

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's Families

It was great to catch up with so many of you this week at our **parent consultations**. With Lilac class running the show this time Mr Procter and I had a bit more time to sit back and enjoy meeting with you and hear a bit more about the children's great work this year! We felt so proud of Lilac class who took to their new roles as parent evening helpers with such enthusiasm and helpfulness as they switched between their roles of drinks serving, bell ringing and parent welcoming. If you missed out on meeting your child's teacher please do make an appointment over the next week or so - the children have worked so hard and would love to share it with you.

With the colder weather upon us we are starting to feel rather more festive in school! Its only a week until the **Christmas fair** and next Friday, 30th November we are inviting children to **wear pyjamas and/ or a Christmas jumper** in return for a bottle of something nice and/or some chocolate for the Christmas fair bottle and chocolate tombolas.

STOP PRESS: We really need **more stalls** that children and their parents can run at the Christmas Fair - if your children would like to run a stall with your help we would LOVE to have you. Please speak to a member of the PTFA or the school office. The stall could be a game to play or perhaps the children could make something to sell - all welcome!

Thinking back to last week we were focusing on '**anti bullying week**'. The children all took part in workshops and it was reassuring to hear them tell us how kind they generally felt the children are at St. Mary's. They were also all able to name adults they can talk to if they are concerned about anything. Next week we will re read the story of 'Bucket filling' to remind us all how to be kind thoughtful towards others and how in doing so it helps us to feel good about ourselves. If you do have any questions or concerns do always talk to us as we always want to help if we can.

Have a wonderful weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair next Saturday, 1st December, from 12.00.

Mrs F Taylor
Head of School

Mr J Procter
Executive Headteacher

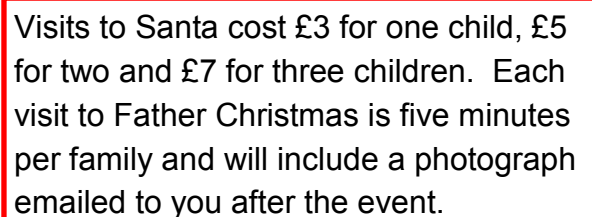




Don't forget that it's Christmas 'dressing up' day on Friday 30th November - wear something festive and bring a bottle and / or chocolate for the tombolas.

We still have space in the festive food cafe for donations of cakes or sweet treats! We are particularly looking for whole cakes which can be served in slices if anyone is feeling like baking!

Thank you! The PTFA x



Please come and sign up for a time slot and pay at the School Office.





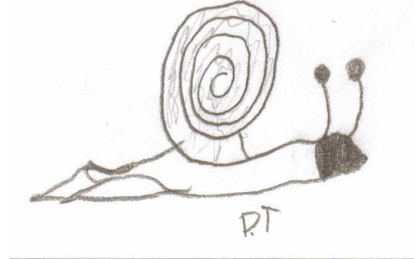
Wildlife Explorers & Eco Club—Mr and Mrs Rowberry

This week 20 explorers were looking at mini-beasts. Mr. Rowberry had collected small living animals from around the school bug house and hedges. They were put into a clear tank with leaves, moss, soil stones and wood in it which was a habitat for them to be safe for a short while. It is called a terrarium.

Then the explorers helped to put them into small containers so they could be observed closely and drawn. They were then quickly put back into the terrarium and shown at an assembly before being put back in and around the SMV bug house.

The assembly was organised by three Explorer Leaders: Seren, Eleanor and Scarlett. They showed everyone what the explorers club activities had been recently and then ran a video about Fair Trade being important in giving the right payment to farmers who grow our food around the world.

At the end all the pupils were given the chance to sample Fair Trade Chocolate and bananas.



Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

Well done to the following children:

W/e 9th November

Maple: Scarlett for excellent co-ordination
 Cherry: Harry W for improved focus and technique
 Willow: Isabel for great co-ordination and control
 Lilac: Ryan for great teamwork and refereeing

W/e 16th November

Polly for brilliant balance and control
 Ryah Rose for excellent bounce passing
 Hope for exceptional balance skills
 Giuseppe for great focus and effort

**This Week's Photo Album - Cherry and Willow
at Forest School and Maple at Pooh Corner**





Katrina's Corner

Just a reminder that the Christingle Church Service is on the 2nd December at 4pm, at St Mary's Church. Please see below.

For Friday 30th November please can all children bring an orange to school for our annual afternoon Christingle.

