

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Dear St.Mary's Families

Welcome to another action packed newsletter. Let's start again this time with some words from our head boys and girls from the past 2 weeks.

Week beginning 16th October - George and Lottie

'We gave out poppies for Remembrance Sunday and I went to the church service', George.

'I really enjoyed opening and closing the assemblies this week', Lottie

Week beginning 13th November - Louie and Lauren

'It has been a good week, we read out prayers in assembly and collected £70.26 for children in need. Thank you everyone!' Louie and Lauren



It was children leading all the way this week. From anti-bullying week badge making to running for Children in Need today, your children continue to shine. Thank you to the class champions for all their organisation and support. Visitors to the school continue to be impressed by all that is happening and showing prospective parents around today was a real pleasure, as we saw the joy and hard work going on in every classroom.

We welcomed Jono back to collective worship this week and we enjoyed hearing children singing in tune with his guitar, as he brought joy to the children, as they listened to Bible stories and through our theme of **Generosity**.

Learning through Love Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus

Our vision, seen in all that we do, was on full display again last week when we spent a morning working in our houses learning about love strength and faith.

Each classroom had a different activity going on

Will and Olly told us:

In the love activity we decorated hearts that had the names of all those we love on. In the strength classroom we had to try not to make each other laugh! In faith - we heard a story of a captain of a pirate ship and how he saved the day- we did some clever newspaper folding to change a captain's hat into a life jacket! Finally, we read bible stories that inspire us with love strength and faith, and put our thoughts and ideas onto our Love Strength and Faith tree.

Thank you to those parents who came along to the afternoon's assembly to see what we had been up to. **Mrs F Taylor**



Learner of the week

Week ending 10/11/17

LILAC - Will

WILLOW - Hope

CHERRY - Leon

MAPLE - Chloe

Week ending 17/11/17

LILAC - Louie

WILLOW - Alex

CHERRY - Hugo

MAPLE - Iris

Attendance

Week ending 10/11/17

LILAC - 93.2%

WILLOW - 95.2%

CHERRY - 94%

MAPLE - 98.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL - 94.9%

Week ending 17/11/17

LILAC - 88.7%

WILLOW - 98%

CHERRY - 99.6%

MAPLE - 94.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL - 95.8%

Sports Star of the week

Week ending 10 /11/17

LILAC - Elodie

WILLOW - Della

CHERRY - Troy

MAPLE - Noahk,

Week ending 17/11/17

LILAC - Francesca

WILLOW - Leo

CHERRY - Jacob

MAPLE - Dulcie

Cherry Class



Walking to the woods with Cherry class...we had another lovely adventure and despite a bit of drizzle earlier in the day, it turned out to be another dry, Autumn day.

We cut willow from the woods and packed it into tins to make charcoal, by burning it without air, for our drawing at school the next day. We watched the white smoke coming out of the hole in the top of the tin. We found worms and digging together we found coloured roots and then made dens and found time to play and sculpt with clay again.

Willow Class



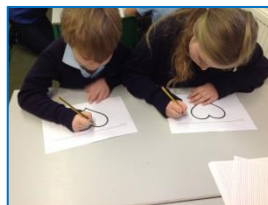
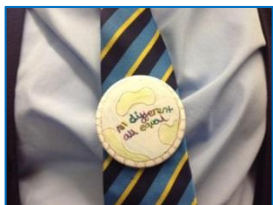
This week Willow class had their Forest School session in the school grounds. We learned how to use saws safely to cut elder sticks. The insides are all soft, so we used another stick to poke out the pith in the middle and then put charcoal (made by Cherry class) into the holes to make elder pens.

The children learned to use gloves on their bracing hands, to protect them and supported each other when holding their elder steady whilst cutting it to the length of a pen.

Willow also had a go at adorning our trees in the playground with clay faces...they showed such individual and creative ideas to create characterful sculptures.....come and have a look at them.....as they may not last long!



