

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's families

By now you have probably had time to read the report published yesterday after our recent SIAMS inspection. We are thrilled that our school has been judged as an **OUTSTANDING** church school.

This is a great achievement for our little school and reflects the great work going on in school; the commitment of our wonderful staff team, the great support we have from the community through the church, parents and village, and most of all our outstanding children of whom we are so proud. The children's well-being, their calm and respectful behaviour and their love of learning showed the inspector they really do learn with love, strength and faith.

**Faith in Sussex magazine** - after the opening of the prayer garden in January we are so pleased to have seen so many of our children visiting and making use of the area. We have a double page spread in Faith in Sussex magazine this month - there are copies in school if you would like to see.

Mrs F Taylor  
Acting Head of School

### Learners & Attendance of The Week

#### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK : ENDING: 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB

(W/E) : 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB

MAPLE:	JACOB	MAPLE:	LEO
CHERRY:	KAYA	CHERRY:	RHYS
WILLOW:	WILLIAM	WILLOW:	ASHLEIGH
LILAC:	OLLIE S	LILAC:	MOLLY H

#### ATTENDANCE: (W/E): 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB

MAPLE:	95.3%
CHERRY:	94.2%
WILLOW:	88.5%
LILAC:	98.0%

TOTAL: 93.8%

#### ATTENDANCE 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB:

MAPLE:	95.3%
CHERRY:	91.2%
WILLOW:	91.5%
LILAC:	96.8%

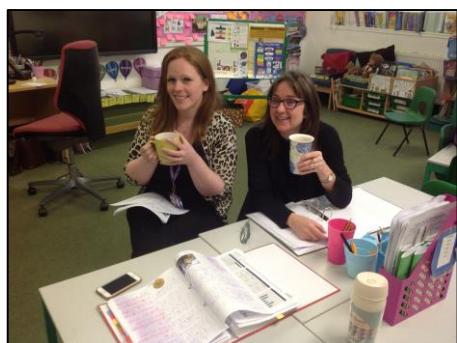
TOTAL: 93.4%





## Pioneer News/Update

This week, some of the staff from Chiddingly and St Mary the Virgin got together for subject leader meetings in Hartfield. The photos show our Early Years and Years 3 & 4 teachers together:



As you know, a letter was sent out on Monday regarding the Federation Consultation.

The governors of all the schools have set up a consultation process to seek the views of parents, staff, community, the local authority, the Chichester Diocesan Board of Education and other key stakeholders. Just a reminder that the consultation process will last six weeks, starting on **Monday 5 February 2018** and ending on **Friday 23 March 2018**.

Governors welcome your views and comments and invite you to any of the meetings, regardless of which is your child's school:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	21 Feb 2018	9 am	Chiddingly
Wednesday	21 Feb 2018	6 pm	East Hoathly
Thursday	22 Feb 2018	9 am	St Mary the Virgin
Thursday	22 Feb 2018	6 pm	St Mary the Virgin

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, and would like to discuss this proposal, informal group sessions will be arranged, depending on demand. Please contact your school to make an appointment in the usual manner.

**Comments and views must be received by Friday 23 March 2018 at 3.30pm.**

Written responses should be addressed to the **Clerk to the Governing Body** of your school.

A box for written responses will be provided in each school.

Alternatively, you may use the following email address:

St Mary the Virgin: [Wilmowski@btinternet.com](mailto:Wilmowski@btinternet.com)



## Sports Awards – Mr D

Well done to the following children:

W/e: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

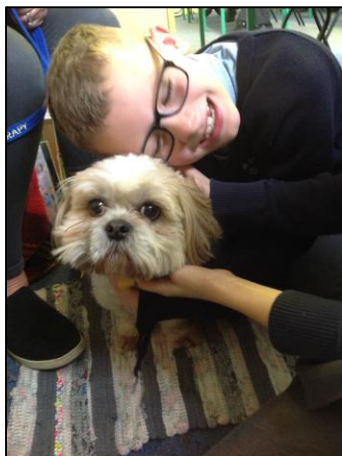
Maple:	Isaac
Cherry:	Charlie
Willow:	Alex
Lilac:	Lauren



## PETS AS THERAPY

We were thrilled to welcome a new member to the staff team this week. Pets as Therapy dog Button the Shih Tzu was greeted with such pure enthusiasm and love by all of the children (and adults!) that he has agreed to join us regularly.

Button will come along to work with individuals at school each week, listening to readers and being taken for walks.





