

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's Families

There are times when we are just blown away by your wonderful children. Today we each carried a cross, marked with the name of a victim of the war from Hartfield. The children amazed us with the respect and reverence they showed as they walked through the Churchyard, past some of the heroes' graves stones, and then, led by James Castle, each laid a cross at the village War Memorial. The crosses have been left on display for us all this Remembrance weekend.

It's been a great week - have an amazing weekend with your children.

Mrs F Taylor
Head of School

Mr J Procter
Executive Headteacher



Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E: 2ND NOV:

MAPLE: PABLO
CHERRY: JARED
WILLOW: THOMAS M-L
LILAC: ELLEN

W/E 9TH NOV:

MAPLE: JACOB
CHERRY: LUCA
WILLOW: KISHI
LILAC: CHARLIE

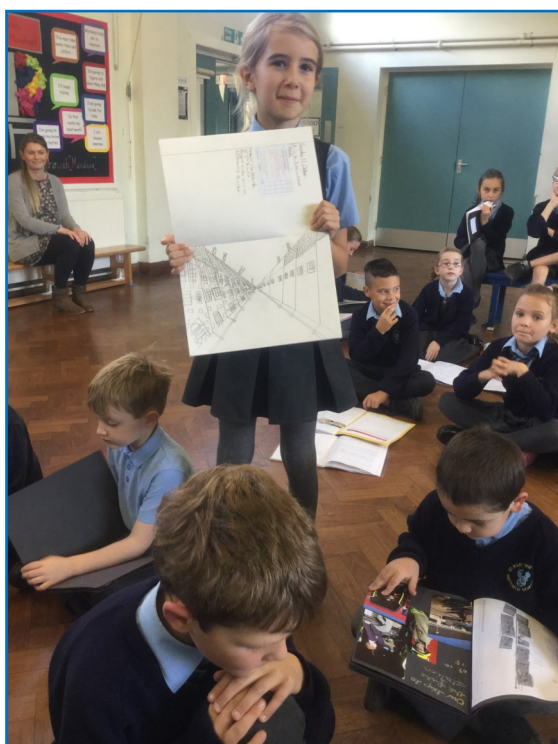
ATTENDANCE:

MAPLE: 99.4%
CHERRY: 95.9%
WILLOW: 97.9%
LILAC: 96.3%
TOTAL: 97.1%

P.A.Ls Assembly

On Monday 29th October, the children took part in a Progress And Learning assembly. After reflecting on last term's value of 'trust', they talked about 'progress' and what that means to them. The children brought their books to the assembly and they all sat with someone from a different year group to share what they had learnt so far this year.

Emelia in Year 4 said that "it took a lot of time and perseverance". Elodie in Year 6 remarked that "Ella's stamina has progressed and she is more determined". Ahlia spoke about being a Persevering Parrot and "it's not giving up and keeping on trying". Hope in Year 4 explained that progress is "if you are working really hard on something and getting better at it". Delia from Year 6 showed us her work, saying, "I'm proud because I put a lot of effort in".





Wildlife Explorers & Eco Club—Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Our young leaders are helping St Mary's get ready to apply for another Eco-School award and also to present our work on conservation and helping the environment to a school assembly. Other members tried out some unusual senses last week because Mrs Rowberry had made a trail of trays with different surfaces: leaves, moss, water, grass and gravel. It was great fun to feel with our feet and then we drew round them and cut out the shapes. Then we wrote about the sensations on them.



This week we were helping out our small birds for winter by making apple feeders. We put strings on to hang them from trees, stuck through sticks as perches and pushed seeds into the apples. It is important to help birds store energy to get through the winter when it is cold and there isn't much food around for them.



Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

Well done to the following children:

W/e 19th October

Maple: Max for overall team playing
 Cherry: Eva for great determination
 Willow: Archie for excellent dribbling
 Lilac: No PE today

W/e 12th October

Henry for excellent participation
 Kaya for excellent dribbling
 Bethan for great control and technique
 Ellie for positive attitude

Photo Album



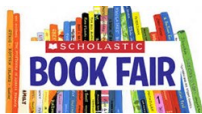
Clockwise from top left;
Pause Day,
Remembrance
activities including
Poppy making, Starfish
Malawi Day, Thrive
Day, our Year 5 football
squad, Maple at Forest
School and the laying of
crosses on the War
Memorial on Friday.





Church Corner and Remembrance Sunday

For families coming along on Sunday, the procession will leave from the Anchor car park shortly after 10.30am. For those children laying a wreath for the school, please meet at 10.20am. If you are attending the service itself, we recommend being in Church by 10.40am for a 10:45am start. On the anniversary of the Armistice it would be lovely to see as many St Mary's families there as possible. During the evening and starting from 6.30pm there will be a 'Battles Over' tribute, commencing from the Memorial Gardens (near the Anchor Pub) in the village, followed by beacon lighting at 7pm, followed by the church bells ringing at 7.05 in a "celebration of peace" and then fireworks.



Book Fair

Thank you so much to our parents and carers for your support with our Book Fair and to anyone who gave up their time to help. Book sales came to £671.30, which means that we have just over £340 to use towards new books for the classrooms and school, which is absolutely amazing! Thank you again.



A reminder please that pick up on Forest School days is 3pm and not 3.15pm. Also, if your child has borrowed any forest school clothes, please could you return these on Monday. We are currently missing a number of waterproof trousers that were donated at the beginning of term.

Dads (St Mary's Football Team)

We have been contacted by a parent in Cherry Class, who is interested in setting up a men's football team, meeting once a week in the evening for a game or two, possibly leading to some matches with other teams and/or fundraising for the PTFA. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office for further information.



Fairtrade

St Mary's will be working towards their first Fair Aware Award next year, which amongst other exciting events will involve participating in Fairtrade Fort-night February.

If anyone would like to order a Fairtrade Advent Calendar for December or browse through their catalogue, please contact the school office or send in cash in a named envelope by 19th November.

Your help please.....

Chiddingly Primary School are trying to get a £25,000 grant for an external log cabin for Thrive to take place in.

Please could we ask parents to take a moment to access the link below and vote. Once registered you can vote up to ten times. Chiddingly currently have over 4000 votes, but need as many as possible to make it through to the finalist stage.

Voting closes on the 20th November.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-751>



Anti Bullying Week 12th to 16th November

We have Anti Bullying Week in school from Monday, with workshops for all of our children on Tuesday afternoon.



To kick start the week, we would like to invite everyone to come to school in odd socks on Monday.



Flu Vaccination on Tuesday 13th November

This is the final reminder for Flu Vaccinations taking place next Tuesday.

We have been asked by the health team to request that parents:

- Talk to their child about the vaccination in advance.
- Help them to learn their name and birthday.
- If you have changed your mind after returning your form, a written letter will be required addressed to the Immunisation Team and sent into school in advance.

