



# St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

## Spring Term News

### Week ending 9th March



Our value for the month of March is  
"Friendship".

"As you wish that others would do to you, do  
so to them." Luke 6:31



The children know that when we begin discussing our value of the month, I always ask them what that value looks like in our school; in the classroom, in the lunchroom, outside at break time and so on. We can come up with a positive list, which many of our children demonstrate each day. We have decided to recognise the children who reflect our values with a weekly certificate. There will be one child chosen weekly from each class to congratulate and an example read out about what they did to achieve this. Yesterday our very first certificates were given out, much to the surprise of the children. Thank you to Mrs Leake for this new initiative. Mrs Leake has refreshed our Values Tree display and has plans for the other boards in the hall as well. I will also send home next week a sheet about our value, which the children can look at and work on if they wish too. This will also support our work in school.



#### Young Leaders - Oak Class (Year 6)

Our Year 6 children have been working hard over the last few weeks on skills and ideas to be successful young leaders in school. They have been creative with games that they have invented and tested their ideas out on the children in Cherry (Year 2). Mrs Fekete has decided they are now ready to apply their leadership skills at lunchtimes on the playground. This will hopefully be engaging for the younger children and they will be able to try out a variety of new games, whilst practising new skills. Thank you to all of our year 6 children, who are enjoying this extra responsibility.

#### School Council

As you know our school council were very successful in raising money for litter picking equipment and playtime games. They now have their wish list and have to make those all important decisions about what to spend the money on. They are also organising an Easter Egg Raffle to add to their money pot. Matilda has contacted a few local businesses to ask for a donation of an egg or eggs, but as yet she has had no replies. I asked the children, if they were able to, to donate a small egg or packet of eggs, so that we could have lots of raffle prizes and I want to thank Tommy and Billy for being the first to make a donation. Tommy remembered what I had said in assembly word perfectly (much to his Mum's surprise). Thank you!

#### Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, in the ICT Suite. This is led by Mrs Leake and Mrs Woods from our staff team and is made up of parents from across the school. However, anyone who is interested or wants to join is very welcome. Please let the Office know if you would like to come along.

#### The Friends of St Michaels

The Friends are organising the Bunny Hop at the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a lovely way to begin the Easter break, so please fill in the permission slips and return to school with the money as soon as you are able to. If anyone can offer help, please let class reps know or contact the office and leave your details.

The Friends have many events coming up in the Summer Term and we will let you know all about them as soon as dates have been confirmed.

#### Author Visit

We were so lucky to have the author Christian Darkin with us all day on Thursday. He began the day with a whole school assembly, followed by workshops in all the classes. He sold and signed books after school, but due to travelling on public transport was unable to carry a huge stock of books. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of one of his books, please let the office know by Monday, as we are keeping a list, which we will forward to him so that he can send us the books before Easter.

<https://christiandarkin.wordpress.com/>



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### Times Table Rock stars

Years 2 & 3 are now able to log on and begin practising their times tables. The children have been shown how to do this in class.

### The Travelling Book Fair

This has now arrived in school and books will be on sale from today until Tuesday after school. We will set up either just outside the main entrance (weather permitting) or just inside. Don't forget the children can spend their £1 Book Day voucher, by putting it towards a purchase.

### The Welwyn Photographic Competition

Photographs can now be uploaded to the website, so keep looking out for that competition winning photo that reflects sport and leisure, in and around Welwyn. Please ask teachers for the leaflet explaining how the children can enter, if you are unsure.

### Travel Working Plan Group



This group met for the first time this morning to discuss road safety issues around the school. The group is made up of

children in Years 4 & 5, parents, a representative from the pre-school and a governor. It met today for the first time to discuss the 'Modeshift Stars Scheme', which we are registered with and are working towards a bronze award. We shared some interesting ideas which the children will take to the School Council and the parents will share with our parent Council. We will keep you updated.

<https://modeshiftstars.org/>

### Love - Drama

Mrs Love is opening up the Wednesday after school club to Years 3 & 4 in the Summer Term, as they have not yet had an opportunity to go. (See attachment).

### Head lice

We have sent via parent mail an information leaflet about head lice. Please check your child's hair carefully.

### Good Work Assembly

Thank you to the following children for sharing their 'Good Work' with us.

**Sycamore:** Christopher  
**Willow:** Arthur & Leona  
**Cherry:** Jack  
**Beech:** Joshua  
**Oak:** Izzy & Lily

Congratulations to the following children in Redwood (Year 3); Alessandra, Isla & for gaining their pen licences this week.

### Value Certificates - Friendship

Well done to these children for demonstrating our value of the month.

**Sycamore:** Georgie  
**Willow:** Alessio  
**Cherry:** Ellena  
**Redwood:** Matilda  
**Elm:** Megan  
**Beech:** Liana  
**Oak:** Matthew

### What's On:

- 9-13.3.'18 - Travelling Book Fair
- 12.3.'18 - Science Week (Ripping Reptiles)
- 13.3.'18 - Indoor Athletics Final
- 14.3.'18 - Year 4 Football Festival
  - Year 3 & 4 Choir to Princess Helena
- 15.3.'18 - Cherry Class (Yr. 2) assembly 2:45pm
- 20.3.'18 - Parent Council 9am
- 21.3.'18 - Year 5 Dance Festival (Hawthorne)  
2:30pm - Church Service led by Redwood (Yr.3)
- 26.3.'18 - Painted Egg Competition
- 27.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 4-7pm
- 28.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 3:30-6pm
- 29.3.'18 - End of term 1:30pm
  - Bunny Hop (The Friends)

### Attachments:

- Whole School:** Morning Sunday Service
  - Lambing Weekend
  - Parenting Workshop
- Years 3 & 4:** Love Drama