

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER****'Learning with love, strength and faith following the example of Jesus'**

Dear St Mary's Families

We can't quite believe this term is over! It has absolutely flown by and the children have worked incredibly hard. It has been a real pleasure to see so much 'star' work going around the school and a few headteacher's awards already! Keep an eye out in the newsletter for details of headteacher's awards as these will always be included each fortnight.

We are looking forward to beginning next term with Fairtrade Fortnight. A letter with all the details about these two weeks is also coming out today for your information. A big thank you to the PFTA who are funding a music workshop for all the children on the first day back next term - it is going to be great!

A wonderful day was had by all on our Whole School Trip to the Ashdown Forest. The weather was kind to us as we explored, climbed, hiked and splashed our way through the day. The magnificent Forest Leaders led us in different workshops as we all learnt new skills and tried things we hadn't done before. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who joined us - we wouldn't be able to give the children these fantastic experiences without people like you!

Thank you, as always, for your support. It has been great to hear your feedback about various things this term - do keep talking to us if anything comes up in the future. Have a fantastic half-term holiday!

Kind regards,

**James Procter**  
**Executive Headteacher**

**Vicky Lewis**  
**Head of School**

**Becca Hare**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

**Abbie Banks**  
**Senior Teacher**



### Reverend Julie writes...

This Sunday, our service is Holy Communion at 9.30am. Sunday Discoverers age 4-9 meets in the church and our BIG BREAKFAST GROUP age 10-14 meets in the Rectory to look at the bible, share breakfast and ideas. Everyone is very welcome.

Rev'd Julie Sear

Rector, St Mary's Church Hartfield and

Coleman's Hatch

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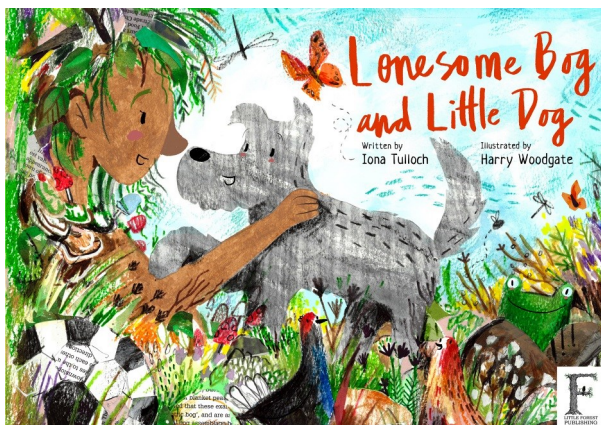


### Going Home Time

Just to confirm that the pick up time is 3:15pm for the whole school, and not, as previously advised in recent years, at 3.20pm for KS2. The school gate will be opened at 8:40am in the morning.

### Author Visit—Iona Tulloch

We are delighted that Iona Tulloch, author of *Lonesome Bog and Little Dog*, will visit us on Monday 25th February to start our World Book Day celebrations in March. Iona will spend time with our Key Stage 1 children, reading her book and running a story writing workshop, that will culminate with the children writing and/or illustrating their own ideas. Copies of *Lonesome Bog and Little Dog* will be available at reception from Monday 25th February (£6.99) and Iona is happy to sign them (or write messages if they are for gifts).



### After School Clubs

Clubs will continue on from last term. If your child would not like to carry on, please advise the school office. Please note Outdoor Club and Drama Club finish at 4.15pm and not 4.30pm.

### Dates for your diary

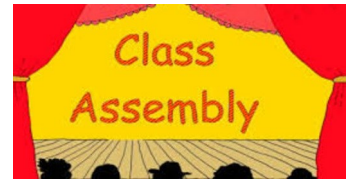
Please come along to your child's class assembly between 9am and 9.30am on the following dates:

Maple – 14th March

Cherry – 21st March

Willow – 4th April

Lilac – 28th March



### Headteacher Awards

Our Pioneer Governor, Alan Brundle, has generously purchased some Headteacher's Award Gold badges for the school. All children who have been awarded a Headteacher's Award since September will be given their badge over the coming weeks and any children gaining an Award during this academic year will also be given one. Children can wear these proudly to show that they have made great progress and put excellent effort into their learning.



Thank you to Alan for this generous donation, celebrating the wonderful achievements of the children.