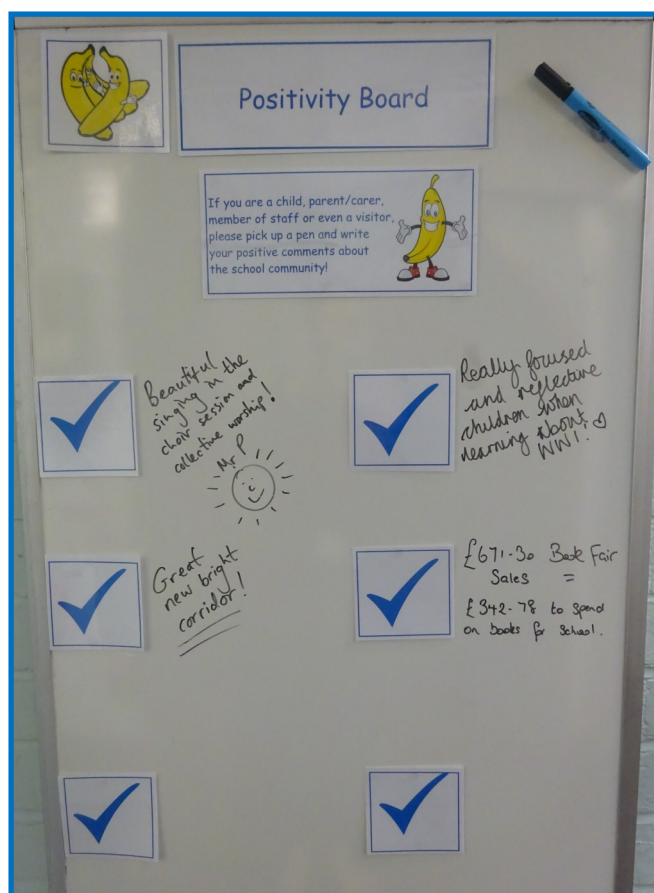


Pioneer Federation News Update

Governor Profile— Heidi Twort

I grew up in Wales and moved to Sussex after studying maths in University. I work as a pensions analyst in Crawley and my hobbies are yoga, pilates, swimming, cycling and the occasional triathlon. I have two very happy children in St Mary's school and have always felt that, given the opportunity, I would like to be more involved in the future of the school.

I became a parent governor at St Mary's two years ago with a focus on Safeguarding. I have enjoyed the challenges and rewards that the position brings. I am really looking forward to working with our enthusiastic new Pioneer Federation Governing Body to be the best we can be for all the children and the three schools.



Positivity Board

Our Positivity Board has now been moved to the front of the school, next to the entrance to the school hall.

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

As always, thank you for your support!

Diary Dates (subject to changes and additions)

11th November

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.45am at St Mary's, including laying of wreaths at memorial

'Battles Over', starting at 6.30pm

12th to 6th November

Anti Bullying Week

13th November

Flu Vaccinations for YR to Y5

13th and 14th November

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents
9.30am to 10.30am

14th November

Girls 6 a side Football at Beacon

21st and 22nd November

Parent Consultations
3.30pm to 6pm

22nd November

Parent Forum, 9am to 10am

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

30th November

Christingle Assembly

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 6pm

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

14th December

Christmas Dinner for Children & Governors

14th December

Live Nativity in the Village at 6pm

19th December

School Service in Church
Last Day of Term, back to school on 7th January

24th December

Crib Service at St Mary's at 4pm

3rd and 4th January 2019 are Inset Days

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

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KS3/4 ASD Workshop on Anxiety

Join us for a workshop on anxiety. We will look at how it affects the child, family and strategies to support you all.

Monday 19th November 2018

7.00-8.30pm

Willingdon Community School,
Broad Road, Eastbourne. BN20 9QX

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Please contact CLASS to book a place by 12th November 2018

CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk

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"The most interesting people you'll find are ones that don't fit into your average cardboard box. They'll make what they need, they'll make their own boxes,"

Source: Dr. Temple Grandin

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KS2 Post Diagnosis Workshops

This is a set of 3 workshops, each lasting an hour and a half and will cover:

- What is ASD and Thinking about Communication
 - Understanding Behaviour
 - Where do we go from here?

These workshops are for parents of children aged 7-11. The sessions will provide some theory, lots of time for discussion, resources and ideas. Parents/carers are asked to commit to attend all 3 sessions.

Held at: Bourne School, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 8BD

Tuesday 20/11/18, 27/11/18 and 4/12/18
1.15pm-2.45pm

Please contact CLASS on 01273336887 to book a place

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"Children with Autism are colourful – they are often very beautiful and, like the rainbow, they stand out"

Source: Adele Divine

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CLASS+ Advice Clinic in conjunction with Spectrum Advice and support on Autism issues within the home.

An opportunity for you to book an appointment with a practitioner to discuss home based issues. To book please contact CLASS

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Thursday 6th December

1-3pm at The Joff

Roderick Ave, Peacehaven BN10 8BL

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