KS2 maths: Lucy

KS2 English: Jesse

Perseverance: Verity

All-rounder: Harry and Josie

Citizenship: Charlie (School Council) and Amelia (Worship Group)





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Contribution to school: Louise

Values: Millie, Jack, Helena, Grace, Jamie, Charlie, Thomas G and Jasmine

Key worker champion: Zoe

Home learning commitment: Freddie

Fund raising: Betty-Leigh

### Fantastic Fundraising



Betty in Reception has been cycling a mile a day for 83 days now. She has raised £23,000 (£27,000 including gift aid) for Garden House Hospice. If you would like to make a donation, please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bettyleighallinsonamileaday>

Betty has been nominated for a Pride of Britain award and appeared on Good Morning Britain with Ben Shepherd and Carol Vorderman to launch the award. She has also been interviewed on a number of radio shows.

If you would like to nominate Betty, please follow the link: <https://www.prideofbritain.com/nominate>

Betty plans to go to continue for 100 days which will mean her final ride will be on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredible achievement and we are so proud of you.

### Summer holiday works

During the summer holidays, we have a number of projects planned in school: refurbishment of the Key Stage 2 boys' toilets, replacement of windows in the quad and along the front of the school, gutter repairs, and painting of radiators.

### September Staffing

In order to help our children on their return to school, the governors have agreed for some additional staffing in September. This will be focussed on nurture support, small group work and one-to-one learning assistance and will be provided by both teachers and teaching assistants.





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### Lunches in September

Please note that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.70 from September.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and moving to Year 3, then they will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. This means that you will need to pay for your child's meals from September.

### Clubs

We are aiming to run limited clubs in September, details to follow via Parentmail.

### Music Lessons

Unfortunately in light of the current situation we will not be able to offer peripatetic music lessons in school next term. We will review the situation again at the end of the Autumn term for lessons starting in January. Children who have had music lessons previously will remain on the lists for when lessons are able resume. Those that have applied to start instrumental lessons will remain on the waiting list until a space becomes available.

### Uniform and Costume Donations

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of uniform and costumes at this time. Please do hold on to any unwanted items over the summer break as we hope to be able to accept these in the autumn term.

### Archery

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July the year 6 bubbles took part in an archery competition on the school field. Each pupil had 9 arrows to score as close to 90 points as they could. Thank you to Monks Walk for providing the equipment for the children.



On Tuesday the results were:  
Marley in 5<sup>th</sup> place, Charlie in 4<sup>th</sup>, Helena 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Hugo 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ryan in 1<sup>st</sup> place.



On Friday the results were:  
Josie in 5<sup>th</sup> place, Robyn in 4<sup>th</sup>, Bobby 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jamie in 1<sup>st</sup> place.





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Our results were pooled with other schools in the sports partnership, and overall we finished in third place. Jamie came in first place overall in the boys' competition, and Robyn came third in the overall girls' competition.

### Testing positive for Covid 19

If any of your immediate family members test positive in the first two weeks of our summer holiday please contact school as a matter of urgency. This is so that we may let all bubble members know so they may isolate for 14 days.

### June, July and August Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who celebrate in June, July and August:

Willow, Lewis, Michelle, Paul, Bella, Henry, Lily-Grace, Layton, Riley, Ophelia, Thomas, James, Rafiq, Manuka, Riley, Luke, Edward, Aurelia, Max, Hugo, Lucas, Toby, Frederick, George, Nathan, Leah, Alec, Grace, Holly, Samuel, Mr Ashman, Mrs Baker, Mrs Cantillon-Webber, Miss Mansfield, Miss Milnes, Mrs Ragless. Arabella, Jasmine, Zara, Logan, Maximus, Poppy, Khian, Phoebe, Kanishk, Alice, William, Poppy, Alfie, Charles, Fletcher, Zoe, Elsie, Alessio, Matthew, Ellis, Iris, Nia, Madeleine, Catherine, Tommy, Emily, Abbiegale, Liahna, Charlie, Anna, Dylan, Bryan, Charlotte, Jacob, Willow, Camilla, Lilia, Aaryan, Saina Robin, Miss Blyth, Miss Bryant, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Read. Freddie, Katie, Edward, Catherine, Annabel, Victor, Riley, James, Thomas, Chloe, Aiden, Esme, Amelie, Marley, Poppy, Arabella, Martha, Reece, Ella, Evie, Jesse, Alana, Elena-Carolyne, Marcus, Dylan, Montgomery, Faris, Melissa, Billy, Thomas, Yarden, Ria, Mrs Crofts, Mr O'Neill, Mrs Porter, Mrs Westley.

### Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Although libraries across the county have been closed, children can still take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. Why not join the Silly Squad, a bold and adventurous team of animals, and help celebrate books that make us happy and laugh.

Due to Coronavirus, The Reading Agency has redesigned this year's Summer Reading Challenge into a virtual one. It is now more important than ever to keep children reading over the summer months, and this year's Challenge aims to support parents and carers to do this.

The digital platform is FREE for children and families to join and use, providing a safe and secure sign-up process.

So why not get reading and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Use this link to get you started: [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) It may spark a lifelong love of reading.

In September please let us know if you did take part - perhaps you will be able to recommend some books to us!

### 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)





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Once you have registered your child, please speak to the school office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

### Diary Dates

Summer Term 2020	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET days - school closed</b>
Autumn Term 2020	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn term commences
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half term holiday</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Occasional day - school closed</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
Spring Term 2021	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term commences
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half term holiday</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
Summer Term 2021	
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term commences
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Half term holiday</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>INSET days - school closed</b>

