



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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Value

Our value for this half term is: *Service*. This is very apt given the wonderful work being done across our nation by the NHS and other key workers. Our thanks goes to them all.

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

Edmund Burke

"There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service."

1 Corinthians 12:5-6

Miss Mansfield

We are delighted that Miss Mansfield is back on a phased return to WSM. We have missed her sunny presence and look forward to her being part of our team again.

House trophies



Very well done to *Green* class who completed these new look house trophies during their recent time in school. Each group of children had the same number of bricks to construct with and it is lovely to see four very different designs. Plus they are all symmetrical. Thank you.

Picnic benches



We are delighted to say our four new picnic benches have arrived safely. Two are now near the *Garden Room* and two are on the *KS2 terrace*. Thank you *Mr Stockton*.

Thank you NHS



Well done to our children in school last week and *Mrs Harrison* for making this amazing rainbow. Thank you *Mr Stockton* for assembling it all so well.





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Green benches in our Believe and Achieve Garden



Thank you to Mr Stockton for painting the benches in our lovely Believe and Achieve garden. All ready for when we get back.

Decorated Eggs

We had some wonderful, creative entries in our decorated egg competition. Please see attached to the newsletter the list of our winners. Congratulations to you all.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

We very much look forward to our lovely extended provision re-opening as soon as we are allowed. We will send out booking forms once a date is known and credit families with the two unused weeks from last term. Staff will continue to be paid for this term, and the last two weeks of last term, in order that we may still be able to offer this service for parents in the future. Our governors have most kindly agreed that school should carry this cost and not pass it on to parents.

Music Lessons

If your child does not wish to continue with music lessons in September, please contact the school office via email by the end of May.

Good news

Very happy days. We have been awarded our LCVAP building request in full. As a result the hall parapet repairs will be paid for as will the next phase of window replacement (MS3, AB5, MJ5, M1, CD1, MR, LR and HT6). We may also be able to proceed with some inner quad windows now as well from our own funds. Thank you to Mr Stockton for arranging for all the quotes. We hope to proceed with all this work in the summer holidays, whatever form they take, Covid19 permitting.

Fundraising

Well done to Betty-Leigh in Reception who is raising money for Garden House Hospice by riding her bike a mile a day. At the time of writing, she has raised over £5,500! If you would like to make a donation, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bettyleighhallinsonamileaday>

Child Online Safety Resources for Parents and Carers

The National Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) team's #OnlineSafetyAtHome pack is now available with new activities for parents and carers to use at home.

To support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools, CEOP will be releasing new home activity packs each fortnight with simple, age appropriate, 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

The activity packs can be accessed here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>





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Professionals and parents and carers have reported that children are using video-chatting apps and sites to access learning and keep in touch with friends and family.

Two new parent information articles look at some of the things parents and carers should think about to ensure their child's experience of video chat is safe and fun:

[Video chatting: a guide for parents and carers of primary school-age children](#)

[Video chatting: a guide for parents and carers of secondary school-age children](#)

School Office Open Hours

A reminder that the school office will be open between 8.30 and 9.30 am for the purpose of completing the registration of children. Please email admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk if you need to contact the school as this account will be monitored regularly.

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.

Hertfordshire Community Awards

Entries are now open for the Hertfordshire Community Awards. Please do consider any individual or group who you think is worthy of a nomination.

Categories are:

[Charity Champions](#) | [Carer of the Year](#) | [Teacher of the Year](#) | [Good Neighbour Award](#) | [Young Achiever](#) | [School of the Year](#) | [Service to the Community](#) | [Parent in a Million](#) | [Valiant Volunteer](#) | [Lifetime Achievement](#) | [Club of the Year \(Sports\)](#) | [Team of the Year \(Sports\)](#) | [Nurse / Care Worker of the Year](#)

The awards take place in September and entries are open until 5pm Friday, June 5th [click here](#) to enter now.

