

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's Families

After a windy night, we were on the Forest Way checking for fallen branches before the Cross Country run this morning. With the all clear from our hard working PE teacher, Mr D, we excitedly set off. It was such a delight to watch the children running so hard and cheering each other on as they made their way to the finish line. Well done to them all on achieving their personal targets. Thank you to all the families who came down to support us - we love sharing events with you.

Next week we offer a warm welcome to our trainee teachers, Miss Swaine and Miss Williams, who will be working alongside the teachers in Lilac Class and Willow Class from Monday. In the meantime we are pleased to see the Breakfast Club numbers growing - we know this can make such a difference to family life and are keen to see it well used. Speak to the office to find out about regular or ad hoc use of breakfast club.

Kind regards,

Mrs F Taylor
Head of School

Mr J Procter
Executive Headteacher

Learner's of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E: 21ST SEPT:

MAPLE: ISABELLA
CHERRY: FREDDIE
WILLOW: AHLIA
LILAC: CLOVER

ATTENDANCE W/E 14TH SEPT:

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

W/E 21ST SEPT:

98%
98.3%
96.7%
96.4%



Pioneer Federation News Update

Introducing the first of our Governor profiles:



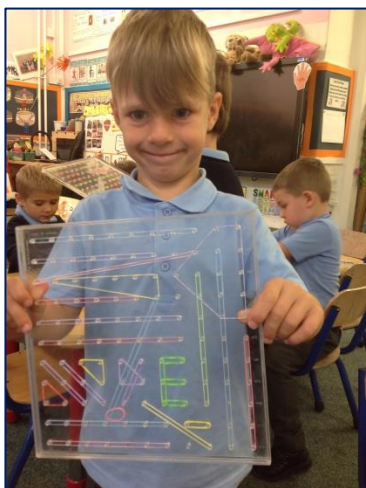
Juliet Stirrat

I moved to Sussex from London 25 years ago with my young family, leaving behind a career in the art world and returning to study to embark on a second career in primary education. During this time I have also chaired a PTA, been a governor at two other schools and am currently a trustee of two local charities. I have been volunteering regularly at St Mary's for five years and been a governor there for the last four years, as well as teaching for one term as a temporary last-minute replacement! I am looking forward to getting to know the other Pioneer schools and will be particularly focussing on SEND.

St Mary's PTFA News:

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 25th September in school between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. Please do come along and find out what we do to raise money for the school and how your money gets spent to enhance the children's learning and fun. Items on the agenda will include minutes of previous AGM, chairman's report, head teacher's report, treasurer's report and election of new members.

The PTFA

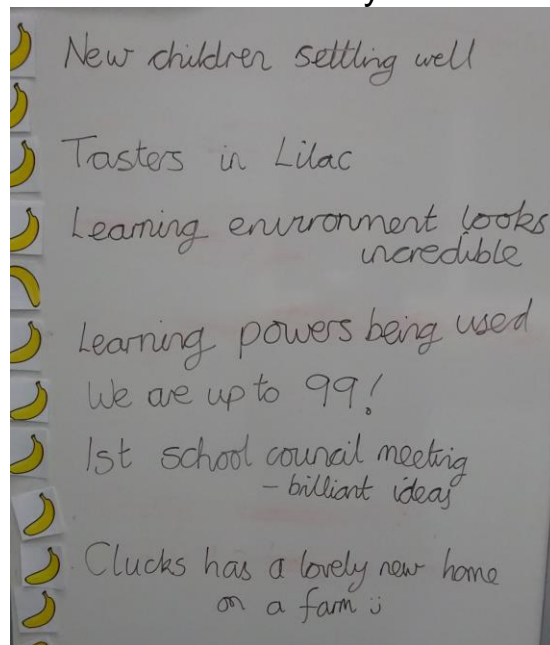


Maple Class - Reception

Just a quick note to say how brilliantly the children have started their year in Maple Class. Please check the school website for more photos and information on what we have been up to this week.

Mrs L Sanders

Bananas Positivity Board



Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

Well done to the following children:

W/e 14th September

Maple:	Harley
Cherry:	Braxton
Willow:	Phoebe
Lilac:	Dulcie



Wildlife Explorers 7 Eco Club - 19th September 2018

Mr and Mrs Rowberry

15 explorers came along to the Club this week. We made book marker from last week's pressed flowers. It was very enjoyable. Once the markers were laminated, everyone was able to take their one away to use.

In between, we spent time sorting out log books and folders to get evidence for our Wild Challenge and Leader Awards

Junior leaders are now working with their teams and the senior leaders are helping the whole group set up St Mary's application for the Eco-School Silver Award. The first job is to set up the school eco-board for news. Over the next months do look at it to see how St Mary's is caring for our environment.



Cherry Class enjoyed a drama workshop on Monday and worked hard to make the clown smile again. We all had a great time and took home leaflets and information about the classes.

If your child is in Maple, please ask them to tell you about the workshop also.

Mrs Norris





Katrina's Corner

So, we are well into the start of term, and our Harvest Festivals, both in school (3rd) and church (7th) are fast approaching! The church Harvest service is an all age service starting at 9:30am- all are welcome to come and join with us for a time of celebration and thanksgiving.

Our Hype youth group has started back- all school year 6+ are welcome to join us on a Monday evening- drop me an e-mail for more details.

Katrina

Children's, Youth and Families Minister
St Mary's Church, Hartfield
07777 630249



We are very excited to tell you about the refreshed East Sussex parenting website [open for parents](https://openforparents.org.uk) !!!

Free parenting support is available to any parent who wishes to access it. There is a variety of support and interventions available, ranging from light touch advice to specialist group-based programmes.

