

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



### Dear St Mary's families

We hope you have had a chance to look at our website recently. There are lots of updated pictures of the exciting things that have been going on recently. A huge thanks to Justin Martin-Lawrence, who has been working behind the scenes to make this happen and keep it updated.

A reminder of our British Values Day next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. The children are invited to dress up in red, white and blue and enjoy a specially selected British themed menu, chosen by the 'British Values' team from Lilac. Don't forget to get baking - the 'Great British Values Bake Sale' will take place after school in the playground from 3.15pm, in aid of Cancer Research.

We have been advised that with the large amount of work going on in Church Lane at present, car parking is becoming tricky. Could you please avoid parking here and use the other nearby car parks/roads. Thank you!

Mrs F Taylor  
Acting Head of School



### Learners & Attendance of the Week

#### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK: ENDING: 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

MAPLE: WILL  
CHERRY: TROY  
WILLOW: HARRY  
LILAC: TIA

#### 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

MAPLE: NOAH  
CHERRY: AMELIA  
WILLOW: FRANCESCA  
LILAC: MOLLY B

#### ATTENDANCE: (W/E): 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

MAPLE: 100%  
CHERRY: 98.1%  
WILLOW: 100%  
LILAC: 98.8%

TOTAL: 99.1%

#### ATTENDANCE 16<sup>TH</sup> MAR:

MAPLE: 98.7%  
CHERRY: 97.7%  
WILLOW: 96.9%  
LILAC: 98.8%

TOTAL: 98.00%





## Pioneer News/Update

A final reminder that comments and views on the Federation Consultation must be received by Friday 23 March 2018 at 3.30pm.

Written responses should be addressed to the **Clerk to the Governing Body** of the school.

A box for written responses is all available in school.

Alternatively, you may use the following email address:

St Mary the Virgin: [Wilmowski@btinternet.com](mailto:Wilmowski@btinternet.com)



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**'Google Meet' across Pioneer Schools – some feedback from the children.....**

**"It was nice meeting a new class", Lauren**

**"We saw some caterpillars in Oak Class", Daisy**

*"We showed them our log dogs", Iris*

**"We learned two of them were brothers and sisters", Jacob**

*"The first time we just met them", Harry*

**"We showed them our dinosaur egg", Ryah-Rose**

**"It's interesting to see what they're doing", Ziggy**

*"It's a great way to interact", Lily*



## Sports Awards – Mr D

Well done to the following children:

W/e: 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Maple: Jared  
Cherry: Olivia  
Willow: Daisy  
Lilac: Seren

W/e: 9<sup>th</sup> March

Maple: Ryah-Rose  
Cherry: Jacob  
Willow: n/a House Day  
Lilac: Ryan



## Author Visit

KS1 author Giles Paley-Phillips came into school today to read to Maple and Cherry. After reading two short stories to us about 'Super Chimp', we all had a fun writing session making up super heroes of our own.





Mrs L Sanders

### Lilac Class Forest School March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

The weather was kinder this week and the sun shone as we walked, although the mud was still entertaining to travel through.

Once in the woods, the children used the new coat rack and chose their own activities. Some whittling, some made bows and arrows and some mallets made by sawing and axing wood. There was lots of action damming the stream. Some children had made a fantastic den, which provided a great place for a natter and discussions about International Womens Day 2018

And as always there was time for a bit of swinging, climbing balanceing, making up our own games, talking discussing, negotioating, sharing, waiting, getting wet, learning a new trick or two and a good intoductory game of Giant, Wizards and Elves!

Next time the class want to use more tools and play more games. Some children want to go on a further explore of the woods, so we will wait and see! Well done Lilac Class.



### Maple Forest School 15/3/18

We made 'log dogs' and took them on a walk to the woods with us today. We tied string to logs and drew faces on them.

All the children thought of names for their dogs and some made up stories inspired by 'We are going on a bear hunt' when they saw big puddles and lots of mud!

We had a brilliant time taking our log dogs for a walk. They loved swimming in puddles and splashing about in the stream. Some children worked out that their log dogs floated. "Look mine is gliding in the water!"

We spotted a Heron on the water meadows and talked about how they like wet areas. We noticed how full the river Medway was due to the rain and some children were interested to know that their house was named after the river Medway- "That's my river!"

We explored clay and extended our learning from the morning in class. We had been practising drawing and creating in a sand tray, developing our fine motor control through sensory exploration and used our drawings and marks to make up stories with each other. We talked about how the clay felt and extended our vocabulary with adjectives such as squidgy, squishy, cold, slippery and slimy. We also talked about how the water had made the soil wet and transformed it into clay and worked out that the bucket was half full of water and so the children wanted to pour it out to get to the clay below.

Another great afternoon Maple class, I hope you all enjoy further adventures with your log dogs at home!

