



Our value for the month of February is Perseverance. 'Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.' Matthew 5:9

#### What Does Peace Look Like in Our School?

In our final whole school collective worship in the month of January, I challenged the children to think about this question. As always they came up with some wonderful



suggestions; 'It means the school is a calm place to be; a nice environment, with the trees and fields; a place where children don't argue but are good friends; where children work hard and concentrate.' We went on to consider what peace feels like and what we can all do to ensure our school is a peaceful place to be. Ask the children to share their thoughts with you.

I am going to try to consider this same question each month with our different values, so we can really start to demonstrate each monthly value in the things we do and in what we say.

#### Redwood Class (Year 3) Trip to the Roman Baths

On Tuesday morning, our Year 3 children continued to immerse themselves in the Roman way of life, with a trip to the Roman Baths at Welwyn.



Thank you to all the parents who helped with lifts and to Mrs Renouf, Mrs Wadey and Mrs Baxter for organising and accompanying the children. They all thoroughly enjoyed the morning and during the afternoon, were busy creating information leaflets based on their learning.

#### Welwyn Centenary Photographic Competition

In the Key Stage Assemblies this week, Mrs Bokmans and Miss Prentice showed the children some photographs taken by children from schools in Welwyn, who were winners in last year's competition. We would like St Michael's to take part in this year's competition, which has the theme, 'Sport and Leisure'. Pictures can be taken on cameras, iPads and phones and are uploaded to our school section of the Welwyn Photographic Society, but not yet. The photos must be taken in and around Welwyn to qualify. Watch out for more details, but begin looking and taking that winning photo. Please see the poster on our board by Oak Class.

#### Music Concert - Save the Date!

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018, from 3 - 5pm, we are planning a music concert in the Village Hall. It will be for the school choir, orchestra and individual musicians, with some guest appearances from former St Michael's pupils. We are very excited



about this event, so please mark it on your calendar and we will give further details after half term.

#### Oak Class (Year 6) SATs Information

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SATs meeting last week and to Mrs Leake for presenting it. I am sure you found it very informative and helpful. Mrs Golding has created a link on the Oak Class section of the website if you would like to refer to the power point. There will also be other useful items added there, so please keep looking.

#### School Council

Our School Council have met already this term and have discussed a variety of ideas. They are keen to raise money for litter picking equipment and additional playtime equipment. We have agreed to hold 'Onesie and Slipper' Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, in exchange for a donation at the gate. We would like the slippers to be brought in a bag to wear indoors only and alternative shoes or trainers to wear outside. We hope you will support the children with their idea and this initiative. If you do not have a onesie, pyjamas and dressing gown are fine.



#### Sycamore (Reception) Trundle

Thank you so much for collecting the sponsored trundle money so quickly. So far, it has raised over £400, with some very generous donations. If you are still collecting monies, please do so as soon as possible so the Mud Kitchen can be purchased. As always, thank you for your support.

#### Maths Challenge



Four children from Elm Class (Year 4) took part in a Maths Mastermind Workshop yesterday. They took part in a range of activities involving

number, shape and space and problem solving. They especially enjoyed the Maths Relay Event, in which they had to solve 6 problems correctly before moving on to the next sheet and St Michael's won! Mrs Cox kindly transported and stayed with the children at St Joseph's in the Park school. She was very impressed with the high level of engagement, enjoyment and good behaviour shown by our children. Well done to the following children for representing our school so well; Jena, Oliver, Jake and Oscar.

#### Expectations

It is lovely to see so many of the children neatly presented each day. Please remember if hair is over shoulder length it needs to be tied up with a band in school colours. This is for hygiene reasons as well as making it easier to work. Please no large bows in hair.

We still get a large number of requests for holidays during term time. Whilst we appreciate your honesty, as with all request for authorised absents, we cannot give authorisation, except in very exceptional circumstances. Please consider the detrimental effect that this can have on your child's education.

#### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. The work will be on display outside the hall next week. Please come and take a look.

**Sycamore:** Thomas  
**Cherry:** Oliver & Scarlett  
**Elm:** Niamh & Luca  
**Beech:** Josh & Luke  
**Oak:** Louisa & Hannah

#### What's On:

- 7.2.'18 - Church Service led by Elm (Year 4)  
2:30pm at St Michael's Church  
(Parents welcome)
- 8.2.'18 - Redwood Class assembly 2:45pm in the school hall
- 12.2.'18 - 16.2.'18 HALF TERM
- 22.2.'18 - Scootability for Cherry (Yr. 2)
- 23.2.'18 - Onesie & Slipper Day (School Council)
- 27.2.'18 - Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- 1.3.'18 - World Book Day (Roald Dahl)  
- Super Hero Lunch
- 6 & 7.3.'18 - Reception (Sycamore) Consultations
- 8.3.'18 - Author Visit
- 9-13.3.'18 - Travelling Book Fair
- 15.3.'18 - Cherry Class (Yr. 2) assembly 2:45pm
- 21.3.'18 - Year 5 Dance Festival (Hawthorne)
- 26.3.'18 - Painted Egg Competition
- 27.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6
- 28.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6
- 29.3.'18 - End of term 1:30pm

#### Attachments:

Christchurch WGC half term Family Fun event  
Stevenage Football Club Booking Form  
Clubs List