### Whole School Vision Launch Monday 11th March 2019

Please look out for a letter to parents coming out after half term. To celebrate our new vision, we are going to have a launch day on Monday 11th March and we would like to invite you to join us for an assembly at 9am. Following this, the children will have a Pause Morning, where they will be exploring the vision and what it means for them.

### PTFA Update

Thank you so much for making the school disco a huge success last week, raising £300 profit.

*The PTFA x*

### Chicken Pox

We are continuing to receive notification of children coming down with Chicken Pox. Just a reminder that children should not return to school until the last spot has crusted over and your child is well enough to attend.





## Parent Forum – 7th February

### **Vision:**

What would you like to achieve for the children of SMV when they leave?

The core values are what will be lived out through the vision. Golden Rules feed into the vision too. Love Strength and Faith are the core values.

A vision needs clarity, succinct and consistent around the language of the vision. We are now creating a full vision statement which incorporates all of the previous ideas into a short paragraph. Vision song has been created to be taught to the children to help them recall the vision.

Bible Stories – linking the Bible, vision and community for the children.

Allow the children to explore the stories of the Bible

**Faith: Luke 18:35–42. A Blind Beggar received his sight** Comment: This story is very relevant for faith in Jesus but less so for faith in yourself. This story will be used alongside the phrasing in the vision to display how this is relevant to daily life.

Emma Huxtable to come back to us with another potential option for faith. Changed to **Luke 5 1–11 The story of The great catch of fish. Following parent suggestion.**

**Strength: John 6: 1–14. The feeding of the 5000** Strength of faith

Comment: children need to be able to translate into the behaviours in school and how this is measurable

**Love: Luke 10: 25–37. The Good Samaritan**  
'Do it in love for me'  
This is always driven through by the School Development Plan.

### **Behaviour Policy**

Behaviour is good across the school. However, we needed to consider the low-level behaviour e.g. volume at lunchtime, not immediately following instructions, a little talking back to adults. Volume meter is now visual in the lunch hall.

Agreed with the school that lunchtime needed to be looked at.

Therapeutic approach is key for all children. Clarity was needed for sanctions and consequences for breaking the Golden Rules. Children needed to understand the severity and seriousness of any poor choices.

Behaviour Policy:

Following the rules: **Green**

Above and beyond: **Blue** (5 dojos)

Exceptional learning following exceptional behaviour:  
Star (celebrated with an adult of their choice)  
HT award linked to progress in learning: Golden Stickers and Certificates, names in the newsletter  
Positive reinforcement  
All reset before lunch

### **Sanctions:**

Warnings and reminders given  
Official warning linked to golden rules  
**Move onto Amber.** KS2 miss 10 minutes of next playtime, KS1 miss 5 minutes. In that time, children complete missed learning or work around PSHE of learning a lesson.

**Move onto Red:** KS1 miss 20 minutes of their next play after reflection sheet; KS2 miss 60 minutes of minutes of their next play after reflection sheet. Child needs to have a significant sanction so that they understand not to repeat the behaviour. There is flexibility around the system to allow acknowledgement for individual needs or situations. Comment: Use the word 'aim' rather than 'try' as 'try' allows for failure. The golden rules will now link straight through to the behaviour system and love, strength and faith.

Feedback from parents is positive – great to have the clarity for children, parents and staff.



## PALS Assembly—Monday 11th February

Each term, we have a PALS (Progress and learning) assembly, where the children share their books from the term and identify where and how they have made progress. It's great to see the children sharing their books with children from other classes, and hearing how proud they are of their achievements. Here are some photos and quotes from the assembly:



"I found drawing difficult in the beginning in Lilac and now I am drawing with shading and collage. Lots of different way of drawing and I enjoy it," Szabi in Year 5



"Amelia is proud of her work because she completed a full page written to the end of the page," Y2 pupil



"Harry was writing a sentence and his writing is much better than it was before, and he got a star," Year 1 pupil



"I like my Maths like they do in China, it was sort of tricky but I did it," Archie in Year 3



## Wildlife Explorers & Eco Club—Mr and Mrs Rowberry

The St. Mary the Virgin Wildlife Explorers are in action to match all the criteria necessary for our Eco-School Green Flag, the premier award for schools supporting their environment.