Lilac class have been doing some work on rainforests this half term and here are just a few examples of the amazing work that was created by the children:



### Lilac Class – 31<sup>st</sup> January



The sun shone, but the wind was still cold and sharp on our afternoon adventure to the woods. The class made it in record time and used the new Forest School camera to take their own shots of features along the way. We stopped to collect some King Alfred's cake fungi along the way, to save to help us with fire-lighting.

This week the children were extremely independent in their choice of activity and went about building their skills and ideas in small groups. Making bird balls to hang for the wild birds, using lard and seeds. We made a target for the completed bows and arrows, and though tricky to aim straight, some tried for the full session, to be rewarded with a bull's eye shot. Some of the children found the stream and set about damming it. They used the saw to cut wood to suitable lengths. Then tested out how deep the dammed water was. As always, there was time for a bit of a balance on the slack line, clamber along a fallen tree and the children had a bit of a swing on the hammock.

They were full of more adventurous ideas for their next session....where we might delve further into the woods and then carry on some imaginative games and practise our use of tools again.

### Maple Class – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

It was a super muddy start to our adventure and lots of us had a slide and fall in the mud, as soon as we had left the village croft! We learned how to make a shelter in a parachute.

The children took charge of our new camera (kindly purchased by the brilliant PTFA). There were lots of photographs of muddy footprints taken and close up shots of our friends! We all had fun trying to get into the shot!

We stopped for a banana snack and had a great time talking about distance and measuring, which we had learned about in class and outside this week. We all threw our banana skins into the hedge and talked about which one we thought had gone the furthest.

We thought it was a draw between Miss Bews and Mrs Philcox! Oliver managed to throw his banana skin the highest by accident!





## Wildlife Explorers & Eco Clubs - Mrs Rowberry

### Introducing our Eco Committee Members:



#### Wildlife Explorers - Eco-Committee Meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

The Committee met with all of St Mary's wildlife explorers attending.

Mrs Rowberry chaired the meeting this time.

She took everyone through the SMV Eco-Code : Go Green. ( Growing, Recycling, Energy efficiency, Environment care and looking after Nature)

- The first report was from the members applying for Green badges from the BBC Blue Peter programme. They have all got Wild Challenge RSPB Gold Awards so have a lot to write about in their letters explaining how they help the environment. If the Blue Peter team like their letter they will win green badges in approximately 8 week's time.
- A group went off to survey recycling bins in all the rooms. They reported back that there were no bins for recycling paper, all the rubbish went into one or two bins all mixed up.
- Another group went off to survey if lights and computers had been left switched on, possibly wasting energy when no one was in the room. They found a few lights left on and open doors wasting the heat to the outside!

The Committee decided on a meeting Action Plan:

1. Ask the Headteacher to put recycling bins for paper in all rooms with a recycling label.
2. The Committee will design labels reminding everyone to switch off electricity when rooms are not in use.
3. Mrs Rowberry will find out about badges for Eco-Committee members.
4. The Eco-Committee will present their survey results and actions to an assembly after half term.
5. The members will start to monitor if bins are used properly and lights switched off
6. At the next meeting Representatives from Class 1, Class 2 and Maple will be invited to join in approximately once every 6 weeks. "



## Katrina's Corner

This Sunday morning is our monthly informal all age service, Church Family Praise. This week, due to the ongoing heating problems in church, the service will be in the Village Hall at 9:30am. All are welcome! The following Sunday (18th) at the same time and venue, it is a Holy Communion service, with breakfast and activities for children and young people in the back room of the village hall.

I hope that everyone has a great half term!

Katrina  
Katrina Thomas  
Children and Family Worker  
St Mary's Hartfield  
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## PTFA News

After the success of the jumble sale last month we received a cheque from Rocking Horse for £66 for donations placed in the Rocking Horse bin. Don't forget that you can use the bin in the car park all year round, so you can have a clear out at any time! It takes clothes and shoes, toys and books, DVD's and bric a brac (non-breakable). Half of the money made on donations comes direct to our school and the other goes direct to the Rocking Horse charity, a lovely little children's charity based in Sussex.

<https://www.rockinghorse.org.uk>.

Has your child lost their 100th school jumper and you are fed up with purchasing new? Don't forget our 2nd hand clothes rail. We have a large array of all age school uniform in good condition including school logo items. It is donation only and all money goes directly to school rather than in the pocket of Mr Asda. We are currently unable to take any further clothes donations as we have so many items, so thank you for all your donations. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

The PTFA x



## School Office Update

We are having part of the school roof repaired. The work is starting in half term, but will continue for a few weeks into Term 4. During this time space will be limited in the car park, so if you can park elsewhere or car share, then we would be very grateful.

