

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St. Mary's families

What an amazing week we have had. After touring the school this morning with a visitor there was so much purposeful learning and pure joy and excitement in the children we felt really proud. There was pure awe and wonder again, this time with the arrival of our newly hatched chicks. It was an amazing experience watching the children's faces as the chicks spent the day pecking their way out of the eggs. We have three beautiful chicks and are planning to keep the two females at school. If anyone has or knows of, a good home for the remaining male chick please contact us.

Thank you to the wonderful Mrs Poole for starting our days with a session of Tai Chi on the playground this week - such a calm start for us as adults as well as for the children. It's well-being month here at school and so we are looking for all kinds of opportunities to try out new things. Today the children in Willow and Lilac classes all had a yoga session, which was really well received - thank you Leanie for your gentleness and expertise. I think we all took something away from the session, and the children have told us they want to try a bit more yoga at school! Great!

No doubt we will see many of you up at the Coleman's Hatch fair tomorrow - well done Cherry class on your Maypole dancing - it looks fantastic and we can't wait to see you perform tomorrow. Thank you to the Cherry class team for their hard work on this and for giving up their time at the weekend to transport Maypoles and help the children remember which ribbon to hold! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs F Taylor

Acting Head of School

Mr J Procter

Executive Headteacher



Learners of the Week & Attendance

WEEK ENDING: 04.05.18

MAPLE: DAISY
CHERRY: CHARLIE
WILLOW: LUCAS
LILAC: MOLLY H

WEEK ENDING: 11.05.18

MAPLE: CHLOE
CHERRY: HARRY
WILLOW: ALFIE
LILAC: MYLES

ATTENDANCE W/E: 11.05.18

MAPLE: 92.6%
CHERRY: 95.7%
WILLOW: 99.1%
LILAC: 98.1%





Pioneer News Update

It is not too late to vote for the parent governor vacancies for the new Pioneer Governing Body. Please return your slip on Monday or alternatively email the school office.



Sports Awards – Mr Dalton

Well done to the following children:

W/e:	27.04.18	04.05.18
Maple:	Daisy	Jacob
Cherry:	Verity	Amelia
Willow:	Harry	William
Lilac:	Ellie	William

Dates for your diaries:

12/05/2018	14.00	Coleman's Hatch Vintage Fair
13/05/2018	09.30	Church Family Praise at St Mary's Church
14/05/2018	Y6 Sats All Week – Please ensure good attendance	
14/05/2018	All Week	Bikeability Year 5
15/05/2018	All Day	Maple Class Trip – Briars Lodge Field Centre
16/05/2018	15.30 – 16.30	Y3 & 4 Mixed Tennis Tournament Beacon
17/05/2018	13.00 -15.00	Lilac Forest School – with bikes
18/05/2018	All Day	Royal Wedding Celebration including Special Menu and Street Party
21/05/2018	Y2 Sats All Week – Please ensure good attendance	
22/05/2018	9.00 - 10.30	Audio & Visual Screening for Reception
23/05/2018	All Day	Jump for Jigsaw – £1 donation please
24/05/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Maple Forest School
24/05/2018	15.15	Maple Bake Sale
24/05/2018	09.15 KS1 10.00 KS2 11 – 12 Y5 & 6	NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. Separate assemblies for KS1 and 2 followed by a workshop for Year 5/6.
25/05/2018	13.40 – 15.45	Maypole Festival and PTFA May Fair – at school
27/05/2018	09.30	Café Church at St Mary's Church
28/05/2018	May Half Term Holiday	
04/06/2018	Inset Day – No School	

Cherry Class Trip to Ashdown Forest – Tuesday 8th May

Cherry class had a fantastic trip to the Ashdown Forest Centre on Tuesday. The weather was great. We followed in the footsteps of Winnie the Pooh and visited the gorse bush where he got stuck!

Then we collected different leaves and flowers that we could find on the Heathland. Leo got dressed up as an owl to show us how owls are adapted for where they live.

