



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



## Newsletter - June 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*

### Welcome back

We were delighted to welcome back pupils from Years 1 and 6 alongside our key worker children this morning. A very big thank you to all pupils and families for being super sensible and enabling a lovely smooth start. We really appreciate everyone following social distancing and our other safety procedures. We will proceed cautiously and aim to build up further numbers in school as restrictions are lifted.

### Home learning

Home learning will continue as before for all children in all year groups. Our WSM Gazette will also continue as before as it is a key part of our routine for sharing information and successes.

### Building work

We were luckily able to complete the repair work to the hall and quad walls during lock down as the area was sealed off from pupils and staff. Thank you Mr Stockton for organising. The replacement windows for MS3, AB5, MJ5, M1, CD1, MR, LR and HT6 have all been ordered and will be fitted in the summer holiday. This will be a great improvement for safety and fuel saving as well as looking so much smarter.

### New drop off arrangements

Please note that social distancing must be maintained outside the school gates as well as on school grounds. We must be strict about safety. Just to confirm that our school site remains closed to all but staff vehicles each morning.

### May Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone who celebrated a birthday during May a very Happy Birthday: Leah, Lucia, Dulcie, Violet, Archie, Zac, Ethan, Jack, Oliver, Alasdair, Milan, Jessica, Morgan, Ronnie, Henry, Logan, Teddy, Jai, Jack, Zachary, Lucas, Laney, Isla, Ellie, Evelyn, Thomas, Bastian, Nyla, Benjamin, Grace, Mia, Leo, Kiara, Billy, Ms Anstey, Mrs Branch, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Jameson, Miss Lewis, Mrs Newstead, Mrs Redgers and Miss Snowden.

### 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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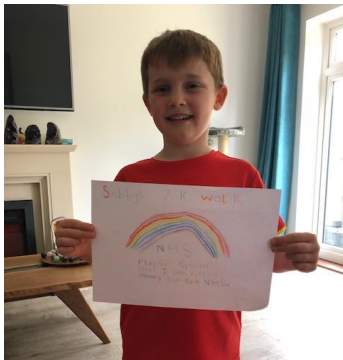


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### Reading Challenge

Well done to all children who have continued their good reading practise. A reminder that our reading challenge finishes on 5<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to enter the competition, please send in your completed forms to the school office (admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk) and we will pass these to Mrs Phillips.

### Fundraising



A huge well done to Sebby, who aimed to walk 7km to raise money for the NHS. On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May he walked an impressive 10.5km, and raised £860. What a brilliant achievement, and a great demonstration of kindness, service and resilience.

### A prayer about hope by Revd David Munchin

Dear Loving Father,

We hold before you our school, our community, our country and our world,  
Give us your strength and comfort when we are unsure or lonely,  
Help us also to stop and reflect on our world,  
Amidst the pain and disruption, there is also hope:  
Communities coming together as never before;  
People going out of their way to help their neighbours;  
An environment that is having space to breath and renew;  
A re-evaluation of what we value in our lives and in our society.

Help us to remember these things, and after all this is passed, hold on to that which is good,

Amen.

### Some musical suggestions from Mrs Harrison

#### **John Legend - If you're out there**

The song alludes to Gandhi's quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world," with the lines: "We don't have to wait for destiny we should be the change that we want to see."

<https://youtu.be/DAdztIUAmWw>





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### Andrea Bocelli Sancta Maria - Mascagni

On Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020), by invitation of the City and of the Duomo cathedral of Milan, Italian global music icon Andrea Bocelli gave a solo performance representing a message of love, healing and hope to Italy and the world.

[https://youtu.be/-g6rwAi\\_9LU](https://youtu.be/-g6rwAi_9LU)

### Contacting School

As teachers will not be able to talk to parents and the start and end of the day due to our social distancing measures, if you need to pass on messages, please email [admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk) and we will pass these on.

### 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.

## Diary Dates

Summer Term 2020	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day - school closed
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET day - school closed
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends 1.20 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET days - school closed
Autumn Term 2020	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET day - school closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn term commences
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional day - school closed
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends at 1.20 pm





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<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term commences
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term commences
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term holiday
16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
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