

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 come to the end of another busy term we can reflect on some great times. It was great to see so many of you at the Mayfair this afternoon. The children (and staff!) have worked so hard to get the ribbons ordered, skipping in the right direction and dances complete - well done everyone! It is such a joy to watch children feeling rightly proud as they stand up to do these things in front of the school community.

We have all taken pleasure in the watching our chicks, now named by the children as Tulip, Rose and Clucks. The chicks have grown so quickly and are now enjoying day times outside in their run.

Have a wonderful half term holiday with your wonderful children.

Mrs Frances Taylor
Acting Head of School

Mr James Procter
Executive Headteacher



Learners of the Week & Attendance

WEEK ENDING: 18TH MAY

MAPLE: FINLAY
CHERRY: GRACE
WILLOW: LOUIE
LILAC: ELLIE

WEEK ENDING: 25TH MAY

MAPLE: JOSHUA
CHERRY: THOMAS
WILLOW: EDWARD
LILAC: THOMAS

ATTENDANCE 25TH MAY:

MAPLE: 93.5%
CHERRY: 98.8%
WILLOW: 97.87%
LILAC: 97.3%



Pioneer News Update

Staffing Arrangements for September 2018

We are delighted to be able to confirm with you now the staffing arrangements at St Mary's for this coming September:

Reception	(Maple):	Mrs Louise Sanders with Miss Natalie Bews
Year 1 & 2	(Cherry):	Mrs Katy Norris with Mrs Michelle Neville
Year 3 & 4	(Willow):	Miss Rebecca Hare with Mr Dominic Patry
Year 5 & 6	(Lilac):	Miss Abbie Banks with Mrs Cheryl Trengove

Rebecca Hare is transferring from Chiddingly, where she was the Year 5/6 class teacher for 3 years. Elisabeth Riddall will be moving to East Hoathly in Year 3/4.



Sports Awards – Mr Dalton

Well done to the following children:

W/e:	14 th May	21 st May
Maple:	Luca	Daisy
Cherry:	Hugo	Anna
Willow:	Louis	Alfie
Lilac:	Lauren	George

Cherry Class

Cherry class had a visit from James Clow (Archie's stepdad) who is a ranger at The Ashdown Forest. He came and ended our term's topic by telling us about some of the animals that lived in the forest a long time ago, and the animals that live there now. He also told us why the Ashdown Forest is called the Ashdown Forest - it is because the soil looks like ash! We also learnt that there are not many worms in the soil of the forest as the soil is so sandy. He told us there were some very rare white deer who lived on the forest who are not albino - but naturally white. We asked him lots of questions and it was very interesting. We were able to show James how much we had learnt about our topic this term.



Colemans Hatch Vintage Fair – Saturday 12th May

A huge thank you to Cherry class and their parents for braving the soggy weather and performing a fabulous Maypole dance at the recent Colemans Hatch Vintage Fair. We have received a lovely thank you letter from the organisers, who were very appreciative of our support.

Many thanks again to Mrs Norris, Mrs Neville and Miss Gatward for all their preparation in getting the children ready for their performance.













Wildlife Explorers - Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Wildlife explorers surveyed the churchyard wild flowers last week. Taking part in a survey which we sent back to the RSPB online. It is an important activity for conservation data and helped the explorers have a broader view of caring for their environment.

This week we had great fun with an alphabet treasure hunt around the playground. This helped with participation and observation skills and won the participants a wildlife badge like the ones below.

							
Avocet	Barnacle Goose	Barn Owl April 2015	Bee eater April 2015	Bearded Tit 2017	Bittern in reeds	Blackbird April 2015	Black Grouse,

Jump for Jigsaw – Wednesday 23rd May

With endless energy and fitness we leapt, bounced and jumped around the 'Jump for Jigsaw' obstacle course that the Class Champions had set up for us. Jigsaw are a charity supporting children through grief and bereavement and the Class Champions thought they would be a great charity to support this year. Thank you all for bringing in your donations - we have raised over £75.00! We all had great fun while raising money for this charity.





