

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 reach the end of the school year we are looking back and reflecting on such a wonderful year. In our first complete year here Mr Proctor and I have felt so warmly welcomed and supported by the community here at Hartfield. It is a joy to see your children skipping through the school gates in the morning all so eager to learn and play together. It has been a busy and hugely successful year and we have felt privileged to join you on the school's exciting journey. The leavers' service was such a great tribute to all that is St. Mary's - a service of thanks giving to our army of volunteers and of celebration for all that we have achieved. It is a farewell to our year six children who are off to pastures new, and we wish them well; they have been an incredible group of young people and we will miss each of them as individuals. Do look on the school website to see photos of the recent events including the St. Mary's Got Talent show on Wednesday, the Go Kart building and the Wind in the Willows show. Thank you for the kind words, cards and gifts we received; we have been overwhelmed with your generosity - thank you!

Mrs Frances Taylor
Head of School**Mr James Proctor**
Executive Headteacher



Pioneer News Update

Introducing the **new governing body** of the Pioneer Federation (details below) who recently met. From September each governor will be providing an introduction of themselves via newsletter and website.

Mandy Watson, **LA**

Alan Brundle, **Co-opted**

Lindsay Wiggins, **Foundation**

Philip Hodgins, **Foundation**

Jan Gough, **Foundation**

Julie Sear, **Foundation**

Juliet Stirrat, **Foundation**

Lorna Duggleby, **Foundation**

James Procter, **Ex Officio/Staff**

Katy Norris, **Staff**

Chris Forsey, **Parent**

Heidi Twort, **Parent**

Hilary Rowberry, **Associate**

Frances Taylor, **Associate**

Suzanne Goss, **Associate**



Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

Well done to the following children:

Date: 13th July

Maple:	Noah
Cherry:	Kishi
Willow:	Szabi
Lilac:	Myles

Lilac Class Visit To Briars Lodge Field Centre

Newts, a toad, dragonflies, butterflies, millipedes; centipedes, woodlice and leaf miners were just a few of the mini beasts Lilac class identified on their visit to Briars Lodge Field Centre. There were lots of investigations and activities to be done. Pond dipping was a great favourite and so was the walk to Pooh Sticks bridge finding out how humans affect the area. Especially pleasing was learning about charcoal makers (Colemen) and drawing great sketches using charcoal sticks. Pupils explored the wood and meadow to find out about adaptations, habitats and food chains. Seeing a baby newt reminded everyone that amphibians live mostly out of water! Most intriguing was the escaped wallaby's poo – like rabbits' but much bigger. There was so much evidence about how life fits together that many pupils started thinking about being scientists. On the walk back to school, with Miss Banks and Mrs Taylor, the class assembled maps of their journey with points of interest in Hartfield. Then they used this to produce leaflet guides.

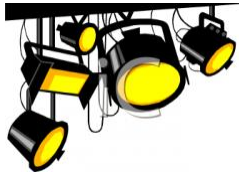
Finally pupils designed wonderfully written letters telling Mr and Mrs Rowberry what they had liked most during their visit and how important it is to conserve the amazing environment around us. All the letters were very touching.



Tree beating to find mini beasts and collecting grasses and windflowers in the meadow to show just how many different kinds there are in one small meadow.



Meeting newts and an old friend!



St Mary's Got Talent!

On the penultimate day of the school year we gathered in the school hall for St. Marys Got Talent.....the talent show where we saw so many varied and wonderful acts. There was an air of mystery as each act stepped through the lights and onto the stage before performing to a packed hall of children and families.

Thank you to all those who came along and helped make the event so special for the children.



The winners were:

EY& KS1:

- 1st place Isla and Daisy singing
- 2nd place Grace and Lucy on recorder with singing accompaniment
- 3rd place Megan Phoebe and Amelia singing and dancing

KS2:

- 1st place Ashleigh - gymnastics routine
- 2nd place Francesca – singing
- 3rd place Ellen and Brooke - singing



Heart For The Community Project Update- St Mary's Church- July 2018

Dear Parents,

St Mary's Church and the school have a strong partnership and so we thought that you would like an update on the building works, which were necessitated by the failure of the boiler system in January. In addition to this update we have also included some information on all of the benefits that you will receive from this work. We hope you will agree that this feels exciting and we look forward to seeing you at some of the events that this will enable in the future.