[open for parents](https://openforparents.org.uk) (previously the Parenting Matters website) is an easy to use resource for parents who are looking for parenting advice or support in their local area. The website has useful information listed by age groups about common issues e.g. safety, nutrition, health, managing behaviour and mental health support as well as SEN/additional needs. The information will link parents to national and local sources of information and support.

openforparents.org.uk

Sian Leahy
SENCO/Inclusion Manager



The previously advised scheduled works in Church Street seem to have been delayed. Once these are underway we have been given permission by the village hall for parents to use the car park in the morning only, to help alleviate parking problems. Please do not use it in the afternoon as the village hall will be in use. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 3rd October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly.



This will be led by Rev'd Julie Sear and Katrina Thomas, with a contribution from Tony Cox of the East Grinstead Food Bank. This year, your harvest contributions will be donated to the Food Bank and details of their wish list are enclosed. These are just food item ideas and not specific brand requests. Please could children bring these into school on the morning of the Harvest Festival. Thank you very much.

Harvest Festival 2018 Foodbank Appeal

Thank you for your much needed help. Due to very limited storage space please only donate the items shown below.



Please note we cannot accept perishable, out of date, frozen or homemade items. We will incur a cost to dispose of these.



Open Day – 20th October

On Saturday 20th October we are holding an Open Day for any prospective parents, between 9.30am and 11am. If you know of anyone thinking about starting school in September 2019 please could you let them know. We also have spaces in Year 3 and 4.

FREE 8 WEEK COURSE!



Mindfulness for the Nurturing Parent

PLACES ARE LIMITED - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

WE REGRET THAT THERE ARE NO CHILDCARE/CRECHE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE

Learn Mindfulness practices to improve your own well-being and build resilience to deal with the challenges of parenthood and to enjoy fully the most simple everyday moments

- Welcoming and friendly environment
- Themes include kindness, understanding stress and mindful communication
- Led by an experienced mindfulness trainer

This is an 8-week course taking place every Tuesday:
from 2nd October to 27th November (no session 23rd October)
10:00 – 12:00

at Sussex Downs College, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XH

To find out more or to book:
call: 030 300 38212
email: community.info@sussexdowns.ac.uk



Football Coaching



Heron Park School, Eastbourne BN22 9EE

Saturdays 10am - 11.30am 22 Sept - 15 Dec (No October 27th) £84 for 12 weeks

BOOK ONLINE NOW

www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Email: soccerschools@albioninthecommunity.org.uk for more information.

Brighton & Hove Albion Saturday Club is a registered charity in the Community Foundation for Sussex. Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club is a registered charity in the Community Foundation for Sussex. Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club is a registered charity in the Community Foundation for Sussex. Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club is a registered charity in the Community Foundation for Sussex.

Following the success of the football coaching provision here at St Mary's with Brighton & Albion and the fact that we are currently oversubscribed, please find details of their Saturday clubs, which are available in ages 2 to 5 and 6 to 11, starting in Eastbourne.

They also have 3 Development Centres running across East Sussex.

Monday – Battle Sports Centre – 5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday – Eastbourne Sports Park – 5pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday – Uckfield Leisure Centre – 5pm – 6pm

To arrange a taster or for further information please contact: adam.simpson@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

School Office Update



If you have not returned your Flu Vaccination forms for Years R to 5, please could you send them in next week. Please look out for annual data collection sheets, which will be given to you in named envelopes on Monday afternoon. Please could you check the details carefully, amend if necessary and return to the school office by Friday 28th September.

I have a number of unusual lost property items including two pairs of glasses, a pacifier, bare minerals lip gloss and scuba diving nozzle. Please contact me if any of these belong to you.

Supporting a relative or friend who is experiencing mental health issues can be a real challenge.

Getting information, getting help, knowing what to say and do yourself – not always easy.

ICE: CARERS' INFORMATION COURSE offers an opportunity to ask questions, look at your options and meet others facing the same challenges.

It's free to mental health family/friend/carers.

Saturdays 10-3.30pm starting Sept 8th for 4 weeks

Care for the Carers Offices, Highlight House, St. Leonards Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3UH

To book a place
jane.icepro@btconnect.com
or call/text 07483 133543

ICE is a Community Interest Company supported



Dates for the coming term:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
23/9/2018	9:30	<i>Café Church with coffee and croissants</i>
25/09/2018	14:45 – 15:15	PTFA AGM – all welcome
27/9/2018	9.00 – 10.00	Parent Forum
30/9/2018	<i>11.00 (change of time)</i>	<i>Joint Service with Holy Trinity at Colemans Hatch</i>
3/10/2018	14.30 - 15.15	Harvest Service – please bring harvest contributions in morning
3/10/2018	12:30 - 14:00	Beacon Cross Country
4/10/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Maple Forest School
7/10/18	<i>09:30 – 11:00</i>	<i>All age family service for Harvest Festival</i>
9/10/2018	Morning Only	Cherry School Trip to Forest Row Fire Station
11/10/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Willow Forest School
14/10/2018	9:30	<i>Family praise service at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield</i>
16/10/2018	All Day	Lilac School Trip to Weald & Downland Museum
18/10/2018	13:00 – 15:00	Cherry Forest School
20/10/2018	9:30 - 11:00	Open Day for new reception children 2019/20 & other prospective parents
20/10/2018	13:00	Community Walk, all welcome
21/10/2018	9:30	<i>Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers and BIG breakfast</i>
28/10/2018	9:30	<i>Café Church with coffee and croissants</i>
22/10/2018- 26/10/2018		AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY