



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

Spring Term News

Week ending 13th January



Our value for the month of January is
"Peace".

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God".

Matthew 5:9

Welcome Back and a Happy New Year

A big thank you to the staff, governors, children and parents who have made me feel so welcome this week. We started the week with a whole school assembly and talked about New Year's Resolutions. I asked the children what they would wish for if I could grant them a wish. We had some lovely responses; to get better at my work, to be happy and to have a thousand wishes (a clever answer!) I shared my 3 wishes; one for myself, one for my family and one for the world. I then challenged the children to think about a wish for the world. We were given some very thoughtful answers; an end to wars, that no more animals would become extinct and for peace in all countries. This fitted in perfectly with the theme of 'Peace' for this month.

Staff INSET Day

It was lovely to meet all the teachers last Friday, prior to the children returning to school. As you may know, all the staff and children have been working hard on various ideas for rewards and sanctions for behaviour. We will be sharing these with the children next week in Monday's assembly and will then attach them to the newsletter next week for you to read. This will feed into our new Behaviour Policy (only in draft form at present), with the aim of clarifying the systems and procedures that will be put in place.

The teachers have sent home their curriculum overview for this term, so please keep these somewhere safe so that you can ask your children about the focus of their learning and support them going forward. There was also a short news narrative from each class, which was sent electronically. These will also be published on the website.

Athletics for Elm Class

On Thursday 11th January Y4 Elm attended an Indoor Athletics event at Gosling Stadium. Although it was 'just for fun' St. Michael's enjoyed competing against children from 6 other local schools. The class liked the fact that there were a variety of track and field events and that they could work as a team in relays.

Some of the races required hurdling and crawling through tunnels! Balance beams, Hi-steppers, long jump, medicine ball throw, speed bounce and target throw were just a few of their favourite events. The children really appreciated the support of the Young Leaders from Monks Walk School as they encouraged them and showed them how to do some of the more complicated activities. Thank you to Miss Prentice for organising this for the children and a well done to Joe and Jayla who received certificates for good sportsmanship.



The Newsletter and 'Meet and Greet' sessions

I will be doing a weekly newsletter in this format and we thought it would be good to give the children an initial paper copy. It will also be sent out electronically and will be posted on our website. This is one of the ways in which we are hoping to improve communication with Parents/Carers, so please feedback to us and let us know what you think. With that in mind, I would like to hold two 'Meet and Greet' sessions on Monday 23rd January, at 8:55am and at 2:45pm. This will be an informal tea/coffee morning/ afternoon, for you to meet with myself, Mrs Martin and Miss Prentice (Deputy Head), as well as some of our school governors. Please email the office or call in and let us know if you would like to attend either session so that we have some idea of numbers.

What's On:

Events/Dates

- 16.1.'17 Clubs start
- 17.1.'17 Year 6 height and weight check
- 23.1.'17 'Meet and Greet' at 9:55am and 2:45pm
- 3.2.'17 Road Safety Quiz Final (Year 6 team)
- 7.2.'17 Candlemass Service 9:15am (parents welcome)
- 10.2.'17 Reception height, weight, vision check
- 13.2.'17 Half Term - School Closed



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Other News:

After School Activity Clubs

Letters to sign up for clubs will be sent out shortly. Clubs will start next week.

Walking Bus and Parking information

Our Walking Bus continues and we hope numbers do not dwindle due to the colder weather. We want to keep our road outside clear from unsafe parking so please make use of the Village hall and meet us at 8.40am each day. Please also abide by the Chequers Pub wishes, by only parking in the front bays otherwise they will close off the car park for parents completely. Some parents are still ignoring this message. They are our good neighbours and we wish to keep it this way.

SNOW

It is that time of year again when we need to inform you about procedures for school closures due to severe weather.

Parentmail will be the main form of communication via text message if school is going to be closed. It is therefore important that you have registered AND your details are up to date.

You will be able to check if school is open or not by listening to the snow reports on **Jack FM Hertfordshire 106.7**

Although school may be closed on one day we would always hope to reopen as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to keep school open but in certain circumstances this may not be possible due to health and safety.

Please send your child to school suitably dressed for the cold weather conditions.

Christingle

Thank you to all the children and parents who donated money at the Christingle Service. £194.12 was raised and donated to the Children's Society.

Governor News

We welcome Kate Stuart as our new LEA Governor, replacing Sue Roberts, who had previously served the school in this capacity for some 15 years. Some of you will already know Kate as she is a parent with children in Years 2 and 4. We look forward to working alongside her in school and at Governor Meetings.

A Huge Well Done for Fantastic Work!

Congratulations to Leo from Beech Class, who built a Rubic's Cube Solving Lego Model and programed it to solve the Rubic's Cube in under 1 minute! He had a little help from his Dad, so well done to both Leo and his Dad. Perhaps a budding engineer of the future!



We would like to say a huge well done to Jena and Jayla in Year 4. They both entered a 'Christmas by Train' drawing competition and Jena was the overall winner, having her poster displayed in stations across Hertfordshire. She also won some shopping vouchers. Jayla came 2nd in the competition and won an art set.

Also in Elm class, Luke, Lucia, Freya, Jasmine and Sienna have been congratulated on their extra research on volcanoes - what a lovely start to their topic!



Jack in Year 1, was proud to share his holiday journal with Willow Class. Jack wrote about his day, drew pictures and put a photo on each page to remind him of his family holiday in South Africa. Everyone in Willow class enjoyed listening to Jack's stories.

Next week we will be able to share the names of the children who have taken part in the Thursday 'Good Work' assembly, so keep up the good learning children!

Don't forget to keep up to date with news and events on our School Website at:

www.woolmergreen.herts.sch.uk