E Safety Workshops and Anti-bullying week



Thank you to all our parents, who attended both the E- Safety and Dealing with Disobedience workshops this week. The feedback from those who attended has been really positive and we hope to be running more courses through the year. A copy of the e safety presentation will be found on the school website shortly.



Wildlife Explorers Club – Mrs Rowberry

"Wednesday 15th November:

Today Wildlife Explorers were Nature Detectives! We searched at the front of the school. Along the wayside and hedgerows to find: insects, fruits, leaves and fungi. We saw pigeons and blackbirds flying over us and found hazel nuts chewed by squirrels. It was good fun and we all got a prize", by Seren Twort

Photo by Eleanor Sloane.



Girl's Football



"We are really proud of the girls who took part in last Wednesday's football match.....they played really well and they all enjoyed it showing such great team spirit! Hartfield girls team came joint 5th in a group of 8 schools."

Heidi Twort, parent

This is just the start now.....they all want to carry on now😊

Results: 0-0 0-1 lost 1-1 1-0 win 0-0 1-0 win 0-1 lost

Our new after school girl's football club started this week and will run on Wednesdays between 3.30pm and 4.15pm. If you would like to join, please contact the school office. Thank you to Mr Wood for giving up his time to run the club!

Children's Author – David Fuller



Last week we were very lucky to receive a visit from David, who has written a series of books called 'Alfie Jones', along with a 'Footballer's Christmas Carol'. Mr Fuller spent time talking with each of our classes and Ellen Wood had this to say about him, " Mr Fuller talked about his handwriting when he was younger, which was not very good because he has dyslexia, but with more practice you can get better at it. It makes me want to read more of his books."



Pioneer Partnership update:

Partnership News - Governors have been meeting regularly to discuss the progress of the partnership. Pioneer and St Mary's Governors are meeting up together next week to talk about next steps.

Mr J Procter

New School Governor – A few words from Lucy Wicks:



'I am delighted to have recently been appointed Parent Governor at St Mary's. Having been part of the school for just over a year now, and parent to three pupils, I am enthusiastic and dedicated in helping the school continue to progress. I am eager to maintain the extraordinary ethos and values which make St Mary's such a unique and supportive environment for all the children to thrive in their many unique ways. Feel free to quiz me on the skills I will bring, or just have a chat with me about my rewarding new role within the school.'



Thank you so much for such a lovely warm welcome during my first week. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to be your new school secretary at SMV and I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming year.

You may have noticed that the school office has recently moved and you will now find us at the front of the school, by the main entrance door. With the safety of your children in mind, if you need to contact the office, please do so through the front entrance either before drop off/collection or after, via the front of the school.



Many thanks!



Parent Consultations

A gentle reminder that parent evening takes place next Wednesday and Thursday afternoon/early evening. If you have not booked a slot yet, then please find details on the board in the playground or contact the school office.

Word of the week.....

Ambition –

a strong desire to do or achieve something



Thank you to all the children and families who attended the Remembrance Sunday Service on 12th November

Parent Forum Meetings

Further to details on the school playground board, we would like to develop termly parent forum meetings at school.

This will be an opportunity for to discuss school developments and for staff to lead curriculum workshop for parents to help them understanding teaching and learning strategies being used in the school and help parents to support pupils at home even more.

Term	Date	Content
1		School Development Plan 2017/18
2	Monday 18 th December 2:45-3:15	Homework Policy Reading Policy What would parents like as the foci for the parent forums across this year?
3	Monday 5 th Feb 9:00-9:30	Church School Developments
4	Thursday 22 nd March 2:45-3:15	Growth Mindset Parent Consultation format
5	Thursday 26 th April 9:00-9:30	SATs info for Y2 and Y6 parents Thrive Review
6	Monday 9 th July 2:45-3:15	Parentview Review SDP and plans for 18/19

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Taylor & Mr Procter



DATES FOR DIARIES		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
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		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	12:00 - 13:00	Whole School 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
TERM 3		
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
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
TERM 4		
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
TERM 5		
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
TERM 6		
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
END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18		