



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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### Value

Our value for this half term is:

**Thankfulness**

**"Always give thanks for everything to God the Father"**

*Ephesians 5.20*

**"Write your troubles in the sand, but carve your blessings in stone"**

*Anon*

### Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school from 4<sup>th</sup> November and suggest a minimum donation of 50p in aid of the Royal British Legion.

As in other years we will be holding a two minute silence in school at 11.00 am. This year it will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### Bulb planting 22.10.19

Thanks to the Welwyn Garden City centenary planning group, we were able to plant 2020 daffodil bulbs under the cedar tree on our main drive. Every child in the school helped in the planting as part of the 100th birthday celebrations for Welwyn Garden City in 2020. We should have a truly spectacular show of golden daffodils, not just for the 100th birthday springtime but for many years to come. We also planted three fruit trees in our quad, also given by the planning group, and these help replace the poplar tree, which we had to lose earlier in the year. The fruit trees are especially significant in the history of WGC as each of the original homes built there had fruit trees provided in their garden. What a lovely idea.

### KS1 playground

We are delighted to say the KS1 playground is complete and our pupils used it for the first time on 9<sup>th</sup> October. It was a resounding success with the general comment of at least ten out ten. All our KS1 and Reception children have been briefed by their teachers on how to use the equipment safely and we look forward to many happy years of use. Please note that pupils may only use this, and the other play equipment, in school hours and when a member of staff is present. This is a health and safety requirement and we are only insured on this basis. Please explain this to your children as it is for their safety.

We will have an official opening very soon and then we will be able to extend our very grateful thanks to our PTFA and School Fund members for raising so much money to make the project possible. It has been a huge project and they did so well. We also thank Better Extreme for their amazing donation of £15,000 and School Council for their kind donation too. Thanks must also go to Mrs Anstey and her team for choosing such an imaginative set of equipment and last, but not least, a massive thank you to Mr Stockton for his hard work co-ordinating the project over many months. We are most fortunate.

### Harvest Festival Donations

A huge thank you to all families for contributing so generously to our harvest appeal for Tanzania. We raised a mighty £795.86 for Walser's Tanzania Charity. This is a charity that we already support as a school, sponsoring a child to attend school. This latest donation is enough to support 6 children at primary school for a year. A fantastic achievement.





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### BMX Year 6 workshop



Our year 6 children were treated to special workshops today. These were run by BMX Academy, and the focus was on team building and resilience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, engaged in the topics discussed, and were amazed by the tricks and stunts that were demonstrated by the trainer.

### AT2's firework and autumn assembly

AT2 impressed their parents, and the whole school, with their excellent assembly. They showed us just how much they had learned by heart and brought history to life as they wittily re-enacted the story of the Gun Powder plot. On top of that was a superb piece of choral speaking making the words sound exactly like fireworks. They reminded us all about firework safety and celebrated the highlights of harvest and autumn. Very well done indeed AT2.

### Year 5 Cross Country



Well done to those from Welwyn St Mary's who represented Monk's Walk at this year's annual cross country event. The Monk's Walk family of schools came first. Lucas took first place from 40 runners, making him the fastest Year 5 runner in all of Welwyn Garden City. The course was roughly a mile long and conditions were tough conditions.





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We took on Australia as our nation facing the top rugby teams around the world. Well done to Luca T for getting star performer and top try scorer of the whole competition.

### TAP Event

This term's TAP multi-sports was hosted at Stanborough School, and a selection of our year 6 children attended. Each child had an opportunity to take part in badminton, basketball, tennis and indoor hockey. We look forward to the next event after Christmas.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you for attending our parent consultations over the last week. It was great to see so many of you, and we appreciate your support in your child's education.

### Waterproof Coats

Please ensure that your child brings to school a named, waterproof coat every day so that they stay warm and dry at break and lunchtimes. Thank you.

### Recycling in school

Medic to Medic is a charity that gives money to students training to be doctors in Malawi. They do not have enough money to pay for the training themselves. Malawi is a small country in southern Africa. Most people in Malawi will never see a doctor. That's because in Malawi there are only about 350 doctors in total.

As you know we have been recycling pens to raise money for Medic to Medic. We now have two crisp packet recycling boxes in school. We also have a box for trigger heads from cleaning products and we are recycling toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tubes. Please remember to give any of these items to your children to recycle so we can raise money for Medic to Medic. Thank you.

*Green Group.*

### St Mary's Church Choirs

Children aged between 7 and 14 years old are invited to join the Welwyn Tune choir, who meet on Friday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church. In addition, the St Mary's Choir also has spaces for adult singers in all voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass). They practice on Friday evenings from 7.45 - 9.15 pm and sing at the Sunday morning service as well as one Sunday evening service a month (usually the 2nd Sunday of the month). Their repertoire is very varied, from very ancient to contemporary - something to suit all tastes!

To find out more, please contact Linden on: [linden\\_ih@talktalk.net](mailto:linden_ih@talktalk.net)

### Secondary School Admissions

The applications for secondary school places to start in September 2020 and close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019** for children in year 6. Applications can be made using the electronic system available at:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

### Stop means stop for School Crossing Patrols

It can result in a fine of up to £1,000 and three points on a driving licence, or even disqualification from driving if you do not stop your vehicle for the school crossing patrol, and much worse an avoidable road





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incident. It is a difficult job stopping traffic to cross the road with children and adults, and our school crossing patrols do this with a smile ensuring that children and adults get safely across the road.

### School Fireworks 08.11.19

Please order your tickets as soon as possible as this event is normally a sell-out. Essex Pyrotechnics are presenting the display again so prepare to be amazed.

Firework Code - Please go through this with your family.

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light all fireworks at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors

### Church Christmas Card Competition

Rev'd David has asked if our pupils might like to design the Welwyn parish Christmas card for 2019. This is quite an honour and would make a lovely project for half term perhaps. The theme must be the Christmas story itself and something not too commercial. It will go to all the people from all churches in the parish, not just St Mary's Welwyn.

Please send your designs in to school by Friday 8th November with your name and age clearly on the back. You may use A4 paper but keep in mind the finished card will be much smaller so avoid too many tiny details. You may work in colour or black and white.

The winner will be announced in clergy worship in school on Tuesday 19th November. Rev'd David will present prizes to the winner and runners up. Plus the winner will have their design sent out to every home in the whole parish. Good luck







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### Diary Dates

<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 am Open morning for prospective parents
8 <sup>th</sup> November	3.05 pm PTFA year 5 cake sale 7pm PTFA Fireworks (gates open at 6pm) 
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 trip to Welwyn Roman Baths
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Occasional day - school closed
30 <sup>th</sup> November	 <b>PTFA Christmas Fair</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm and 6 pm Key Stage 1 Christmas production
5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am Key Stage 1 Christmas production
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime visit - Beauty and the Beast (Gordon Craig)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas production
12 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas production
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm Choir Christmas Concert in church - refreshments from 5.45 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm Reception Nativity
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church - <b>attendance compulsory</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term commences
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 swimming begins
24 <sup>th</sup> January	3.05 pm PTFA year 6 cake sale
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Faith Tour
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Greek Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.05 pm PTFA year 4 cake sale
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 National Gallery trip
13 <sup>th</sup> March	3.05 pm PTFA Reception cake sale





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3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>
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20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term commences
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Fire of London day
24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.05 pm PTFA year 2 cake sale
8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	3.05 pm PTFA year 1 cake sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports Day
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half term holiday</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip
12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.05 pm PTFA year 3 cake sale
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Verulamium Museum trip
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Kew Gardens trip
17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET days - school closed</b>
<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
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