

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Learning with love, strength and faith following the example of Jesus'

**Dear St.Mary's families**

Let's start with some words from our head boys and girls:

### Head Boy and Head Girl of the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October

'I have enjoyed going up in assemblies and collecting the harvest goods. I was surprised how much everyone brought!'

Thomas & Molly H

### Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October

'I was very busy as Head Boy this week. I especially enjoyed opening the boat as it felt like a big privilege' - Olly

'Olly and myself have been busy this week. One of the things we have been doing is taking the poppies around to school to see if anyone would like to make a donation.' - Beks

Yet another busy fortnight. Walking around the school this week we saw some amazing learning and children coming to The Meadow to collect head teacher's awards were articulating some incredible new learning in maths, writing, science.... you name it and they seem to do it! We sometimes wonder how they fit it all in when we read below all the other things they have been up to!

### 'I name this ship.....



...The Jolly Mary!' Last Monday afternoon saw parents and children gathered together for the naming of our new pirate ship. Our Head Boy for the week, Olly, did the honours by cutting the ribbon and we were lucky enough to enjoy some home-made cakes supplied by Cherry Class to add to the occasion. Thanks to all those who baked, help raise funds for the ship and for attending the ceremony!

### Village Harvest Lunch



'I went to the Village Lunch held in the Village Hall with Elouise, Szabi and Francesca as well as the Year 6s. When we got there we helped to set up and once everybody had arrived we started serving the food. Meanwhile, calendars were handed out which had pictures of Hartfield. Then we started collecting up the plates and served pudding. Once everyone had eaten, we collected plates again then we were given pudding! Everyone said thank you and we really enjoyed it'.

Roma, Y4



### Learner of the week

Week ending 20/10/17

LILAC – Lauren

WILLOW - Daisy

CHERRY – Joseph

MAPLE – Freddie

Week ending 3/11/17

LILAC – George

WILLOW – Charlie & Louis

CHERRY – Lucy

MAPLE – Jared

### Attendance

Week ending 20/10/17

LILAC – 99.6%

WILLOW – 100%

CHERRY – 94.8%

MAPLE – 99.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 98.3%

Week ending 3/11/17

LILAC – 94.4%

WILLOW – 90%

CHERRY – 94.4%

MAPLE – 92.3%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 92.8%

### Sports Star of the week

Week ending 20/10/17

LILAC - George

WILLOW – Alfie

CHERRY - Lucy

MAPLE – Oliver

Week ending 3/11/17

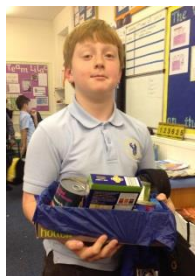
LILAC - Lauren

WILLOW – Lily R

CHERRY - Kishi

MAPLE – Daisy

## Harvest Festival Service



It was standing room only in church for our annual Harvest Festival. Thank you for supporting us in such large numbers – the children have told us how proud they were to have you there. It was wonderful to see our 'small school with the big heart' in action as children sang, praised and gave love and enthusiasm. Thanks you to for the generous gifts for Crawley Open House that were collected on the day reflecting our Christian value for the term – **Generosity**.

## Beacon Cross-country

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Tia and Lauren in Year 6 took part in the next stage of the area school's cross-country competition at Beacon Academy. They ran their hearts out and gave their very best and although they did not go through to the next stage, we are very proud of them for representing St Mary's.

## Boy's Football Tournament



'On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, years 4, 5 and 6 went to Beacon Academy for the boy's football tournament. It was really fun and challenging. We scored one goal, the scorer was George. We played some of the hardest schools from around the area including Ashdown who were the strongest there. We came last in our group but we all had fun.'

**George, Y6**

## Forest School – Lilac Class



Lilac were amazing! What a great bunch of children to take to the woods!

We walked wonderfully well and arrived in plenty of time to find some fly agaric mushrooms and others growing on the fallen, rotting tree stumps in the woods.

We put up a slack line and balance rope, and the children worked out their own rules of how to use it and support each other. They helped each other to climb up onto the rope and had a lot of fun, balancing and bouncing!

There was some amazing clay work, sculpture, mortar making, mixing, digging and creating, which led to the idea of maybe making your own kiln in the woods....we are going to try to start this next time we go!

Some great tree climbing and den building was observed and the children wanted to extend this next time, so we will learn to use some tools to help cut more wood for our projects and maybe have a go at weaving and whittling also.

Finally Mrs Banks would be proud, that the children have taken their learning outside the classroom and created a Borrowers House in the wood. Complete with a leaf thatched roof and with some homemade clay built steps! Beautiful!

Well done to lovely Lilac, you were so full of enthusiasm and engagement. Again, as always, another thank you to the volunteers- not only helping make it all happen and getting involved with all the activities, but it looked like they were all enjoying it as much as the children!

