

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

Dear St Mary's Families

The first two weeks of this term have certainly been busy! With our whole school focus on Fairtrade, World Book day and two lots of forest school, we definitely began Term 4 with a bang! The children have been working so hard and created some fantastic pieces of work. Fairtrade fortnight has kept us all busy baking, writing, thinking, drawing, learning and creating almost every day! Thank you so much for all your entries into the Fairtrade baking competition - look out later in the newsletter for photos of the winners and their bakes! Special thanks to Mrs Thurman for judging our first St Mary's Fairtrade Bake Off.

We begun the fortnight with a really exciting first day back at school with music workshops run by Raz from The Beat Goes On. A huge thank you to the PFTA (and to you all!) for funding this workshop - the children absolutely loved it and learnt a lot about Brazil and the annual Rio street festival.

We have also been fortunate enough to have Mr and Mrs Rowberry, Mrs Del Castillo and Mrs Carpenter who kindly gave up their time to come in and run workshops with the children, teaching them about different aspects of Fairtrade. A special thanks to Kay who helped the children create the cocoa tree for our display! Come in and check it out - it is fantastic!

This week, we also had our Ash Wednesday service which was a really peaceful time to be together and reflect on the beginning of Lent. Thank you to those parents who came along to join us, and to Rev Julie for a lovely service.

This term shows no sign of slowing down with plenty of other events planned, including trips, Red Nose day, class assemblies, music assembly and many others! Please do keep checking your emails and you child(ren)'s bookbags for information about these events and see class teachers if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Vision & Values Launch Assembly on Monday 11th at 9am.

Have a great weekend and, as always, thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

James Procter
Executive Headteacher

Vicky Lewis
Head of School

Becca Hare
Assistant Headteacher

Abbie Banks
Senior Teacher





St Mary's Church. Heart for the Community Project.

Rev Julie extends a very warm welcome to all the families and Staff at St Mary's School.

On Sunday 31st March, we have a special Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for the Heart for the Community Project (which involved extensive building works to the Church over the last 15 months).

The service starts at 9.30am and we are very fortunate to have the Bishop Richard Jackson (the Bishop of Lewes) in attendance with us. It would be lovely to see as many families from the school as possible. As it is also Mothering Sunday, we will have crafts and flowers for all the young people.

With best wishes,
Rev Julie



Rev'd Julie Sear
Rector, St Mary's Church Hartfield and
Coleman's Hatch
01892 770436 www.hartfieldchurch.org

Comic Relief Day

It's Comic Relief next Friday 15th March and the children would really like to support it. As we have had a busy few weeks here at St Mary's, we thought we could keep things simple and are having a Mufti Day of wearing something red, with a suggested donation of £1.00 per child. Please note: that the children will be going across to The Croft in the morning for some fun sports related activities and need to be dressed sensibly for this.



School Ties

Our long awaited school ties have now arrived and are available to purchase from the school office.



We have updated our homework policy and this is now on the website. There have been no significant changes to this, just clarification of the homework that is set for each class, and the days that it is expected to be returned. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.

Class Assemblies

Just a gentle reminder of our class assemblies:

Maple – 14th March at 9am
Cherry – 21st March at 9am
Willow – 4th April at 9am
Lilac – 28th March at 9am

PTFA Update

The Hartfield Fun run is on 7th April (in advance applications are due by 30th March but on the day applications also an option). There is a link below for details on how to apply.

The entry fees are paid directly to the fun run team and the profits from the event go towards the Hartfield playground fund but if people are entering, we would like to encourage them to also raise sponsorship for the PTFA funds. Please let Rachel Reid or Frances Brunsdon know if you would like a sponsor form.

http://www.sussexraces.co.uk/EntryForms2019/2019_Hartfield10k.pdf

The PTFA x



Sports Day is back to Friday 7th June 2019

Unfortunately, we were not aware that The Croft is being used for something else on the 14th June, so our Sports Day is now back to **Friday 7th June**, followed by the annual PTFA Social.

Further details to follow nearer the time.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2019

Fairtrade Special

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Hartfield



This Fairtrade Fortnight we...

held a Bake Off competition and raised just over £100 from the sale for the Fairtrade Foundation; learnt about South American music with our Samba Workshop; had a special Fairtrade Collective Worship at Church followed by a tuck shop and Traidcraft stall; learnt a lot about Cocoa and making ethical decisions; drank Fairtrade Hot Chocolate at Forest School and made a Cocoa tree with Willow and Lilac in an art craft workshop.