We really enjoyed playing Pooh sticks in a small stream. We had lunch and played in the hut near the centre. We then sat under a tree and held a mirror up to the sky to experience what a bird sees.

Finally we made a map of where we had been on the ground. We had a brilliant day and came back tired but happy.

Thank you to all the parents who came with us and looked after us.

Mrs Katy Norris
Cherry Class Teacher





On Friday 18th May, St Mary's
will be marking the very special occasion of the
Royal Wedding with:

A request that everyone wears red, white and blue for the day.

We shall be making bunting during the morning, followed by a special menu lunch from Chartwells (details enclosed), which the children will eat on the playground at tables as a 'street party'. Lilac will be making a cookie for all of the children for an afternoon treat. Any children who would prefer to bring their own lunch can bring theirs out to have with everyone else. Special diets will be accommodated – please contact the school office.

Lunch Menu:

**Fish & Chips/Veggie Hot Dog in a Bun & Chips/or
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or BBQ Beans or Cheese,
Main Meal with choice of American Slaw, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
And for pudding Queen of Heart Tart or Fresh Fruit.**



Wildlife Explorers Club - Mr and Mrs Rowberry

May arrived with some lovely sunshine. So this week our Wildlife Club took advantage of the good weather.

First we dipped in the pond and found it is in fine condition with lots of aquatic mini-beasts and tadpoles.

Then we did some bird watching. There were several Blackbirds trilling out songs, lots of Wood Pigeons, a Magpie, Robin, Crows and Blue Tits. Plus a hawk circled in the distance - even with binoculars we couldn't quite recognise it.

We have been sent an RSPB certificate for taking part in the Big Garden Bird Watch and they gave us a gift of a poster with all the common minibeasts found in ponds. We have a lot of them in ours!





Triple P Workshop – Monday 25th June

Please make a note in your diaries for the next Triple P Parent Workshop - Raising Resilient Children, taking place at school between 1.15-3.15pm. This workshop is specifically about transitioning from one year group to another and will be particularly helpful for parents of early years going into Year 1, Year 2 going into Year 3 and Year 6 parents going into Year 7.



On 24th May, as part of well-being month the NSPCC will be visiting St Mary's to lead individual assemblies for KS1 and KS2 on their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme. Please look out for an email next week with further details about this.



Calling any creative or arty people!

We would love to get a small group of creative parents together to help us with our school learning environment. If you have a

bit of time to give and would be interested we'd love to have you! Please speak to the school office.



St Mary's Breakfast Club

Thank you for taking the time to reply to our recent parent questionnaire. We will be running a club from September and further details will be coming out to you next term.

Coleman's Hatch May Fair

Tomorrow the majority of Cherry Class will be doing a Maypole dance at the Coleman's Hatch Vintage Fair at 3pm. Thank you to all of our parents for taking part in this gorgeous local community event and a huge thanks to Mrs Norris and Mrs Neville for their preparation in advance.



Willow and Cherry recently visited the Ashdown Forest Centre for class trips. Many thanks to Lisa and the team at the centre for two really enjoyable and educational sessions and to the Friends of the Forest for subsidising the cost of the travel for us. On Sunday the centre is hosting a Calling the Birds event and details are enclosed here:



Administration of Medicine

A gentle reminder to parents that children are not permitted to self administer any form of prescribed medication at school. Please would you personally drop off medicines at the school office and allow a few minutes to fill in the relevant medical forms, so that we can administer and monitor for you. Thank you.



St Mary's School, Hartfield
PTFA May Festival
Friday 25th May



Timing of events for the afternoon:

1.40pm to 2pm	Café will open for early birds
2pm to 3pm	Maypole dancing begins
3pm to 3.45pm	Café serving drinks, edibles and if warm ice creams. Second Hand Uniform available to browse.

If there are any parents who are able to help set up before, clear away afterwards, assist with flowers for the May Queen's throne, man a stall and serve drinks - please would you contact your class rep or leave a message at the school office. Thank you.