

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



## Dear St Mary's families

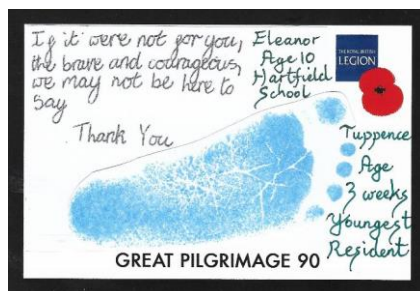
Welcome back! It has been lovely to hear about summer holiday adventures, days out and special times with families over the summer. We also saw a large number of you at the Hartfield fete last weekend. Always a highlight on the calendar, this year was no exception with so many stalls and activities there was something for everyone. We were particularly delighted to see all our entries into the Hartfield Horticultural Society displayed in the tent with a large number of winning entries! Well done to all who took part.

As we come to the end of our first week back it has been great to see the children settling so quickly back into school routines. They are already working hard and their behaviour continues to impress. A very warm welcome to our new reception children who will be starting school with us on Monday. We can't wait to see you!

**Breakfast club** opened its doors in the school hall for the first time this week. The children attending have had a great time with a breakfast and activities from 7.40-8.40 from just £4.00 a session. We do have space for a few more children – either regular weekly slots or for ad hoc use – please contact the school office.

**The Great War** You may remember a homework back in June when we asked children to write a message to go to France with Hartfield's wreath as part of the 'Great pilgrimage 90'. We were proud that the message chosen for the wreath was written by our very own Ellie from Lilac class – congratulations! We will be going 'off curriculum' for a week in November to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1 so the children can learn more. Please see below the flier for the Great War Walk on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Building works** - you have probably noticed a recent delivery in the car park in front of school. These are for the roof repairs taking place from next week, which were delayed over the Summer. Whilst parking should not be affected please be aware that scaffolding will be going up again.



Mrs Frances Taylor  
Head of School

Mr James Procter  
Executive Headteacher



## Pioneer Federation News Update

This week all three schools came together for Inset training- first aid, safeguarding, assessment and GDPR.....we are very much looking forward to working together as a Federation of schools this year.



### Governors

In our penultimate newsletter of last term we gave you details of our new governing body.

This year, we will be introducing our Governors weekly. They will be sharing some facts about themselves, such as their motivations to be on the Governing Body.

We look forward to sharing this information with you.

Mandy Watson	Chair of Governors
Alan Brundle	Vice Chair
Lindsay Wiggins	
Philip Hodgins	
Jan Gough	
Julie Sear	
Juliet Stirrat	Vice Chair
Lorna Duggleby	
James Procter	
Katy Norris	
Chris Forsey	
Heidi Twort	
Hilary Rowberry	
Suzanne Goss	



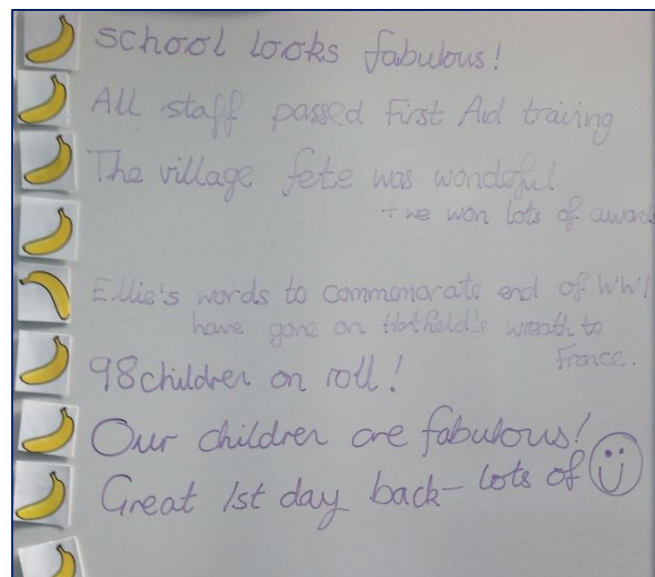
### Positivity Board

A 'Positivity Board' has been put up in the school. This board enables parents/carers, staff, children and visitors to write positive comments, or thoughts, about their time in school or during events that they would like to share with others.

