

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's families

Sing out an Easter Song! The words echoed around school on Thursday, as the children celebrated in style. Thank you for joining us in such numbers for our East Service as the children retold the story through drama, words and song.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 16th April.

Mrs Frances Taylor
Acting Head of School

Mr James Procter
Executive Headteacher



Learners & Attendance of the Week

ATTENDANCE: (W/E): 23RD MARCH

MAPLE: 95.3%
CHERRY: 95.4%
WILLOW: 94.6%
LILAC: 98.1%

TOTAL: 95.9%

ATTENDANCE 29TH MARCH:

MAPLE: 93.3%
CHERRY: 98.1%
WILLOW: 99%
LILAC: 99%

TOTAL: 98.7 %



Pioneer News/Update

The governing bodies of Pioneer Federation (**Chiddingly Primary** and **East Hoathly Primary**) and **St Mary's Hatfield Primary** met on 26th March 2018.

At the meeting, in separate votes, they voted unanimously to federate.

The **Pioneer Federation for the 3 schools** will commence on **1st September 2018**.

We are delighted with the outcome of the vote and are excited about the challenges and opportunities this will bring for the schools and our communities.

We will let you have details of the election for parent governors to represent each of the schools in due course.

We would like to thank you for your support and involvement during the consultation period.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Watson
Chair of Governors
Pioneer Federation

James Procter
Executive Headteacher

Lorna Simm
Chair of Governors
St Mary the Virgin



Sports Awards – Mr P Dalton

Well done to the following children:

W/e: 16th March

Maple: Jared
Cherry: Phoebe
Willow: Charlie
Lilac: Louis

W/e: 23rd March

Maple: Luca
Cherry: Archie
Willow: Louis
Lilac: Ollie S

Lilac Class

In line with their end of term topic, this week Lilac Class tested out their baking skills by learning to make a Bread and Butter Recipe from the Second World War.





Mrs L Sanders

Cherry Class Forest School March 22nd 2018

Spring is finally here and we set off to the Croft in the village and had a go at using positional language. We used the church, the Silver Birch trees, the Wellingtonia tree and the pavilion to practise turning left and right in quarter turns. The mud had dried up significantly from last time and it made walking a lot easier!

We decided to take another route to the woods, crossing the River Medway- the name of one of the school houses- twice. And we had a quick go at the local of pooh-sticks as we were there!

The children looked for the direction of the path, seeing where the mud line was drawn through the fields and we walked up the hill to take a look at the route, church, fields and forest way from a different perspective. Whilst we were there, we saw a herd of deer.

The class were great at becoming really quiet and all having a look, so as not to scare them.

Once in the fields we noticed how all the rain had made the meadows by the river really boggy. Then we listened for the sound of Spring from a cuckoo and made it fly on our parachute!

When we finally made it to the woods, the children made time for imaginary play with ivy crowns, a quick lounge and swing on the hammock and then a snack.





Wildlife Explorers & Eco Clubs - Mr and Mrs Rowberry



This week the wildlife explorers group ran St Mary's Eco-School Committee. The Gardening Club and Forest school groups sent in reports and all the actions for the first eco-plan were recorded as completed. This is great news because St Marys can now apply for the first (Bronze) stage of becoming a full eco-school (with its own flag).

Then the members had a fun photo session snapping 'Signs of Spring'. Flowers, new buds and hazel catkins were all captured for our display. The best photos won prizes too and a few are here for everyone to see.





British Values Day – 21st March

Thank you to all those children from Lilac Class for organising our British Values Day last week and to all the parents who contributed baked goods to the after school sale, helping us to raise over £80.00 for Cancer Research.



Works to Playground over Easter

Between the 3rd and 5th April we are having the rear playground re-surfaced. If you are in the vicinity at the time, then this will involve restricted access along the path that runs adjacent to the school, leading up to the church. Whilst the contractors will also be using the car park, every effort will be made to minimize any disruption during these works. Thank you.



Katrina's Corner

One last reminder that on Good Friday we are doing Messy Church from 3:30-5pm in the Village Hall. We are making Hot Cross Buns, doing other crafts and having a whole load of Easter fun. We are also having a decorated egg competition- please bring a decorated egg to enter- there are prizes for both adults and children! Refreshments will be provided, there is no charge, just drop in. For more information please contact me. Have a very Happy Easter!