The Explorer Leaders ran a school assembly to explain what needs to be done and emphasised our Eco-Code which everyone needs to know:

### GO GREEN

GO:

Growing and Gardening

Reduce, Re-use, Re-cycle

Environmental Care

Energy Saving

Nature – learning how our world works



As part of learning how our world works the Explorers looked at Charles Darwin's most studied animals --- Earthworms.

We looked at how they are adapted to their habitat and how helpful they are to soil and the whole of nature.



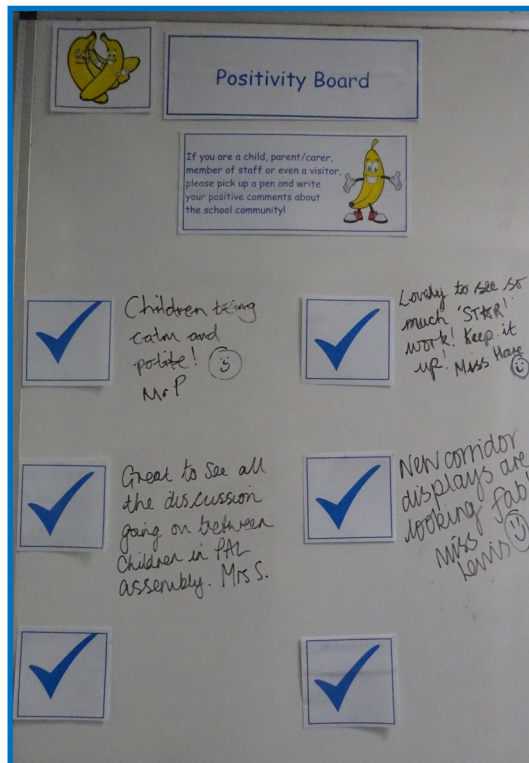
## Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

Well done to the following children, who have received certificates today explaining why they won their award.

	w/e 1st Feb	w/e 8th Feb
Maple	Scarlett	Logan
Cherry	Freddie	Oliver
Willow	Kishi	Coco
Lilac	Lily P	Darcy



## Pioneer Federation News Update



### Positivity Board

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!



### Head Teachers Award

**Isabella** in Maple for the huge progress she has made in her phonic and word recognition. Amazing!

**Ellen** in Lilac for working hard on her presentation and making her sentences more exciting.



## Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E:	8TH FEB:	ATTENDANCE W/E:	8TH FEB	15TH FEB
MAPLE:	TIAGO	MAPLE:	95.5%	84.9%
CHERRY:	BRAXTON	CHERRY:	92.4%	89.0%
WILLOW:	HARVEY	WILLOW:	97.4%	89.6%
LILAC:	DARCY	LILAC:	94.0%	99.3%
		TOTAL:	94.6%	91.6%



## This Week's St Mary's Photo Album



Clockwise from top left; PTFA Chinese New Year Disco, Whole School Trip to Ashdown Forest and Maple Forest School. Many thanks to the Ashdown Forest Centre for a fantastic day on Monday. The centre are holding half term activities with drop-in art & crafts from 11am - 3pm, as well as 'Stories of our Feathered Friends - Forest Way Story Tellers' on Wednesday 20th February, 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Information Barn.





## Diary Dates (subject to changes and additions)

### Half Term

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

### Monday 25th Feb to Friday 8th March

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

### Monday 25th Feb

Samba Music Workshops Whole School  
Author Visit—Iona Tulloch  
Bake Competition and sale after school

### Wednesday 27th February

Fairtrade Collective Worship and Shop at St Mary's Church - parents invited

### Thursday 28th February

Cherry at Forest School

### Tuesday 5th March

Menu Change - Pancake Day

### Tuesday 5th March

Punctuation and Grammar Parent Workshop  
2.45pm to 3.15pm

### Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday - Collective Worship

### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day - Children in costume  
Menu Change  
Willow at Forest School

### Monday 11th March

Whole School Vision Launch & Pause Day  
Parent Assembly at 9am

### Thursday 14th March

Maple Class Assembly at 9am - parents invited  
Parent Forum - Internet Safety at 2.30pm  
Lilac at Forest School

### Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day In School

### Wednesday 20th March

Red Butler Music School Assembly - 9am to 9.30am

### Wednesday 20th March/Thursday 21st March

Parent Consultations

### Thursday 21st March

Cherry Assembly at 9am - Parents invited  
Maple at Forest School

### Wednesday 27th March

Maple and Willow School trip to Drusillas

### Thursday 28th March

Lilac Assembly at 9am - Parents invited  
Cherry at Forest School

### Friday 29th March

'Bring an adult' to school morning

### Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Service at 2.15pm - parents invited

### Thursday 4th April

Willow Assembly at 9.00am - parents invited

### Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April

Lilac PTFA Bake Sale

### Easter Holiday

Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April

*First day back at school - Tuesday 23rd April*

Fairtrade Fortnight

25th February to 10th March 2019

## BAKE OFF COMPETITION

### Fairtrade Fortnight

is coming soon....

As part of the activities taking place across the two weeks, we would like to launch a baking competition amongst the children on Monday 25th February.

### Fairtrade Ingredients

Are you a budding baker? Can you make something using a fairtrade ingredient or as many fairtrade ingredients as possible? This year's theme for Fairtrade fortnight is Cocoa, but you can use any of their products for this competition.

### Cake Sale

Bring your entries into school on Monday 25th February. We will be having special guests to judge the entries and declare the winners in an afternoon assembly, before your creations are prepared for a cake sale after school. All proceeds going to Fairtrade.

Prize Categories:

**Fair-licious** - the best tasting creation.

**Fair-aware** - largest number of Fairtrade ingredients in one recipe.

**Fair-innovation** - the most unusual recipe/bake.



**Bring your entries into school on the first Monday back. There will be a prize for each category.**



Fairtrade Fortnight 2019



**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL**

# WONDERFUL WATER

**Friday 22 February 2019**  
10am – 3pm  
(Last Entry 2.30pm)

© Design and Make Creative Crafts  
© Cathedral Wonderful Water Trail – with prize!

**NEXT FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**  
Tuesday 9 April 2019

**Family Activities - A fun filled day at Chichester Cathedral**

No need to book just drop in - £2.50 per child.  
Ages 3 – 11 years – accompanied by an adult.  
Toddlers' toy area.

£1.50 child's meal offer with a valid voucher (terms and conditions apply)

For further details contact Luna on 01243 812986  
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**CLASS+**  
Collaboratively working with families to build confidence and to enable them to take the next step

## Parent/Carer Coffee and Chat

CLASS+ invites **parents and carers** of children/young people with Autism/Social Communication difficulties to join us for coffee, chat, advice - the chance to forge new support networks and friendships  
No need to book – just come along

**Focus**  
We will spend part of the session exploring how 'waiting for change' can impact on the child with Autism.  
Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to talk to each other and members of the CLASS+ Team

**Please ensure you check the time of individual coffee mornings**

<b>Harbour Primary School</b> Newhaven 27/2/19 1-2.30pm  <b>Hawks Farm School</b> Hailsham 5/3/19 9.00-10.30am  <b>Seahaven Academy</b> Newhaven 12/3/19 9.00-10.30am  <b>Rye Childrens Centre</b> Rye 18/3/19 1.00-2.30pm	<b>Tollgate School</b> Eastbourne 20/3/19 9.00-10.30am  <b>Manor Primary</b> Uckfield 26/3/19 9.15-10.45am  <b>Hurst Green Primary</b> Etchingham 3/4/19 9.30-11.00am
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**KS1 - Free  
KS2 - £ 2.10**

**05/03/19**

## Pancake Day

**Choose a Main Meal...**

Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy  
or  
Country Vegetable Pie (v) with Mashed Potato & Gravy  
or  
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v) or Cheese (v)

**On the Side...**

Baked Beans  
Garden Peas

**For Dessert...**

Pancake with Berry Compote  
or  
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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EAT LEARN LIVE

**Thursday  
7th March 2019**

**KS1 - Free  
KS2 - £2.10**

**Sadie loves a Good Book**

## Enjoy World Book Day

**Choose a Main Meal...**

Jungle Book Chicken Curry with Rice  
or  
Cloudy with a Chance of Quorn Meatballs with Oven Baked Cajun Wedges (v)  
or  
Jacket Potato with Cheese (v) or Baked Beans (v)

**On the Side...**

Fresh Carrots  
Garden Peas

**For Dessert...**

Winnie Pooh's Honey Cake  
or  
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Chartwells**  
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