The main front entrance will still be open but please be aware of the work going on and please watch your children in this area. Thank you for your understanding.

We still have a pair of unclaimed blue reading glasses. Please pop by the school office, if you know who they may belong to.



Chartwells have recently employed a new full time cook at St Mary's and we are delighted to welcome Sarah after half term.

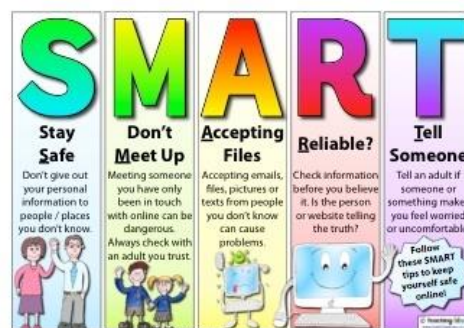


**Safer Internet Day 2018**  
Tuesday 6 February

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day. Each class revisited the SMART campaign introduced by Child Net International, along with a reminder of how to minimise a screen when you see something you do not like and need to tell an adult about.

Please talk to your children about this over half term. If you would like to do some research of your own, then a web link is enclosed:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>





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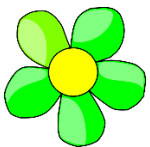
## School Website

This half term please take the time to have a peek at our new look website with a fresh new format.



## Schools Big Bird Watch

St Mary's wildlife explorers took part in the Schools Big Bird Watch on Wednesday January 31st. The weather was awful, but we saw and heard a number of birds. The RSPB charted our top ten birds and you can see the results. Things were a bit unusual because 17 Jackdaws came down and mobbed two Robins when escaped into the trees. It was good to learn how to use the binoculars outside though.



## Teise and Cuckmere Houses

In recognition of the amount of house points awarded to Teise and Cuckmere this half term, children are invited to come into school wearing house colours on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



## Book Banding

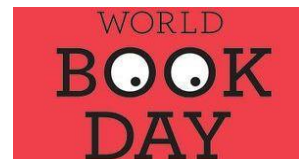
Some parents at the Parents' forum asked for more clarification about the book band colours. At St Mary's the children progress in reading as they are ready. The books are banded to ensure a smooth progression to support the stage that they are at. If you have any further queries about this or your child's reading, do please come and see me.

Regards, Katy Norris  
(Literacy Co-ordinator)



## Triple P Parent Workshops

Just a gentle reminder of our next parent discussion group on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The topic will be 'bedtimes', which was chosen by the parents, who were at the last workshop. There is a slightly amended time to previously advertised and will now be at 1.45pm to 3.15pm. Please either sign up nearer the time, email the school office or just come along on the day.



## World Book Day

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please could the children come into school dressed as their favourite book character, along with the book that goes with it. KS1 will be having Giles Paley-Phillips visit us and he will be doing a workshop about Super Heroes.

Chartwells will be joining in on the fun with a Mad Hatter Tea Party inspired lunch menu for the day. Roast dinner will take place on the Tuesday.

DATES FOR DIARIES		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
12/2/2018 – 16/2/2018		<b>FEBRUARY HOLIDAY</b>
18/2/2018	09.30	Holy Communion at St Mary's with Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast – village hall
<b>TERM 4</b>		
20/2/2018		China Day – Chartwell Special Menu
22/2/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
22/2/2018	13.45 – 15.15	Tripe P Workshop – Bedtime Discussion
25/2/2018	9.30	Café Church at St Marys – Village Hall
28/2/2018	All Day	World Book Day (date change)
01/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
01/3/2018	09.00 – 11.00	Tripe P Discussion Group - <i>postponed</i>
04/3/2018	10.30	Sunday Praise at Village Hall
08/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Lilac Forest School
09/3/2018	09:30 – 10:30	Bring an adult to school and share our learning
14/3/2018	15:30 – 18:00	Parent Consultations
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15/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
22/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
22/3/2018	14.45 – 15.15	Parent Forum – Growth Mind-set Parent Consultation Format
28/3/2018	From 15.15	<i>Lilac Bake Sale - PTFA</i>
29/3/2018	From 15.15	<i>Lilac Bake Sale - PTFA</i>
29/3/2018	09:15 – 10:30	<i>End of term Easter service at St Mary's Church</i>
29/3/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
30/3/2018 – 13/4/2018		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>