Please pop in any time to write down something that you would like to share or send an email.

In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school and community.

As always, thank you for your support!





### Katrina's Corner

I hope you have had a great summer, whatever you have been up to! It is great to be back- I am excited to see what this term brings. This Sunday at St Marys at 9:30am it is our short informal praise service where we will be thinking about new starts- come and join us!

### Katrina

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

### PTFA Update

Please join us for our Annual AGM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at school at 2.45pm – all parents/carers are welcome to attend. Date for your diary: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the PTFA Christmas Fair.



### New Breakfast Club

We still have spaces on our breakfast club, which you can use daily, weekly, or on an ad hoc basis. Just contact the office for a form to register your child and we can go from there.

Mondays - breakfast with yoga  
Tuesdays - breakfast with wacky races  
Wednesdays - breakfast with Go Noodle  
Thursdays - breakfast with Four square  
Fridays - breakfast with shake up your wake up



### Administration of Medicines

Just a gentle reminder to send in any relevant medication or inhalers as soon as possible please, along with your forms. Don't forget that we can only accept prescribed medication with your child's details on.

## School Dinners

For KS2 and above, a polite reminder from our kitchen. If your child has a school lunch with Chartwells, please would you ensure that your account is kept in credit each week, as anything over £20 may now result in a 'hold' on the option of a cooked school lunch. We will be contacting all parents without Parent Pay account log ins next week.

### Message from our caretaker

Thank you so much to the parents (and children) - you know who you are - who came out to help on our Groundforce Day in July. Your help was very much appreciated.

Mr Gray.



We have a new student teacher joining us on Monday in Lilac Class for a week's work experience, Miss Hadow.

### Hartfield Fete – 1<sup>st</sup> September

A huge well done to all participants and winners of the various competitions at last weekend's village fete and Cherry Class for coming FIRST and SECOND in the vegetable growing category; Marrows and Courgettes.



### Topics this term.....

Class newsletters will be coming out to you today and also on the class page of the school website.

If you are thinking of educational related activities to support topics at home, over the weekend or half term, such as museum trips then the following may be helpful:

Maple – Once Upon A Time  
Cherry – The Great Fire of London  
Willow – Roald Dahl  
Lilac – The Victorians

A very warm welcome to all of our new reception children and their families, starting school at St Mary's on Monday.



**A reminder of our 'inset' days for 2019:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 & 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.





Join Us  
For



# The Great War Walk



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

A community walk open to all to mark the centenary of the Armistice. We will walk between the four war memorials in our district. You are all invited to take part in the whole route, or just walk one or two legs. If you are unable to walk, please join us at one or more of the memorials along the route.

We will start at Cowden war memorial at 11am where we will read the names and have a short moment of reflection. Due to the limited space in the village, it would help if you could arrange to be dropped off by family or friends. Please 'car share' with other walkers at the end of the route also. Anyone can join us, and Standards from any Legion Branch or youth groups are very welcome.

Entry for walkers is £5 per adult, £3 per under 16. Funds will go directly to The Poppy Appeal.

Each walker will receive a free pin badge and there will be cups of tea available at Hartfield pavilion, with soup and a roll at Colemans Hatch Trinity Hall. We will walk as a group which will minimise the disruption to local landowners, but the whole route is along public footpaths.

Children of any age are welcome, but please keep dogs on a lead due to livestock, roads and the safety of other walkers. Sadly, due to locked gates and stiles, only the last leg from Hartfield to Colemans Hatch is disability friendly for those in motorised scooters. The whole walk is 7.5 miles or 13km long.

We expect to arrive at the Holtye war memorial at 11.45am and then to Hartfield war memorial for 1pm, finishing at Colemans Hatch at 3pm. Apart from the start time of 11am, all other times are approximate.

Please arrange your own transport afterwards, but if you can assist others in returning to their start point it would be appreciated. All walkers do so at their own risk. The route is not hard, though there is the possibility of mud or other reasonable hazards along public footpaths. Three roads will be crossed along the route, but there will be marshals to assist with safety.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

For further details or to express an interest, please contact: [cowdenhartfield.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:cowdenhartfield.secretary@rbl.community)