



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

Value

Our value for this half term is:

Friendship

"Friends are like the walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes you lean on them, but sometimes it's enough to know they're just standing by"

Anon

Our school building is 80 years old



We had a special assembly to celebrate, to the day, when the foundation stone of this building was laid by the then Bishop of St Albans on 29th April 1939. As you may well know this building was initially a secondary school until 1968. The junior children and staff then moved over from the Victorian building on the London Road followed by the infants in 1985 when the Victorian building was sold. Some Year 5 children had researched what else happened in 1939 including the outbreak of WW2, Siam changing its name to Thailand and the birth of Tina Turner and the Beano. We lit candles on a giant cake from Katie's bakery which was later shared by all to celebrate the anniversary and to say well done to all for the excellent inspection result at the end of last term. It was a very well deserved treat.

Phase 2 of Road Safety Improvements

Over the half term holiday, railings will be installed along the pavement between the exit gates and the last zebra crossing. This is in response to concerns over road safety of users of this area of the school grounds. The railings will keep pedestrians away from traffic, and also mean that the road can only be crossed using the zebra crossings.





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

100% attendance

Many congratulations to the 88 children who achieved 100% attendance during the spring term - please see the full list at the end of the newsletter.

Class Attendance Award

Congratulations to class MJ5 who won the April attendance award with an amazing 99.09%.

MJ5	99.09%
A5	98.86%
AT2	98.18%
MS3	98.06%
RR/MR/CD1	97.88%

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Sports Day takes place this year on 24th May. All parents and carers are invited to come and cheer on the children. Key Stage 2 is in the morning (from 9:30 am), and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon (from 1:30 pm).

Tennis



On Wednesday 1st May four children from Year 4 went to compete in the mini red tennis qualifier at Stanborough. They were: Poppy, Arthur, Riley and Anneliese. This was a beginners' event and they all played really well and showed great determination. They have qualified through to the next round on the 15th May and we wish them lots of luck!

Pilates



On Wednesday 1st May Year 2 had a children's pilates session with Vikki Davis. The children were taught different pilates stretches through Vikki telling different stories. The haunted house story was their favourite! The children said they really enjoyed it, some found it tricky but all found it fun.





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

Hockey



On 1st May, children from Year 6 went to Ridgeway academy to play in the quickstick hockey qualifier. The team was Christopher, Luke, Sophia, Trent, Emma, Elizabeth, Jacob, Alice. Unfortunately Trent was poorly on the day. The team played 2 gruelling matches and showed skill and enthusiasm. Sadly they didn't make it through to the next round, but we're still very proud that they represented our school so well and didn't give up.

Handball



On Friday 3rd May, Year 5 sent two teams to play handball in a competition at Monk's Walk. The children had been having lessons in handball in PE and most agree that it is a fun and exciting game. Both teams enjoyed the afternoon with Team MJ5 winning the whole competition. Well done to them. Thanks goes to Mrs Bailey for helping.

Sports Kit

Please return all school maroon sports t-shirts as soon as possible as we have a lot of competitions in the next few weeks.

Reading Helpers

We welcome the help of any parents or grandparents to listen to our children read. Please contact the school office if you have a DBS check and can offer some time.

Brownies

3rd Welwyn Brownies have spaces for girls aged 7 to 11 to join their Brownie pack. Meetings take place on Tuesday evenings during term time at Welwyn Evangelical Church from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm. If your daughter is interested in joining Brownies, please email Sam Ward (Brown Owl) on 3rdwelwynbrownies@gmail.com.

London Marathon

Congratulations to Ms Lowne who completed the London Marathon in under 4 and a half hours - an incredible achievement. There is still time to donate to the National Autistic Society:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/mariannelowne>





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

County Show Tickets

We have been given 35 child tickets and one family ticket to the Hertfordshire County Show which takes place on 25th and 26th May. If you are interested, please contact the school office - they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis up to a maximum of two per family.

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 - please see attached letter. 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





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

	Summer Term 2019
17 th May	Year 1 Cake Sale for PTFA
21 st May	Year 5 Outdoor Activity Day
22 nd May	Class photographs
23 rd May	Welwyn Garden City Music Festival (choirs)
24 th May	Sports Day (KS2 morning, KS1 afternoon)
27 th - 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
3 rd - 5 th June	Year 6 PGL Trip
6 th June	Reserve Sports Day
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
12 th June	Gosling Athletics
13 th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony
14 th June	Year 3 Cake Sale for PTFA
17 th June	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
19 th June	Music Evening
20 th June	2pm Parent Council meeting in the staff room - all welcome
21 st June	PTFA Fun Run
26 th June	Whole School Photograph
28 th June	INSET Day - school closed
2 nd July	Year 1 History Off the Page Seaside Day
5 th July	Reports out to parents
8 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
9 th July	Open Evening
11 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
12 th July	French Day
13 th July	3.30 - 7.30 pm PTFA BBQ
19 th July	Term ends at 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed
	Autumn Term 2019
2 nd September	INSET Day - school closed





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

3 rd September	Autumn Term commences
17 th September	Individual and family photographs
28 th October - 1 st November	Half Term Holiday
22 nd November	Occasional Day - school closed
20 th December	Term ends at 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





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

Spring Term 100% Attendance Awards

Charlie	Isabelle
Logan	Neave
Sebastian	Ella
Billy	Samuel
Tamilore	Jack
Caitlin	Isabelle
Nathan	Neave
Maisie	Ella
Francesca	Louella
Ethan	Dia
Caitlin	Lottie
Daniel	Bradley
Maisie	Teddy
Liahna	Thomas
Isabelle	
Frederick	
Benjamin	
Jake	
Edward	
Ryan	
Elsie	
Edward	
Olivia	
Sophie	
Poppy	Olivia
Filip	Helena
Elena-Carolyne	India
Zayn	Riley
Zachary	Reece
Lola	Tymon
Rebecca	Ellie





Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



Newsletter - May 2019

Herbert	
Jake	
Khian	Arthur
Bella	Riley
Aiden	Robin
Brendan	Anna
Aaryan	
Saina	
Anusha	
Sophie	Harry
Amelia	Holly
Mercedes	Roxy
Hugo	Jesse
Antoni	Lucy
Scarlett	Arthur
Louise	Ryan
Helena	
Daniel	
Callum	Bryn
Maria	Emma
Maximillian	Daniyal
Sophie	Sally
Benjamin	Harry