Building Work

Work on the new heating system, connecting the church building to the main utilities and the provision of a toilet in church is now well underway. As a result of the generous response from the congregation and the wider community, we have been able to give the go-ahead on the second phase of the project to complete the transformation of the ground floor of the tower and to provide a refreshment preparation area and servery in the west end of the nave. The work is expected to be finished in October.

Next Steps

Given the extensive building work taking place the church council has also decided to take this opportunity to make provision for a flexible audio-visual infrastructure to support the very wide range of different forms of worship that are increasingly taking place at St Mary's. This is being funded by separate donations but these cover mostly the infrastructure costs rather than the equipment expenses.

Funding

The cost savings and reduced disturbance resulting from combining the two phases meant that the church council decided to give the go-ahead even though all the funding for both these stages was not completely in place. Currently there is a funding shortfall of about £40,000 that needs to be filled, and we welcome all donations towards this vital project for the church in our community- if you are able, please consider making a donation towards this work- details of how to do this can be obtained from Rev'd Julie on the details overleaf. In the meantime the parish is funding the work through a loan from the diocese, which will need to be repaid. There are further stages of the Heart For The Community Project that are planned for the further development of the building, which will be enabled to take place once funding becomes available.

So, what does this all mean for us and the community?

While all the investment in the building will provide a make a big difference to how the church can potentially contribute to the local community, the key to unlocking this potential is the contribution made by the people in the congregation and the wider community and we look forward to sharing in this with as many from the community as possible. This work will make a big difference to so many church events, from Sunday services, to baptisms, weddings and funerals, festivals, to our weekly school collective worship, and all their festivals and productions, as well as other events that we hope to hold in the future for all ages. Our children, families and youth will also benefit- here is an update on our children, youth and families work:

The HYPE and PULSE youth groups ended the current year with a series of fun activities which involved an awful lot of water! It is also the time to say a very BIG, "Thank you" to Lee Buck and Adam Fee for their leadership as they move on in the next term. Lee has also led the Youth Voice group in their conversations with the Parish Council which resulted in the provision of a shelter for young people on the Town Croft. Lee, the youth club and their activities have been funded jointly by St Mary's Church and Hartfield Parish Council and we are very grateful to them. HYPE will continue to meet in September with the same volunteer team, which will be led by Katrina Thomas, the Youth, Children and Families' Minister. A number of young people in Year 6 from local schools have already had a club night with us and we look forward to seeing them and the new year 6 regularly on Monday evenings in the autumn. The first club night of the term will be on the 17th September, 6:15-7:45 in the Village Hall.

For more information about the other activities that St Mary's church has to offer children, young people and families, please visit our website, where you will find information about Waffle (school year 6+), Teddys (for under5s), Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast (during our 1st and 3rd Sunday 9:30am Communion services) and Church Family Praise, which is our monthly informal all age service.

All are welcome!

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Katrina's Corner

As you can see from our update, lots of exciting things are going on at St Mary's Church behind the scenes. Our weekly services continue through the summer and we would love to see you. The programmes for our youth and children's activities for the autumn term will be uploaded to the website over the summer.

I hope that you all have a great summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Katrina

Katrina Thomas
Children's, Youth and Families Minister
St Mary's Hartfield
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PTFA Update –

Last Friday and at the 'End of Year Service' the PTFA presented the school with a cheque for £1,200, which will be used for three music workshops spread across the school year in 2018/2019. In total this year, we have raised £4,000. A huge thank you to all our parents for helping us to achieve this incredible amount.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th September at 2.45pm in the school hall. We would love to see as many parents there as possible.



Red Butler Music School

If your child took part in a music taster session last week and you would like to book up lessons from September, please would you visit their website to register as soon as possible. All relevant information can be found on there, along with contact details. James (Guitar & Ukulele) and Charlie (Drums) will then contact us to confirm if there are enough children to organise music lessons from September, which will take place during the school day.

<https://rbmsmusic.com/>

Email enquiries: alex@rbmsmusic.com



To the secret bean giver.....they were absolutely delicious - Thank you!

New faces in September 2018

We will be welcoming back Curtis, who will be continuing his work experience with us for three mornings a week.