**Mrs Sanders**

## Forest School – Maple Class



Another gloriously sunny autumn day and the class set off for the woods once again. We played 1, 2, 3, change tree on the village croft, where we had to run to reach another tree by the end of a countdown, practising out counting and taking away.

We walked together along the narrow pathway and spotted lots of sheep and a tractor.

The class met a troll at the bridge and threw lots of leaves at him after he shouted ‘Who’s that trip, trapping over my bridge?’....it turned out it to be Mr Wood!

We read the story of ‘A Bear’s Winter House’ and had a go at building our own houses. The children used clay and sticks with their constructions. They also found some moss, which the bear had used in the story to sleep on and to plug up draughty gaps in his house.

Lots of fun was had playing on the slack line. Initially the children said that they couldn’t climb up on to the rope, but very quickly their resilience and independence shone through and they were climbing and wobbling along the line with laughter, confidence and enjoyment!

**Mrs Sanders**

## Wildlife Explorers Club



Before half-term, the Explorers Club were hard at work making badges. The badges were to spread the message - Help Nature and come along to our Wildlife Club!



Wednesday 11th of October was the United Nations 'International Day of the Girl'. On this day girls are encouraged to become leaders in their communities. At St Mary's four girls from Lilac Class; Brooke, Eleanor, Seren and Scarlett ran the Wildlife Explorers club instead of Mr and Mrs Rowberry. Well done our girls! This is the certificate they were awarded.

This week the Wildlife Explorers group searched through the school grounds. They were looking for the very best coloured, fallen autumn leaves. With help from the Young Leaders they made displays of their favourite colours to show how our environment is getting ready for winter.



### **Pioneer Partnership update**

Pioneer teachers will be coming over to St Mary's this term to observe teaching at Hartfield and work alongside teachers with planning and moderation

**Mr Procter**

### **Triple P workshop – Dealing with Disobedience**

Following the Raising Resilient Children workshop, Sam Mills is running a discussion group on Thursday 9th November 9-11am for those that attended the seminar. Come along for a cup of tea and informal chat. Mrs Leahy will be on the playground on Monday morning with a board to sign up for this. Topics for discussion with be:

1. Managing fighting and aggression
2. Development of good bedtime routines
3. Hassle free shopping with children
- 4.

A flyer about the event is attached to this newsletter.

**Mrs Leahy**

### **Media Mums and Digital Dads: Building Digital Confidence - an online safety workshop**

This workshop is being arranged for parents on **Tuesday 14th November at 9am**. Advice will be given on how we can equip our children from an early age to safely and resiliently engage with the internet. This workshop fits in well with the Anti-bullying week agenda as we are increasingly aware of digital images and cyberbullying being a frequent topic in the news. Come along to update your knowledge on the key themes in this area.

Please email the office to indicate you will be attending so that we can arrange the room appropriately.

**Mrs Leahy**

### **Remembrance Service**



A service of remembrance will be held at St Mary's Church at 10.40am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. It would be great to see as many of our children there as possible wearing school uniform and poppies.

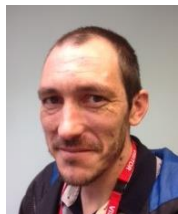
### **Living Willow Structure**

With the help of our love strength and faith (LSF) champions we have designed a living willow structure to use as a quiet area of reflection. The willow tunnel and seating area will be planted next to the playground and seat up to 6 children at a time. The planting will take place at the end of this month and every child will be able to help with the planting. We will then watch it grow and take shape over the coming years. Thank you so much to the PTFA for funding the project and to the children for inspiring us with their ideas!

### **School secretary**

After answering thousands of queries, emails and phone calls, administering countless ice packs, plasters and stickers, and smiling however many jobs we gave her to do, Mrs Sharp has decided to move on from her role as school secretary. Good luck Mrs Sharp, you will be sorely missed. Mrs Sharp's last day will be next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, although we hope to still see her around from time to time over the next weeks as she helps us with the handover of her role. We are welcoming Mrs Rachael Tufo on to the staff team. Mrs Tufo has experience working in schools previously and we are sure you will enjoy meeting her in the school office over the coming weeks.

### New member of staff – Joe Gray, Caretaker



We are delighted to have appointed a new School Caretaker to the St Mary's team. Joe comes to us with a great deal of practical DIY experience as well as having extensive knowledge of the building trade. In the very short time he has been with us he has already made a big impact on the school, sorting out those annoying maintenance issues that have built up over time!

