

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St. Mary's Families

As we walked around the school this week we could have been mistaken for thinking we were running a farm school!

With tadpoles thriving in Maple classroom, to caterpillars about to form into chrysalis, as well as Button the dog visiting and now eggs waiting to hatch - we are certainly enjoying nature in its many forms! The countdown for the eggs hatching is so exciting for the children (and adults!) who are eagerly awaiting chicks that we hope to keep in school. The school council have spent time this morning working with Mr Gray and Mr Patry to build a hen house in anticipation.

Thank you to Mr Procter and the children from East Hoathly and Chiddingly, who came over to see us this week and teach us how to play 'four square'. It's becoming a bit of a craze on our playground - what a great game!

However the big news of the week came in the form of an Eco-Schools award (see below) achieved by Mrs Rowberry and the wonderful Eco - Committee. Well done one and all. We know they already have their sights set on the next level, Silver Award.

Mrs Frances Taylor
Acting Head of School

Mr James Procter
Executive Headteacher



Learner's of the Week & Attendance

WEEK ENDING: 20/04/18
 MAPLE: FREDDIE
 CHERRY: HARRY
 WILLOW: LILY
 LILAC: LILY

WEEK ENDING: 27/04/18
 MAPLE: DAISY
 CHERRY: CHARLIE
 WILLOW: LUCAS
 LILAC: MOLLY H

ATTENDANCE: 27/04/2018
 MAPLE: 97.5%
 CHERRY: 100%
 WILLOW: 99.6%
 LILAC: 98.5%





Pioneer News Update

Further to our parent letter this week, there are 2 parent governor vacancies for the new Pioneer Governing Body. Please contact the school office if you would like further information or to apply for a position.

The photos below show our very special VIPs from Chiddingly and East Hoathly, namely Ruby, Archie, Edward and Kai, who enjoyed amongst other things a game of Four Square with Lilac Class.



Sports Awards – Mr Dalton

Well done to the following children:

W/e: 23rd March 20th April 2018

Maple:	Luca	Ryah-Rose
Cherry:	Archie	Eva
Willow:	Louis	Francesca
Lilac:	Ollie S	Louis



Wildlife Explorers - Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Our exciting news is that we have been awarded the first (Bronze) level award on our way to full eco-school status. Congratulations to all the explorers who have contributed --- especially our 4 leaders: Seren, Eleanor, Brooke and Scarlett.

In our first meeting after the holiday we started to tidy up the prayer garden. Quite a few daffodils needed their dead flowers cut off so all their energy went into the bulbs and not the seeds.

Then we painted hard boiled eggs with Easter patterns. They looked good but it wasn't easy because the shells broke if we were too rough!

In this week's meeting we learnt about vertebrates - animals with backbones. The two we studied were amphibians (frog) and fish. We looked at a fish and opened it up to see the backbone and at tadpoles swimming in pond water. We released them into our school pond after observing them. Also we practised drawing frogs and fish.





NSPCC Assemblies and Workshop

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. After break they hold an hour long workshop for Lilac class. Throughout the sessions teachers will be present. We have attached a letter providing information about the morning but please do look at the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout

What can parents do to protect their children online? The NSPCC suggests:

Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe. You can also use parental controls on social networks, online games and browsers and on both hardware and software that can filter or monitor what your child can see.

Preventing your children from using the internet or mobile phones won't keep them safe in the long run, so it's important to have conversations that help your child understand how to stay safe and what to do if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable:

1. Have the conversation early and often
2. Explore online together
3. Know who your child is talking to online
4. Set rules and agree boundaries

5. Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor or report content
6. Check they know how to use privacy settings and reporting tools

NSPCC have also created Net Aware our simple guide for parents to the most popular social networks, apps and games that children use:

www.net-aware.org.uk

This website allows parents to discover the **risks associated with apps, games and social media sites** that their children may be accessing – many parents are unaware the many sites are not considered appropriate for use under the age of 13! The NSPCC have joined forces with O2 to help keep kids safe online. For young people online and offline is just one world. While exploring online is a great way for them to socialise they can face very real risks and dangers. The NSPCC with O2 are working to keep kids safe online. Take a look at www.o2.co.uk/nspcc to help you have the conversations to keep your children safe while they're online or call the new O2 & NSPCC online safety helpline for technical advice on 0808 800 5002.

The NSPCC have signposted other websites that offer information to help keep our children safe online:

www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - This website is run by CEOP – it allows **reporting of on-line behaviour and advice on keeping safe**



Katrina's Corner

This Sunday our service is a joint service with Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch. It will be 10am down at Holy Trinity. All are welcome so please come and join us!

Katrina
Children's, Youth and Families Minister
St Mary's Church, Hartfield
07777 630249



Chickens at St Mary's

If the children have not told you already, we are hoping to have six chicks at school in a few weeks. As hens are more practical to keep, if there are any parents who would be willing to home a cockerel or two, please would you contact the school office. Thank you.



Save the Date - Whole School Trip

On Tuesday 26th June.
More info to follow shortly.....



Forest School continues which much fun. Please look out for photos and information coming to the website soon, along with topic information for the new term, on your class pages.



May Fair – 25th May

On behalf of the PTFA can we put out a request for helpers for the May Fair and in particular setting up and putting away afterwards please? Please contact your class rep if you are able to help.

Also, donations for cakes on the day would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Triple P Workshop Bedtime Routines

This workshop was requested by parents at the last workshop. Please see details below – you can sign up in the playground or by email to the school office. If we do not receive at least 8 people interested this workshop by Monday 3pm the workshop will be cancelled.

Sian Leahy
SENCO/Inclusion Manager/DSL



Triple P

Positive
Parenting
Program



**FREE PARENTING PRESENTATION FOR FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS**

Triple P – a positive parenting programme
strengthens families by promoting positive relationships

BEDTIME ROUTINES

Thursday 3rd May at 1.30pm-3.15pm at

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

High Street, Hartfield TN7 4AA

To book your FREE place:

Call or text: 01424 725800

Sign up in the playground

Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk

Or leave your name with the school office

Any questions ask: s.leahy@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Lilac Class Sponsored Spell

If you have not yet sent in your sponsor information and money, please could you bring it in next week.

Also, Lilac would love some large pieces of cardboard, if you have any. Please drop off via the school office.

Dates for the coming term:

29/04/2018	10.00	Joint Service at Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch
02/05/2018	All day	Willow Class to Ashdown Forest Centre
03/05/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Cherry Forest School
03/05/2018	13.15 - 15.15	Tripe P Workshop – Bedtime Routines
07/05/2018	Bank Holiday	
08/05/2018	All day	Cherry Class to Ashdown Forest Centre
10/05/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Willow Forest School
11/05/2018	All day	In school Yoga Sessions
12/05/2018	From 14.00	Vintage Trinity Fair – Coleman's Hatch
13/05/2018	09.30	Church Family Praise at St Mary's Church
14/05/2018	Sats KS2 All Week – Please ensure good attendance	
14/05/2018		Bikeability Year 5 – now confirmed
16/05/2018	15.30 – 16.30	Y3 & 4 Mixed Tennis Tournament Beacon
17/05/2018	13.00 -15.00	Lilac Forest School
21/05/2018	Sats KS1 All Week – Please ensure good attendance	
22/05/2018	9.00 - 10.30	Audio & Visual Screening for Reception
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		Maple - Bake Sale
25/05/2018	14.00 – 15.00	Maypole Festival and PTFA May Fair
27/05/2018	09.30	Café Church at St Mary's Church
28/05/2018	May Half Term Holiday	
04/06/2018	Inset Day	
05/06/2018	First Day Back for Term 6	