

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's families

In this penultimate week of term we have spent some time with the older children - the service at Worth Abbey for year six leavers across the diocese was a beautiful service and we were proud that two of our number, Tia and Oliver, were asked to do a reading, which they did so clearly.

Year 6 received their SATS results - and did so well. We know these tests only measure part of the learning at school but it is great to see a very high level of achievement in all subjects - well done all! As you read this you should also have received your child's school report. We hope you have time to sit back and enjoy reading about your children's achievements this year.

If you wish to discuss the report teachers will be available after school on Monday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Mrs F Taylor  
**Head of School**

Mr J Proctor  
**Executive Headteacher**



## Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS WEEK ENDING: 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY

MAPLE:	JACOB
CHERRY:	KAYA
WILLOW:	ROMA
LILAC:	ELLEN

ATTENDANCE W/E 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY:

MAPLE:	100%
CHERRY:	98.9%
WILLOW:	94.1%
LILAC:	99.2%





## Pioneer News Update

Congratulations to East Hoathly Primary School, who recently had an Ofsted inspection on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Here are some of the comments from the report:

*'Pupils love coming to school. They say that teachers make learning enjoyable and fun. Pupils are confident and resilient, always willing to take on a challenge. They understand the value of cooperation and persistence in their learning. One boy explained that it is important to work harder when facing challenges, as 'you know others are also struggling and you can both put your minds to it to find a way around the problem'. Pupils consequently have excellent attitudes to learning.'*

*'The safety and well-being of pupils is at the heart of the school's work.'*

*'The curriculum offers pupils a rich and varied diet. Pupils say that lessons in a range of subjects are enjoyable, because teachers listen carefully to what pupils say, often using their ideas when planning learning.'*

*'As Executive headteacher, you provide strong, dynamic leadership. Together with the deputy headteacher and governors, you lead a strong drive for continual improvement to enable the school to be as good as it can be.'*

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*'Pupils consequently have excellent attitudes to learning. Pupils behave well in lessons and at other times, including playtimes. They are kind and considerate to each other, and older pupils take great care of the younger ones.'*

*'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school.'*

*'Teachers plan sequences of lessons that build pupils' knowledge and skills. They allow pupils some freedom in choosing the levels of difficulty of their work, so that pupils can develop independence and ambition.'*

The full report can be found on the Ofsted and East Hoathly websites:

<http://easthoathly.pioneerfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/East-Hoathly-C-of-E-Primary-School-10040773-PDF-final.pdf>

Also this week, St Mary's had a very enjoyable outing to Chiddingfold on Monday for their end of year production of Olivia (a female version of Oliver).



## Cherry Picking with Cherry

Last year Mrs Norris was gifted a cherry tree from her class. On a gloriously sunny day last weekend some of us went cherry picking. As you can see from the photographs, the recent warm weather has helped produce a fantastic crop of cherries for us all to enjoy.



"We have picked loads of cherries"



"Cherry picking is hard work!"



"The cherries growing on the tree  
before we picked them"



"Guess who is hiding under the tree...  
it's Leon!"



## Wildlife Explorers – Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Wildlife Explorers finished off the use of plants, as living things, by making delicious smoothies. The explorers chopped up various tasty fruits and whizzed them up with yoghurt and a little water. They were so nice nothing was left!

Aren't plants delicious when you use them for smoothies!







### New Breakfast Club

Details of our new breakfast club were sent out last week.

Don't forget to send in your registration forms before the end of term, ready for the first day back, Wednesday 5th September. Thank you.

From next week, lost property will be placed on a table in the playground for you to check through at afternoon pick up. Any items left on Thursday afternoon will be sent for re-cycling.



### Road Works

We have received advanced warning that Church Road will be closed for up to eight days towards the end of September. This means that you will not be able to access the school via the church. We will remind you again nearer the time.



Details of after school clubs for Term 1 in September will be confirmed when we return to school after the summer break.

***Please note that current clubs finish this week and that there will be no clubs during the last week of term, only football coaching on Wednesday.***



### Mr Peek's Poetry

If you missed Mr Peek last week and would still like to order some of his books, then please visit his website and he will arrange to post them to you.

Tony will be holding workshops in Hastings at the Jerwood Gallery on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Full details via his website: [www.mrpeekpoetry.co.uk](http://www.mrpeekpoetry.co.uk)



### Summer Reading Challenge

Please look out in book bags for details of this year's challenge (please see further information at the end of this newsletter).



### Administration of Medicines - September 2018

If your child has any medication and/or an inhaler in school at the moment, these will be returned to you on the last day of term. Please return these or new items in September, along with an up to date Administration of Medicine form, which will be sent to you, giving you the opportunity to advise us of any changes since you last completed the form.

When returning next term, all medication must be prescribed in your child's name, in date and in the original packaging. Please provide these in a clear plastic bag, also labelled with your child's name.

If your child has school dinners, but now requires a special diet (that we are not already aware of) from, please would you let us know as soon as possible, so that we can liaise with Chartwells in time for the first day back.

From September we will be making some changes to our First Aid arrangements in school, by sending home a green letter with details of a head injury or something we feel we should let you know about. We will still call you if we are concerned about anything.

### Introducing the 'Banana Board' –

Our Banana board has moved! This board that staff and children use to share all the wonderful things that happen in school is now sitting in the school corridor, outside 'The Meadow'. Do have a look when you are in school. You may even want to add your own comments.



The Ashdown Forest Centre has contacted us to say that they are offering a large range of activities and workshops for families over the summer. You will find a flyer on the display board next to the playground.

For more information on any of these events please contact [education@ashdownforest.org](mailto:education@ashdownforest.org) or call 01342823583 or visit the website <https://www.ashdownforest.org/news/events.php>



# WILD

## Dance and Art Workshops Ages 2 - 7

Creative dance, crafts, games and music ensure this class is filled with fun and imagination.

20-22 August: Oxted, St Peter's Hall

28-30 August: Hartfield Village Hall

9.45am - 12pm

£30 for all three days

Discounts available for siblings. Children will be placed into age-appropriate groups. Children under 4 must have an adult onsite.

Booking essential, please contact:  
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**Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at**  
**[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src)**

We are delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Mischief Makers, linking in to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beano Comic. It will begin in libraries on Saturday 14th July and end on Saturday 8th September.

This year, you will need to sign your child up to the challenge at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src). If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is vital for children's life chances, and that children who use libraries are twice as likely to be above average readers. The Summer Reading Challenge builds confidence and independent reading, while preventing the dip in children's literacy levels during the long break from school. It encourages them to develop the habit of reading for pleasure, one of the aims of the National Curriculum for English.

The Challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. Children can also read eBooks and eAudio books borrowed through our website if they prefer. The Challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group, but older children can take part if they wish. If your child is not reading on his/ her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can [join online](#) and have your cards posted to you.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker, a map of Beanotown and a reader record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the challenge at: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src) or by asking in the library. Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.