Katrina Thomas
Children and Family Worker
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Safeguarding and mobile phones

Following our recent review of the online safety policy and staff code of conduct it has been agreed that mobile phones will only be used within the school between 8.30am and 4.30pm in adult only office areas with no children present.

This is part of our role to safeguard our children and it has been agreed that personal devices will not be used at all in school for work with children and this includes the use of phones to take photographs.

This applies to all stakeholders - staff, pupils, parents, governors, volunteers and visitors, and an acceptable use agreement is being drawn up for all the groups to sign. In exceptional circumstances the headteacher will give permission for use, for example photos at the end of a school performance.

We will be putting up signs to remind everyone of this, but please respond kindly if we remind you of the no mobile rule when you are in school.

Should you have single photos you want to share with us e.g. photos of project work at home, or a visit to a museum then please email them directly to the class teacher.

Many thanks for helping us keep our children safe.

Sian Leahy
Senco and DSL



An apology for a typographical error in the introduction of our last edition, when the word 'newsletter' was used instead of 'website'. Thank you again to Mr. Justin Martin-Lawrence, along with Mrs. Lorna Simm for their continued help with the website. Please look out for new updates and new dates to the calendar this coming term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – SOMETIMES THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR AMENDMENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
30/03/2018	15.30 – 17.00	Messy Church in Village Hall
01/04/2018	10.30	Joint Easter Service at Holy Trinity, Coleman’s Hatch
08/04/2018	From 09.30	Church Family Praise, Village Hall
15/04/2018	From 09.30	Communion with Sunday Discoverer’s and Big Breakfast, Village Hall
30/3/2018 – 13/4/2018 - EASTER HOLIDAY		
TERM 5		
16/04/2018	First day back at school	
19/04/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Lilac Forest School
21/04/2018	09.30 – 11.00	Open Day for New Reception School Children 2018/19
22/04/2018	From 9.30	Café Church in Village Hall
26/04/2018	09.00 – 09.30	Parent Forum SATS info for Y2 & Y6 parents and Thrive Review
26/04/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Maple Forest School
29/04/2018	10.00	Joint Service at Holy Trinity, Coleman’s Hatch
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	
10/05/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Willow Forest School
11/05/2018		In school Yoga Sessions
12/05/2018	Times tba	Vintage Trinity Fair – Coleman’s Hatch
13/05/2018	09.30	Church Family Praise at St Mary’s Church
14/05/2018	Sats All Week – Please ensure good attendance	
14/05/2018		Bikeability Year 5 – to be 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 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	All day	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	
TERM 6		
04/06/2018		Inset Day
05/06/2018		First day back to school
07/06/2018		Empty the classroom day
14/06/2018		Willow Forest School
15/06/2018	09.00 – 10.30	Bring an adult to school day
18/06/2018	Morning	Whole Class Photos
25/06/2018	13.15 – 15.15	Triple P – Raising Resilient Children
20/06/2018	09.30 – 10.30	Pop in and play for new reception children
21/06/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Lilac Forest School
22/06/2018		Mufti Day - own clothes
28/06/2018	09.30 – 10.30	Pop in and play for new reception children
28/06/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Maple Forest School
29/06/2018	Whole School Sports Day and PTFA Summer Social	
05/07/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Cherry Forest School
05/07/2018	Evening Performance – time tba	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Production
05/07/2018	12.30 – 13.30	Governors Teddy Bear Picnic
06/07/2018		Reports Go Home
09/07/2018	Transition Day – children to meet new class teachers	
09/07/2018	15.30 – 16.30	Parent drop in to discuss reports
09/07/2018	14.45 – 15.15	Parent Forum
		Parent Review SDP and plans for 18/19
10/07/2018	09.30 – 10.30	Pop in and play for new reception children
10/07/2018	13.30	Worth Abbey Celebration – Year 6
12/07/2018	13.00 - 15.00	Willow Forest School
13/07/2018	Reserve Sports Day	
18/07/2018	13.30 –14.30	St Mary’s Got Talent Show (Reception to Year 4)
19/07/2018	09.15 – 10.30	End of year service at St Mary’s Church
20/07/2018		INSET DAY
End of Academic Year		