



Reasons to Celebrate!

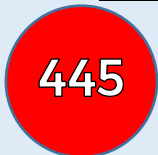
Merit Awards:

Year 3: Camille, Oscar, Georgia

Year 5: Daisy, Lexie, Indigo

Year 6: Rebecca, Emilie, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Beau, Edward P

House Points:



St Nicholas



St Francis



St Alban



St Hilda

Value this half term:



“Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.”
(Colossians 3.13)

Dear Parents/Carers,

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”
– *Helen Keller*

Welcome back, I hope you’ve had a lovely half term!

This week we have focused on encouraging others – using our energy and words to support each other in facing difficult/challenging things. The word **courage** can be found in two other words: **encourage** and **discourage**. The children have thought about the difference between them and the positivity simple acts of **encouragement** can have.

From next week, we’re moving on to explore ‘**Forgiveness**’ and linking it to the season of Lent. We start with our **Ash Wednesday Service** – Wednesday 6th March at 9.30am. Do join us if you’d like to, in the school hall. Please find attached to this Newsletter a sheet to help you reflect on Forgiveness at home.

World Book Day 2019 – Friday 8th March

World Book Day is next week, on the revised date of Friday 8th for us at All Saints! The children are invited to dress-up and we are holding a book swap. Pupils can bring to school a book they have finished and swap it with another from a friend. If children would rather not dress up or bring a book, they could bring in a drawing of their favourite character and write about why they like them.

The Book Fair is coming to our school!

We are looking forward to welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair in March! Please watch out for more information after half term. We will run a competition to win vouchers to spend at the fair, and we may need parental support in running the sessions after school.

Thank you for your continued support and help!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

March 2019

Friday 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery Tour, 10am• KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Tuesday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm (Book online!)
Wednesday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ash Wednesday Service, 9.30am School Hall• Parent Consultations 3.30-4.50pm & 5.40-7.30pm (Book online!)
Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery Tour, 9.30am
Friday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WORLD BOOK DAY – Dress Up Day!• Nursery Tour, 10am• EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Thursday 14 th – Tuesday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOOK FAIR in School (Times TBC – look out for posters!)
Friday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm• Nursery Applications Close!
Friday 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y2 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
Friday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm• PTA School Disco, (Times TBC)

April 2019

Tuesday 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y3/4 Show Afternoon Performance, 2pm
Wednesday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y3/4 Show Evening Performance, 6.30pm
Friday 5 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Service, 9.30am in School (All Welcome!)• Spring Term finishes at 1.15pm

PTA Fundraising

Thank you so much for your support at the 80's Disco! The event raised over £650 in total and was much enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. Thank you very much to the organising team, and everyone who supported it.

Look out for upcoming events later this term and year!

Nursery Tours

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child? We are taking bookings for our Nursery Tours with Stay and Play!

Please contact the school office to book a place, or to arrange a visit.

Thursday 7th March 9.30am

Friday 8th March 10am

Applications NOW OPEN (via our website)

Deadline: Friday 15th March

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember not to send your children into school with products containing nuts – this is to protect children and staff with allergies. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

PTA Summer Fete: Saturday 6th July 2019

Lots of exciting stalls, events and activities are in the planning stages. Please contact the PTA to offer support, ideas, and donations (of time, things and prizes!).

Thank you – it's going to be a fabulous family event!

Y6 Maths Challenge

This week a team of Y6 pupils represented our school at the Maths Challenge. We did very well and came a fabulous third out of Well done!

Year 2 – Crime Scene!

Year 2 had a visitor during Star of the Week assembly this morning. Investigations are ongoing throughout the day, since the visitor made a lot of mess and left lots of clues about their identity!



Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 gave a fantastic performance on the last day before the Half Term break, telling us all about the Romans through songs, stories, recreating battles, and, of course, jokes! They did brilliantly.

In class, they've worked really hard on a range of activities, including creating beautiful mosaics. Do have a look if you're passing through the classroom!



Cashless Office

To help reduce costs, we operate a cashless office. Please pay online (through SchoolGateway) or by cheque. Thank you!

School Closure (Bad Weather!)

We only ever consider closing school if we do not have enough staff able to get to school to allow us to function safely. We will let you know as soon as we can, usually by 8am. You can get information from:

- **Parentmail:** We will inform parents through our school text messaging system. This will also be used in the case of school closure midway through the day (either due to bad weather or another emergency).
- **Everbridge:** This is the free Hertfordshire County system, enabling parents to view closure information for all the schools their children attend. Parents need to register. Please sign up through this link: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>
- **Website:** We will aim to update our website promptly, though will prioritise other communication systems that alert parents faster. You can find other information about school closure on our website.
- **Radio:** Please listen out for announcements on local radio stations – BBC 3 Counties Radio, Heart FM 101.7 (Essex, including Bishops Stortford).

Please do not telephone the school to ask – please use all other methods first. If lines are engaged, staff are unable to contact us to let us know if they can come in or not, which impacts our decision to close. If you do not receive a message from us and there is no message on our website, we are open. On snowy mornings and we are open, the registers will remain open until 10am to allow more time for you to travel here safely. Thank you!

Eco-Council: Year 4 and Year 5 RSPB Bird Watching

This year we participated in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch project. In the last week before the half term break, children in Y4 and Y5 took turns to observe our Bird feeding stations (on the playground) from their classrooms. They monitored which birds visited the stations, and recorded them on a sheet. The results will be part of the National survey compiled by the RSPB.

Many thanks to Mrs Francis for organising this opportunity!



Lost Property...

We have continued to accumulate a large collection of Lost Property in the box by the main entrance. Please do check it regularly if your child has mislaid an item of clothing!

Map reading in Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been getting to grips with the local area, exploring maps and learning about grid-references.



ASPECTS Courses

Please find attached to this Newsletter details of upcoming ASPECTs courses for parents. Please do contact them directly if you'd like to attend any of them.

Did you know we can recycle your used batteries at school?

Pupils can bring dis-used or spent batteries from toys and similar electrical items in a bag/box and put them in our collection bin in the library. Each time the bin is emptied, a small donation is made to the school! Every little helps!



Parent's Evening

We're looking forward to seeing at the Parents Evenings next week. Please do contact the office if you haven't yet booked an appointment! Don't forget to come early to view your child's books, and we have a free crèche available for school age children (3 – 11) in the Y2 classroom while you are here for your meeting.

Governors will also be on hand to hear your views as part of our annual survey. The survey will also be available online (from Tuesday to Friday) for parents unable to complete one on the evening – in the News Section of the website.

THUNK...

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment – A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

Is a bird singing or talking?