



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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Value

Our value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

"It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive"

Anon

"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."

Colossians 3.13

Internet and Social Media

We would like to encourage parents to:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

www.internetmatters.org is a useful website to find out more about how to keep children safe online, and how to report problems.

Road Safety in school grounds

There was another near miss in the drop-off zone yesterday morning. Please use extreme care when driving on school grounds and drive at the **slowest speed**. Be aware at all times of pedestrians and cyclists who are using and crossing the road. They have right of way on the pedestrian crossings.

Parents should not drive in to the school car park other than to use the drop off point for **Key Stage 2 children only**. We are extremely fortunate to have this drop-off zone, and we will remove it if safety concerns continue.

Speakers' Cup Final

Congratulations to the KS2 class winners for this year's Speakers' Cup. Emma, Veda, Ellie, Phoebe, Eliza, Jess, Bertie and Elle-Louise did extremely well to be chosen to represent their classes in the final. For this each prepared an informative and well presented speech which they delivered in front of the judging panel. It was extremely close and the judges had a hard job choosing. In the end Emma was runner up and Bertie this year's winner. Very well done to all finalists and thank you to our judges: Mrs Mackie (governor), Mr Mackie, Mrs Phillips and Christopher. Thank you to Miss Milnes for organising.





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Key Stage 1 Choral Speaking Day

Wow! What a lot of fun we all had. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 all learnt poems by heart to perform for each other at this enjoyable event. Poems about computers not working or eating your Grandma were performed by CD1 and MN2 whilst AT2 made us all tap our toes to 'Gran You Can Rap'. M1 performed 'Please Mrs Butler' and Reception performed 'The Gruffalo' and 'Superworm'.

Well done to all the children for remembering such long poems and saying them with great expression and enthusiasm and a really big thank you to Miss Milnes for organising us all. We really enjoyed it!

Netball



On Wednesday 27th February, Welwyn St Mary's played some friendly netball fixtures at Stanborough School. The team was Scarlett, Sally, Emma (C), Alice, Erin, Imogen, Lilly and Sophia.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and the girls played so well. They had improved and worked hard to develop their skills since our last matches and this was evident in our first victory against Oaklands Primary School. The girls then went on to play against St John's Digswell, again winning 3-2. Our last match was against the reigning champions Brookmans Park Primary School. We unfortunately lost this game, but we did show determination and resilience throughout the match.

Well done to all the students who worked well as a team and showed their versatility in different playing positions, as well as good sportsmanship.

Football

On Wednesday 27th February Welwyn St Mary's played football fixtures at Monk's Walk School. The team was Thomas, Luke, Stanley, James, Harry, Presley, Jasper, Holi, Edward and Ben.

Our team participated in a range of different matches both on the grass and astroturf. Out of the three games played, we came away with three wins! With some excellent individual performances, the team must also be praised for their outstanding teamwork throughout.

Well done to all the children who took part. A special mention to Jasper and Edward who represented the school football team for the first time. An excellent performance by everyone.

Reminder about the World Book Day competition

Don't forget to bring your decorated wooden spoon in the book character of your choice ready for judging. Any day from Monday 4th March is fine. Please include your entry form with your name, year group and book





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character's name. Staff will also be sending in reviews of their favourite book from their childhood which will be lovely to share.

Tanzanian Pupil Sponsorship

We are delighted to share the details of a child that the school is sponsoring, thanks to the cake sale which raised funds for Walser's Tanzania Charity. Farijika is 10 years old, lives with her mum and dad and is currently at primary school. She is performing well and looking forward to moving on to secondary school. Our sponsorship means that she will be able to continue to attend school and extend her education. We hope that this will prove a good opportunity for our children to find out more about another country and culture and to express compassion and charity.

Holiday Work



Thank you to Mr Stockton for arranging a number of projects over the half term break, including the completion of our electrical PAT testing, replacement of fencing in the Key Stage 2 playground, decoration to the M6 classroom, fixing of new values signs around school, the installation of a new mud kitchen for Reception and new carpet in the Garden Room.

Student in AT2

Welcome to Miss Stevens who will be working in AT2 until Easter.

Enrichment Students

We are hosting six students from the University of Hertfordshire for an enrichment week. They will be working with Year 1 and 2 from 18th March.

