



Our value for the month of October is "Sharing".

'I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house' Matthew 25:35

### Harvest Gifts



I would like to say a huge thank you for your support with our Harvest yesterday. Oak Class (Year 6) spent some time in the morning delivering their harvest gifts to the elderly people in the sheltered housing. They had beautifully handwritten a Harvest poem to accompany their gifts and the people they visited were delighted to see the children. Thank you to Mrs Leake and Mrs Tjong for the preparation of the gifts and Mrs Fincham who helped with deliveries.



At 2:30pm, we all walked across to St Michael's Church, where Beech Class (Year 5) led our Harvest Service. They spoke about a variety of Harvest traditions, read bible passages and their own Harvest poems. Thank you to our Year 5 children, Mrs Woods and Mrs Fincham, for all their hard work and preparation. The children sang the Harvest songs with great enthusiasm, supported by many parents. Thank you to Mrs Wadey for practising the singing and accompanying us at church on the piano. Thank you also for the many donations for the Stevenage Foodbank, which we took over to the church, and the money donations for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We raised £246. Special thanks to the many children who emptied their moneyboxes because they wanted to share their own money and to Gianluca and Alessandra who made cupcakes at the weekend and donated £19.20 to the appeal.



### Football Team

Well done to the girls from Y5 and Y6, who played football in the glorious sunshine, at the Monk's Walk

festival last Friday. Our team had no subs and so all of the girls played full matches against Peartree, Applecroft, Harwood Hill and St. Mary's. Our score was, frustratingly, 1-0 in every game (to our opponents) but the team kept challenging throughout and our goalkeeper made many important saves. Congratulations to Lois who was given a 'Star Player' certificate, by the Young Leaders.



### A real Privilege

It has been a privilege to spend some quality time in classes over this past week. I had the pleasure of joining Miss Prentice and a Year 6 Maths Group last Friday and witnessed their challenging work on angles. The knowledge and use of vocabulary was impressive. This week I visited Reception in a phonics session and saw their positive approach to their learning. Year 5 have been writing biographies and were delighted to write about Usain Bolt. The quality of the writing reflected their enthusiasm for this task. Year 3 have been having fun with Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and learnt to organise their list of ingredients with sub headings and bullet points. Yesterday I joined Year 3 again during a maths investigation. It was a fun, practical lesson with lots of learning about cuboids, times tables and volume. In the afternoon, I was in Year 6, for a practical Science lesson, planning and carrying out an investigation on the size of shadows. The children used torches and measured carefully to record the object's distance from the torch and the height of the shadow. They worked responsibly in their groups and were keen to complete the investigation. I am looking forward to spending time in other classes next week.

### A few reminders from 'The Friends'

The children are busy designing Christmas cards in class, which you will have the chance to purchase later in the year.

Many parents are talking about the Quiz Night, but do not forget to purchase your tickets, as spaces are limited.



Next Friday is a non-uniform day for the children, in exchange for donating sweets for the 'Winter Wonderland.'

Over half term 'The Friends' would like the children to design programme covers for the Winter Wonderland. The design must be on A4 paper, portrait view with a ruler's width at the top folded over, this will be for dates etc. to be added. Draw and colour the design and put name and class on the front. Please give these to teachers after half term. The winning designs will feature on the programmes and some other designs may be made into posters.

### Reception photograph

Our Reception Class (Sycamore) will be in the special edition of the Welwyn and Hatfield Times next week. Look out for them.

### Road safety

I know that many of you are very concerned about the safety of the children, when walking to and from school and I know that some of you witnessed an accident just outside school at pick up time last week. I heard this week from Richard Smith, who is the County Councillor for Welwyn Division and it has been agreed that there will be a feasibility study undertaken. As part of this there will be some form of community listening event to ensure that the views of residents are considered and they will be looking at speed, volume and collision data too. I will let you know when I hear more about this, as it is important that you give your views.

### School Shop

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the KS2 packs that the children purchased for this academic year have had a positive impact in the classroom. Thank you for your support with this.

The school office is stocking replacements:

- Pencil case £1
- Pen 75p
- Pencil 10p
- Ruler 15p
- Glue stick 75p

### Help please!

We are gradually tidying our music/library area near Year 6. If you can spare an hour or so to sort books or prepare an inventory for Science resources, please let the office know.

### St Michael's now has an Orchestra

Mrs Hewitt has started an orchestra to give children who play instruments a chance to have fun playing together. If you do not play an instrument, but would like to join in, there are percussion

instruments to play. Orchestra meets at 8:30am on Monday mornings in the library. There is a small charge of £2 a week (£1 for additional siblings).

### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

**Willow:** Harry

**Cherry:** Felix

**Redwood:** Daisy & Isla

**Elm:** Poppy & Emily

**Beech:** Ella

**Oak:** Matteo

### Our Values Tree

The following children received a leaf to add to our tree, in Good Work assembly, Leona and Abi, both in Year 1, who have been positively demonstrating our school values this week. Thank you!

### What's On:

- 16.10.'17-Open Morning for prospective parents
- 17.10.'17-Reception Consultations 1-4pm
- 18.10.'17-Reception Consultations 3:30-4:30pm
- 19.10.'17-Beech Class (Year 5) Class assembly at 2:45pm
- 20.10.'17-Mufti Day for sweets (Friends)
- 23.10.'17-Half Term
- 30.10.'17-Pumpkin Carving Compt. (Friends)
- 3.11.'17-Quiz Night 7:30pm (Friends)
- 8.11.'17 - 'Phil the bag' (Friends)
- 17.11.'17-Mufti Day for Children in Need (School Council)
- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)

### Attachments:

- Stevenage Football Training
- Term Dates 2018/19