### Reminder regarding collecting children

Please could we just remind parents that if your child is being collected by someone other than yourself or a family member known to us, to inform either their class teacher or the school office in advance. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs Taylor & Mr Procter**



DATES FOR DIARIES		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
7/11/2017	13:00 - 13:30	Collective worship – all welcome
8/11/2017	15:30 - 16:00	Lilac class residential trip meeting for parents
8/11/2017	13:30 - 16:30	Y5/6 Girl's football tournament at Beacon Academy
9/11/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Cherry Forest School
12/11/2017	10:20 - 11:30	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
12/11/2017	15:30 - 15:30	Family Service and tea at St Mary's Church
14/11/2017	09:30 - 10:30	On-line Safety Workshop for parents
16/11/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Willow Forest School
19/11/2017	09:30 - 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
22/11/2017	15:30 - 18:00	Parent Consultations
23/11/2017	15:30 - 18:00	Parent Consultations
23/11/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Lilac Forest School
30/11/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Maple Forest School
1/12/2017	All Day	Christmas dress up for PTFA Fair
1/12/2017		'Flu vaccinations for YR-4 and audio & visual checks for YR
2/12/2017		PTFA Christmas Fair
7/12/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Cherry Forest School
8/12/2017	13:00 - 15:00	Making Christingles in School
9/12/2017	16:00 - 17:30	Christingle making at St Mary's Church
10/12/2017	09:30 - 10:30	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church

13/12/2017	12:00 – 13:00	Village Christmas Lunch
14/12/2017	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
15/12/2017	10:00 – 11:00	Whole school Nativity Play first performance
15/12/2017	14:00 – 15:00	Whole school Nativity Play second performance
15/12/2017	18:00 – 19:00	Village live nativity
17/12/2017	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
17/12/2017	18:30 – 19:30	Lessons and carols at St Mary's Church
18/12/2017	12:00 – 13:00	Christmas lunch – whole school
20/12/2017	09:15 – 10:30	End of term Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
21/12/2017 – 1/1/2018		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
<b>TERM 3</b>		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
2/1/2018		INSET DAY
4/1/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
11/1/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
12/1/2018	09:00 – 15:00	Whole school Stunning Start, Ashdown Forest
14/1/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
18/01/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
21/1/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
25/1/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
27/1/2018	11:00 – 12:00	PTFA Jumble Sale - tbc
1/2/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
5/2/2018	15:30 – 16:30	Parent workshop – phonics, reading, grammar
8/2/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
11/2/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
12/2/2018 – 16/2/2018		FEBRUARY HOLIDAY
<b>TERM 4</b>		
18/2/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
22/2/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
1/3/2018		World Book Day
1/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
8/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
9/3/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Bring an adult to school and share our learning
11/3/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
14/3/2018	15:30 – 18:00	Parent Consultations
15/3/2018	15:30 – 18:00	Parent Consultations
15/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
18/3/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
22/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
29/3/2018	09:15 – 10:30	End of term Easter service at St Mary's Church
29/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
30/3/2018 – 13/4/2018		EASTER HOLIDAY
8/4/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
15/4/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
<b>TERM 5</b>		
19/4/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
21/4/2018	14:00 – 15:00	Open Day for new reception children 2018/19

26/4/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
3/5/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
7/5/2018		MAY BANK HOLIDAY
10/5/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
13/5/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
14/5/2018 – 18/5/2018		Bikeability training for Year 5
14/5/2018 – 18/5/2018		KS1 SATS (Year 1 & 2)
14/5/2018 – 18/5/2018		KS2 SATS
17/5/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
21/5/2018 – 24/5/2018		KS1 SATS
21/5/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
24/5/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
25/5/2018	14:00 – 15:00	May Festival
28/5/2018 – 1/6/2018		MAY HOLIDAY
<b>TERM 6</b>		
4/6/2018		INSET DAY
7/6/2018		Whole school trip to Wakehurst Place
10/6/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
14/6/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
15/6/2018	09:00 – 10:30	Bring an adult to school and share our learning
17/6/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
20/6/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Pop in and Play for new reception children
21/6/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
22/6/2018		Mufti Day (own clothes)
28/6/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Pop in and Play for new reception children
28/6/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
29/6/2018		Whole school Sports Day and PTFA Summer Social
5/7/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
5/7/2018	13:00 – 14:00	Governor's Teddy Bear's Picnic
6/7/2018		Reports to go home
8/7/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
9/7/2018		Transition day – children to meet new class teachers
9/7/2018	15:30 – 16:30	Parent drop-in to discuss reports
10/7/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Pop in and Play for new reception children
12/7/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
15/7/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
18/7/2018	13:30 – 14:30	St Mary's Got Talent Show
19/7/2018	09:15 – 10:30	End of Year service at St Mary's Church
<b>END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18</b>		



# Triple P

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**FREE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN  
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## ***DEALING WITH DISOBEDIENCE***

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am -11.00am at  
St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School,  
High Street, Hartfield, TN7 4AA**

**Call: 01424 725800**

**Email: [triplepteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:triplepteam@eastsussex.gov.uk)**

**Ask at Mrs Leahy via the school office or:  
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