Kathryn and Sophie (above) our new PGCE students will be on placement with us from the end of the month until the Spring. They will be working in Willow and Lilac classes.

And just in case you didn't get a chance to meet her the other week, introducing Miss Becca Hare, our new Willow Class Teacher:



Hartfield Fete – 1st September

Hopefully you will have received flyers via book bags, giving details of the village fete at the end of the summer. The organisers have asked us to send out a plea for good quality bric a brac. Please contact Amy Parcell 01892 771455 if you would like to donate.

For offers of help on the day, setting up/clearing away, please contact the fete secretary Mrs. Pauline Burnett-Dick at pjburnettdick@yahoo.co.uk or 01892 770088, who would be delighted to hear from you.

www.hartfieldfete.co.uk



We know that attention spans are often waning towards the end of the school year as the weather gets hotter and the holidays tantalisingly closer. Getting outdoors is always a good way of re-energising tired children and even slightly worn out adults!

Thrive have suggested this Nature Colour Hunt that might help you fill some time with your children in the great outdoors - see attached.

This term Mrs Trengove has been undertaking Thrive Practitioner training and in September she will be taking on most of the individual Thrive work in school. Whilst I will be working with some children at St Mary's I will also be increasing our Thrive links with the other schools in the Pioneer federation.

Feeling special, safe and having our needs meet plays an important part in maintaining good relationships and developing our resilience.

As a whole staff we continue to strive to notice every pupil in the school (but not in our own class) on a weekly basis. Perhaps this is something you could do with your family over the summer holidays - can you notice something about them (that's a lovely smile, wow I can see you are really concentrating on that, you're playing really fairly) and tell them.

Can you say something positive to everyone in your family every day?

Another way you can find to connect with the children over the summer might be:

- singing together - nursery rhymes and pop songs;
- using a puppet to attune and match their feelings and body language - children may respond better to the puppet than to you!
- playing hide and seek - everyone loves to be found;
- face painting with feathers/cotton wool - get that eye contact going. feel relaxed and perhaps even change into an animal with different characteristics - persistent, courageous, quiet and calm, slow and sleepy?

- blowing bubbles - what magical safe place might the bubbles be going to?
- Can you blow out your cross words? can you send a message to someone far away?
- and all kinds of sensory play - water (painting with and pouring), sand etc.

Whatever you get up to, have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes

Sian Leahy
Thrive Practitioner and Inclusion Manager

Thrive Nature Colour Hunt

How many colours can you find outside? Explore your school, local park, woods or garden to see how many of the Thrive colours you can find within nature. Use the boxes below to draw, glue or write what you discover!



We would like to see your completed sheets! Go to the Thrive Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages to send us a direct message, attaching photos of your work. We'll then share them! You can also email your photos to socialmedia@thriveapproach.com

Let's help every child
thrive

Please look out for dates appearing on the school website calendar over the summer.
 'Dates for your diaries' will be available during the first week back.

INITIAL KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
3 rd & 4 th Sept 2018		Inset Days – Staff Training
05/09/2018		First day back at school and first day of breakfast club, starting at 7.45am
20/09/2018	AM	School Individual, Staff Photos & Siblings
Half Term – 22 nd to 26 th October		

Inset days for 2019: 3rd and 4th January 2019 and 3rd June 2019



FREE Wealden Activity Days 2018

FREE Wealden Activity Days this Summer!
 10am till 2pm

Wednesday 1 August
 Goldsmith Recreation Ground, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2TN

Friday 3 August
 Western Road Recreation Ground, Hailsham, BN27 3DY

Wednesday 8 August
 Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground, Heathfield, TN21 0XG

Friday 10 August
 Wannock Road Recreation Ground, Polegate, BN26 5JG

Wednesday 15 August
 West Park Recreation Ground, Markland Way, Uckfield, TN22 2DE

For more information, please contact the
 Community & Regeneration Team: 01323 443266

Under 10's must be accompanied by an adult

Arts & Crafts
 Activity Sessions
 A Great Family Day Out
 Fire Safety
 Bring your own picnic
 Community Chef
 and lots more
 All ages welcome



Beat the Street

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comes to East Sussex
 Join the game!

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