



**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

We hope that you all had a Happy Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends. Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts - the staff are happily munching their way through boxes of goodies! It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and to see how keen they all are to engage with their learning.



In Collective Worship yesterday, we talked about the 'new' year and I asked the children if they have aspirations and hopes for the year and what/who can help them achieve their goals. We had a variety of answers; learning to ride a bike from Gracie in Sycamore, getting better at Maths (especially times tables) from Megan and Cerys (Redwood) and a few children in Redwood wanted to improve their handwriting to gain their pen licence. Megan was able to explain how she could get better at learning her



times tables and who might help her. Louisa in Oak wanted to improve her handwriting too

and thought she could do this herself by taking greater care. I am looking forward to hearing from the children later in the year to see if they have achieved their goals.

We watched a short video clip, which had the words, 'the sky's the limit', Aleks was able to explain that the sky is huge and so there is no end to what we can all achieve if we want to.

We then thought about our value for this month - 'peace' and had a few minutes reflecting on how wonderful it would be if there was peace across the world in 2018.



### Music at St Michael's

We finished last term with a variety of musical pieces played by over 30 of our pupils in assembly and very positive reviews of our school choir, who had taken part in a concert with Knebworth Community Choir. It made us feel very proud of music in the school. This morning we had a violin recital by Maddy and Megan, led by their teacher Mrs Sam Jellett. She is able to offer violin lessons in our school on a Friday. If you are interested in knowing more about this, please see attached letter.

### A request from Elm Class (Year 4)

Please can we have any small pieces of material, ribbon, buttons and coloured card for a collage project; please can you send these in with the children or deliver to the school office. Thank you!

### Nativity Costumes

Thank you for your generous support following the Reception and KS1 Nativity. We have bought some new costumes for this year, but would gratefully receive any unwanted/outgrown costumes that you may have at home.

### More Sporting success

Gracie is proudly wearing a netball medal. Her Hatfield Team played their first tournament as a team and won! Let us hope they continue to experience success in future fixtures.



### What's On:

- 10.1.'18 - Elm Class (Year 4) Indoor Athletics
- 11.1.'18 - Open Morning for prospective parents
- 17.1.'18 - Beech Class (Year 5) Indoor Athletics
- 18.1.'18 - Sycamore Class (Reception) Sponsored Trundle (am)
- 22.1.'18 - 'Readathon' books to assembly please
- 23.1.'18 - Readathon follow up day
- Oak Class (Year 6) Indoor Athletics
- 24.1.'18 - Year 6 SATs meeting in Oak 9am
- 26.1.'18 - Sycamore (reception) School Nurse
- Road Safety Final Year 6 Team
- 8.2.'18 - Redwood Class assembly 2:45pm
- 12.2.'18 - 16.2.'18 HALF TERM

### Attachments:

- Indoor Athletics Form
- Letter about violin lessons
- Parent Post
- Herts Music Train letter