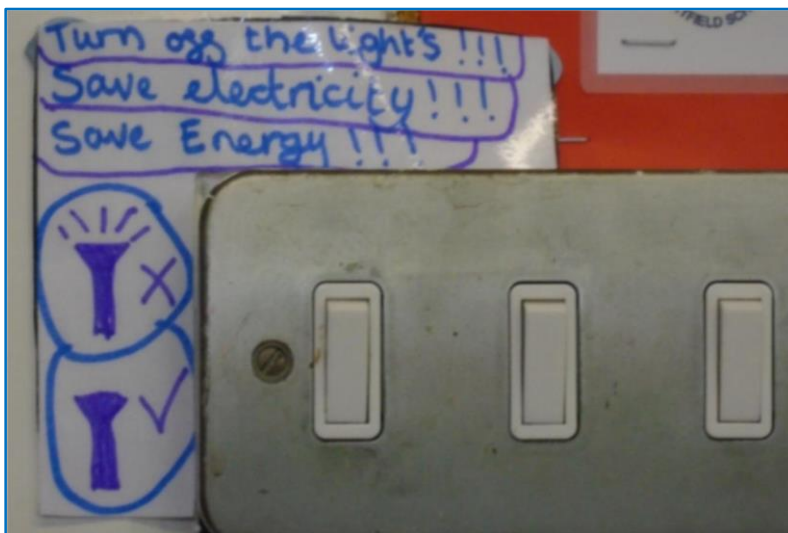






## Wildlife Explorers & Eco Clubs - Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Wildlife Explorers have spent two weeks preparing labels and placing them around school in key positions to raise awareness on saving energy and water following their eco-survey.





## Katrina's Corner

On Good Friday we will be running Messy Church from 3:30pm-5pm in the Village Hall, with crafts, games and a mini service. Just drop in!

Katrina  
Katrina Thomas  
Children and Family Worker  
St Mary's Hartfield  
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## Works to Playground over Easter

During the first week of the Easter holidays 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.



## Uniform Sale

We have a number of new uniform items at school available to buy at a discounted rate. These include the following:

Sweatshirts at £7.00, Fleece at £13.00, Sweaters at £10.00, Tracksuit bottoms at £7.00, Polo Shirts £6.00, Cardigans £11.00.

Please contact the school office on [office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk) if you would like further details.



## Survey

Please do take a moment to complete the Love School Meals survey, which is open until 25<sup>th</sup> March. Your comments are really important.

<https://loveschoolmeals.co.uk/wae/>



## Hartfield 10k & Fun Run 2018

Sunday 8 April 2018

Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex  
TN7 4AD

10k (6 miles) - 11.00 am start - £10  
5.6k (3.5 miles) - 11.05 am start - £5.00  
2k (1.2 miles) - 10.30 am start - £2.00

On the day registration £12, £6, £3 respectively

**Stunning, off road, X country course through woods, along footpaths and over farmland.**

**Medals and prizes; Walkers welcome  
Refreshments, Barbecue. Bar Proceeds to Hospice  
in the Weald**

Further details/registration from  
[www.hartfieldonline.com](http://www.hartfieldonline.com)  
click Fun Run or [www.sussexraces.co.uk](http://www.sussexraces.co.uk)

| DATES FOR DIARIES     |                      |                                                                         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DATE                  | TIME                 | EVENT                                                                   |
| <b>TERM 4</b>         |                      |                                                                         |
| 21/3/2018             | All Day              | British Values Day - (plus special lunch menu)<br>Bake Sale from 3.15pm |
| 22/3/2018             | 13:00 – 15:00        | Cherry Forest School                                                    |
| 22/3/2018             | 14.45 – 15.15        | Parent Forum –<br>Growth Mind-set and Calculation Policy                |
| 28/3/2018             | From 15.15           | <i>Lilac Bake Sale - PTFA</i>                                           |
| 29/3/2018             | From 15.15           | <i>Lilac Bake Sale - PTFA</i>                                           |
| 29/3/2018             | 09:15 – 10:30        | <b><i>End of term Easter Service at School (not Church)</i></b>         |
| 29/3/2018             | 13:00 – 15:00        | Willow Forest School                                                    |
|                       |                      |                                                                         |
| 30/3/2018 – 13/4/2018 |                      | <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>                                                   |
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| 19/04/2018            | 13.00 – 15.00        | Lilac Forest School                                                     |
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| 26/04/2018            | 13.00 – 15.00        | Maple Forest School                                                     |
| 03/05/2018            | 13.00 – 15.00        | Cherry Forest School                                                    |
| 07/05/2018            | <b>Bank Holiday</b>  |                                                                         |
| 10/05/2018            | 13.00 – 15.00        | Willow Forest School                                                    |
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| 11/05/2018            |                      | In school Yoga Sessions                                                 |
| 12/05/2018            | Times tba            | Vintage Trinity Fair – Coleman's Hatch                                  |
| 12/05/2018            | Times tba            | Play School Quiz Night                                                  |
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| 14/05/2018            | <b>KS2 Sats Week</b> |                                                                         |
| 14/05/2018            |                      | Bike ability Year 5                                                     |
| 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            | <b>KS1 Sats Week</b> |                                                                         |
| 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                                                         |
| 28/05/2018            |                      | <b>May Half Term Holiday</b>                                            |
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| 04/06/2018            |                      | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                        |
| 05/06/2018            |                      | <b>First day back to school</b>                                         |
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