PTFA News

June is our month in the Edenbridge Waitrose for green tokens. Please can people look out for them and encourage friends, family and neighbours to get as many tokens in our box as possible!



Thank you so much to all the parents who helped at the festival today and for all your lovely cake donations.



Whilst Year 6 were working hard during Sats last week, Year 5 took part in a Bikeability course at school and around the village.

Congratulations to all children who successfully passed both Level 1 & 2.

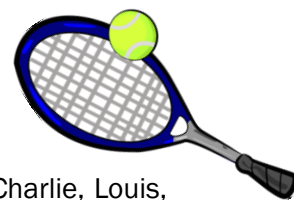


After School Clubs

Please look out for a letter in book bags today, giving you details of the new club arrangements for next term with some changes.

A huge thank you to Mr John Wood for giving up his time to run the girl's football club on a Wednesday afternoon since the New Year.

Tennis Tournament – 16th May



Congratulations to Francesca, Charlie, Louis, Ashleigh, Elouise, Lily, Alfie and Harry for coming third in the recent tennis tournament at Beacon Academy. Next stop Wimbledon?



Royal British Legion - Half Term Homework

We have been contacted by the Cowden, Hartfield and District Branch of the Royal British Legion with a competition for the children. This coming August, two people will be representing the community in the Great Pilgrimage 90 at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. This will be marking the centenary of the end of the First World War. A wreath will be placed at the Menin Gate, a war memorial on behalf of the community. The legion would like the message written on the card, to be a message from the children of the community. Can your child think of what they would like to say (in about 20 words or less)? The best entry will be chosen to be the message written on the wreath. The message may possibly include words of thanks for those who have died in war, or words of hope for the future. The choice is theirs, but must be the child's own work. Further details can be found in book bags.



Clearing the footpath

A huge thank you to the small army of volunteers who set to work last weekend to clear the path alongside the school - we've never seen it looking so good. A group of pupils, friends and parents came together to spend a day sweeping, digging, planting and clearing - THANK YOU! That is what Hartfield is all about - working as a community. Mrs Taylor

Dates for the coming term:

Please note that there will be no Forest School during July.

DATES FOR DIARIES		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
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	13.00 – 15.00	Cherry Forest School
08/06/2018	09.00 – 10.30am	Bring an adult to school
11/06/2018	All Week	Lilac Residential to Broadstone Warren
14/06/2018		Willow Forest School
18/06/2018	Morning	Whole Class Photos
19/06/2018	7.30pm to 8.30pm	New Parent (Sept '18) Evening
20/06/2018	09.30 – 10.30	Pop & Play New Reception (Parents & Children)
21/06/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Lilac Forest School
21/06/2018	lunch	Possible menu change – World Cup Day
22/06/2018		Mufti Day - own clothes
25/06/2018	13.15 – 15.15	Triple P – Raising Resilient Children
26/06/2018	All Day	Whole School Trip to Science Observatory
28/06/2018	09.30 – 10.30	Pop in & play for new reception children
28/06/2018	13.00 – 15.00	Maple Forest School
29/06/2018	<i>Whole School Sports Day and PTFA Summer Social</i>	
04/07/2018	<i>12 to 4pm Beacon Sports Day – Years 3 to 6</i>	
05/07/2018	Time tba	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Production
05/07/2018	13.00– 14.00	Governors Teddy Bear Picnic (at The Croft)
09/07/2018	<i>Transition Day – children to meet new class teachers</i>	
09/07/2018	14.45 – 15.15	Parent Forum Parentview/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	lunch	Possible menu change – Mexico Day
13/07/2018	Reserve Sports Day	Reports Go Home
17/07/2018	15.30 – 16.30	Parent afternoon drop in to discuss reports
18/07/2018	13.30	St Mary's Got Talent Show
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		