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ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's families

A very warm welcome back to you all, we hope you had a restful and festive Christmas break.

As we move into the New Year, we are looking to develop the community garden at the front of the school into a quiet space for reflection. We will be holding a 'Pause Day' on Thursday 18th January when the children will work in houses to develop it. This will fit in wonderfully with the Year of Prayer that we are supporting along with the diocese. If you have glass jars with lids or blank cds that you could donate, could you please send them into the school office - we would like a plentiful supply if possible please!

Do you have or know someone, who has a chicken house and / run that they no longer want? We would love it for school. If so please can you contact me or leave a message via the school office.

Just a reminder of our 'Stunning Start' day on Friday 12th January, over on The Croft to work on a scavenger hunt. Mr D will be working with teams of children throughout the day. The children will need old trainers or wellington boots and clothes suitable for the weather on the day e.g. warm clothes/ waterproofs if wet. We suggest several layers. Willow Class and Cherry class will be doing this in the morning and so need to arrive at school in their outdoor clothing and bring school uniform to school for the afternoon. Lilac Class and Maple class will be doing their scavenger hunt in the afternoon and so need to arrive in school uniform and bring outdoor clothing with them. Lunch will be in school as usual. Drop off and pick up times remain as normal and are from school.

We have a very large number of lost property items at the moment. If the weather is dry, these will be available to look through on the playground each afternoon, at collection time, this week.

Mrs Tufo is updating Parent Pay at present. If you are having any problems or would like to now set up an account, please contact her via office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk. Similarly, if you are not receiving parent communications, please would you let us know.

Please look out for a number of parent emails this week, including: class newsletters, clubs for this term and parent forums details.

On Friday, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Anna Woods our teaching assistant in Lilac Class. Mrs Woods is looking for a change in career and we wish her well for the future. We have recruited Mrs Cheryl Trengove as our new teaching assistant, who has experience as a Key Stage two teaching assistant and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the team. She will be starting with us at the end of January and in the meantime Mr Wood, our parent volunteer, has kindly agreed to help out in Lilac class on a regular basis.

Many thanks for your support!

Mrs F Taylor



DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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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, The Croft
14/1/2018	09:30 - 10:30	Family Praise at St Mary's Church
18/1/2018	09.00-12.00	Pause Day
18/1/2018	13.00 - 15.00	Cherry Class Forest Day
18/1/2018	14.45 - 15.15	Lilac Class Parent Meeting - PSCHE
21/1/2018	09:30 - 10:30	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
23/1/2018	09.00 - 15.00	Lilac and Maple Class Trip - Drusilla's
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	09.00 - 09.30	Parent Forum - Church School Developments
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