Katrina Thomas
Children's, Youth and Families Minister
St Mary's Hartfield
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 St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield
Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Christingle
50
YEARS

Join us at our Christingle Event
Sunday 2nd December 2018
at 4pm
St Mary's Church, Hartfield



The Christmas Craft Club

would love to receive donations of any unwanted brown wool, sparkly wool, ribbons, buttons and old christmas cards. Please drop off via the School Office. Thank you so much!



Girls Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Beacon, Wednesday 14th November 2018

Huge congratulations to all of the girls who took part in the recent Beacon Inter School Girls Football Tournament, ending in a very exciting and ever so slightly nail biting final. The girls showed a togetherness and a work ethic seldom seen at this level of football. This teamwork and hard graft saw them through to the final, having faced tough opposition on the way. Every last one of them could happily go home proud of what they achieved.

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Developing better relationships.
[openforparents.org.uk](https://www.openforparents.org.uk)



The Triple P East Sussex parenting website is now [open for parents](https://www.openforparents.org.uk) !!!

The East Sussex Parenting Team work with parents and carers across the county to provide information, advice and support. 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://www.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 is designed to link parents to national and local sources of information and support and parents can now book directly onto the sessions they interested in!

<https://www.openforparents.org.uk>



Pioneer Federation News Update

Governor Profile - Phil Hodgins



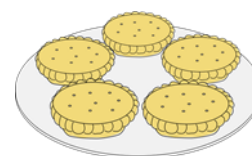
I grew up in West London, close to Heathrow Airport. Following spells in the north of England, Bristol and Lincoln I moved to Sussex in 1990. I am married with two grown-up sons and have been an Ordained Minister in the Church of England since 1985.

A large part of my working life has been spent in secular employment as a Human Resources professional with my last job being Head of HR at Age Concern England. Since then, I have been the (full-time) Vicar of Chiddingly and East Hoathly for the past 14 years. I have been involved throughout that time, in one way or another, with both the schools here. I am very much looking forward to getting to know St Mary's better, now they are part of the Pioneer Federation.

My particular focus as a governor is the 'SMSC' - spiritual, moral, social and cultural – development aspects of school life, also the additional obligations for East Hoathly and St Mary's as Church Schools.

Mince Pie 10 Mile Race

Alan Brundle and James Procter are running the Mince Pie 10 mile race on the 9th December. This is an annual race organised by Seaford Striders every December, to raise funds for local charities.



The 2018 race will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 9th December 2018 starting and finishing at the Peacehaven Leisure Centre and this year's charity is SERV Sussex. For more details and if you would like to sponsor Alan and James please go to:

<https://www.nice-work.org.uk/races/the-mince-pie-10-mile>

Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E: 2ND NOV:

MAPLE: LOGAN

CHERRY: NOAH

WILLOW: BETHAN

LILAC: ANGELINA

W/E 9TH NOV:

MAPLE: POLLY

CHERRY: LUCAS

WILLOW: EDWARD

LILAC: SCARLETT

ATTENDANCE:

MAPLE: 95.5%

CHERRY: 98.6%

WILLOW: 96.3%

LILAC: 97.3%

TOTAL: 97.2%

Diary Dates (subject to changes and additions)

26th November

Big Sing - Lilac Class in Tunbridge Wells

27th November

School Nursing Team in school with YR & Y6
Weight and Heights

28th November

Willow Class Trip to i360, Brighton

29th November

Parent Forum, 9am to 10am

30th November

Christingle Assembly - bring an orange.
Xmas Mufti Day for PTFA Fair - bring a bottle or chocolates

1st December

PTFA Christmas Fair, 12pm to 2pm

2nd December

Christingle Service at St Mary's at 4pm
Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity at 6.30pm

4th December

University of Life

9th December

Christmas Praise at St Mary's Church, 9.30am

7th December

Lighting of Christmas Tree in Village and
Community Carols at 6pm

12th December

School Nativity, 10am and 2pm

13th & 14th December

Bake Sale After School, Cherry

14th December

Live Nativity in the Village at 6pm

17th December

Christmas Dinner

19th December

School Service in Church at 9.15am
Last Day of Term

24th December

Crib Service at St Mary's at 4pm

3rd and 4th January 2019 are Inset Days

Back to School 7th January



PTFA Events:

Christmas Fair	1st December 2018	12pm to 2pm
Jumble Sale	26th January 2019	11am to 12pm
Chinese New Year Disco	Friday 8th February 2019	After school and in the school hall



Bake Sale Dates:

Cherry - Thurs 13 / Fri 14 December
Willow - Thurs 14 / Fri 15 February
Lilac - Thurs 4 / Fri 5 April
Maple - Thurs 11 / Fri 12 July