Welwyn Pancake Race

St Mary's Church are organising a village pancake race on 5th March. Teams are invited to register from 3.15 pm in the Wellington Carpark and the race will start at 3.30 pm. Please see separate flyer for more information. Spectators are very welcome.

Nature Reserve Working Party

We are so fortunate to have a large nature reserve as part of our school to enhance the learning experiences of our children. The next working party will take place on 9th March from 11am to 1pm. If you are able to spare some time to help with a spring tidy-up, then come along with a few tools and join the team.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to classes GB3 and A5 who won the February attendance award with an amazing 97.24%!

GB3	97.24%
A5	97.24%
HT6	97.15%
AT2	96.67%
M1	96.47%
A4	96.39%





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Resources for learning times tables at home

As referred to in the February newsletter, there are a number of resources available to support your child's times tables learning at home, including practising under time restraints.

- For singing/chanting ideas, try <http://mrreddy.com/blog/2012/08/rolling-numbers/>
- **Purple Mash** (your child will know their own log-in details):
www.purplemash.com/#app/games/tabletoons We would particularly recommend: singers; recall game; musical chairs; speed test.
- **Squeebles Times Tables** (particularly for Key Stage 1) - an app for iPads/tablets, also available at: <http://keystagefun.co.uk/times-tables-apps/squeebles-times-tables/>
- **Times table Rock Stars** - <http://trockstars.com/>
- To explore different ways of learning, please visit: <https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/teach-times-tables-pupils-learn-instant-recall-ks1-ks2/>

PTFA vacancies

Tracey, PTFA co-chair and Natalie, secretary of the PTFA, will both be standing down at the end of the summer term as their children head off to secondary school. This leaves us with vacancies in key roles that we are keen to fill as soon as possible. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to find out more about either of these rewarding positions please contact Jenny or Tracey on chair@wsmpfta.org.uk

SMART

SMART will be performing Goldilocks and the Three Bears later this month. Tickets can be requested from the school office, costing £6 for adults and £3 for children.

- Thursday 28th March at 7pm
- Friday 29th March at 7pm
- Saturday 30th March at 2.30pm and 6.30pm





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Spring Term 2019	
5 th March	Welwyn Pancake Race - 3.15pm for 3.30pm start from The Wellington
7 th March	World Book Day - decorated spoon competition
8 th March	MR Class Assembly at 2.40 pm
9 th March	Nature Reserve tidy up day
11 th March	Year 1 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
15 th March	2.30 pm Key Stage 2 SATs talk to parents
15 th March	Reception Cake Sale for PTFA
15 th March	2.40 pm RR class assembly
22 nd March	CD1 assembly
w/c 25 th March	PTFA Mothers' Day gift shop
25 th March	Years 3 and 4 Easter Disco
28 th March	7 pm SMART production - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
29 th March	7 pm SMART production - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
30 th March	2.30 pm and 6.30 pm SMART production - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1 st April	Decorated egg competition
4 th April	9.30 am Whole School Easter Service at St Mary's Church
4 th April	Key Stage 1 Easter Egg Hunt
5 th Apr April	Term ends 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2019	
23 rd April	Summer Term commences
25 th April	6 pm Year 6 PGL Parents' information session
26 th April	Year 2 Cake Sale for PTFA
6 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
17 th May	Year 1 Cake Sale for PTFA
21 st May	Year 5 Outdoor Activity Day
27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
3 rd - 5 th June	Year 6 PGL Trip
7 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
w/c 10 th June	PTFA Fathers' Day gift shop
11 th June	Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum





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13 th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony
14 th June	Year 3 Cake Sale for PTFA
17 th June	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
21 st June	PTFA Fun Run
26 th June	Whole School Photograph
28 th June	INSET Day - school closed
8 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
13 th July	3.30 - 7.30 pm PTFA BBQ
19 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed
Autumn Term 2019	
2 nd September	INSET Day - school closed
3 rd September	Autumn Term commences
28 th October - 1 st November	Half Term Holiday
22 nd November	Occasional Day - school closed
20 th December	Term ends 1.20 pm
Spring Term 2020	
6 th January	Spring Term commences
17 th - 21 st February	Half Term Holiday
3 rd April	Term ends 1.20 pm
Summer Term 2020	
20 th April	Summer Term commences
25 th - 29 th May	Half Term Holiday
19 th June	INSET Day - school closed
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
17 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
20 th - 21 st July	INSET Days - school closed