Thank you so much to all our parents and parent volunteers for their support over the last two weeks. We have learnt a lot and enjoyed focusing on somethings as a whole school.



A HUGE THANK YOU

To Alex and his staff at the Co Op, Forest Row for donating prizes for our first Fairtrade Bake-Off this year, along with Margaret Vasey from Lingfield and Dormansland Fairtrade for also donating prizes and the hot chocolate for our Forest School over the last two weeks and finally Mrs Thurman (Feed the Brood) for supporting and judging our Bake Off.





WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day began with a special assembly, where our teachers (all dressed as 'Where's Wally') shared their own favourite books and stories as children. The children looked amazing in their costumes, enjoying a special World Book Day inspired menu for lunch later in the day.

Thank you to you all for your efforts - it was a really great day.



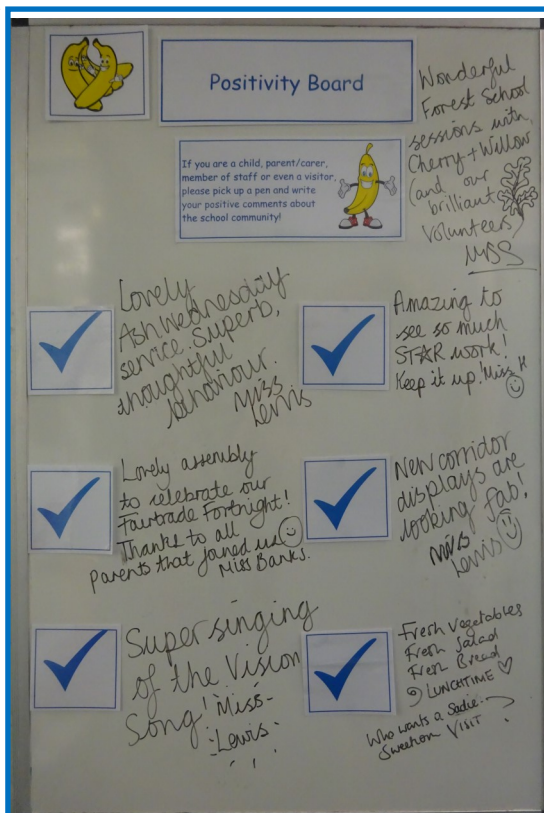
Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

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

	w/e 15th Feb	w/e 1st Mar
Maple	Max	Nicco
Cherry	Isla	Jared
Willow	Emilia	Jacob
Lilac	Charlie	Alfie



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

Rhys in Willow for fantastic progression in his writing.

Ziggy in Lilac for taking the time to check through his work without rushing.

Ryan in Lilac for concentration progression and showing amazing perseverance.

Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E:	1ST MAR	8TH MAR	ATTENDANCE W/E:	1ST MAR	8TH MAR
MAPLE:	MAX	POLLY	MAPLE:	88.5%	91.1%
CHERRY:	OLIVER	ELLA	CHERRY:	92.4%	92.4%
WILLOW:	VERITY	LUCAS	WILLOW:	96.5%	94.8%
LILAC:	ELLIE	GIUSEPPE	LILAC:	94.7%	98.7%
			TOTAL:	93.4%	94.7%

This Week's St Mary's Photo Album



From top left clockwise: Author visit with KS1 from Iona Tulloch; tree and hedge planting with Gardening Club; Willow and Cherry at Forest School, our Fairtrade Cocoa Tree and display and Cherry's maths lesson using Fairtrade coffee beans.



Diary Dates (subject to changes and additions)



Monday 11th March

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

Thursday 14th March

Maple Class Assembly at 9am - parents invited
Parent Forum - Internet Safety at 2.30pm
Maple and 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, 3.30pm to 6pm

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 2.30pm - 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

Monday 29th April

Cherry Class trip to British Wildlife Centre




E-Safety Workshop


What? A 90 minute workshop aimed at helping parents to keep the children of all ages safe online

Where? St Mary's The Virgin C of E Primary School, High Street, Hartfield TN7 4AA

When? Thursday 14th March 2019
2.30pm — 4.00pm

To book your free place speak to school reception or call 01424 725800 or email: info@openforparents.org.uk

 /openforparents

 East Sussex County Council

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

Harbour Primary School
Newhaven
27/2/19
1-2.30pm

Hawks Farm School
Hailsham
5/3/19
9.00-10.30am

Seahaven Academy
Newhaven
12/3/19
9.00-10.30am

Rye Childrens Centre
Rye
18/3/19
1.00-2.30pm

Tollgate School
Eastbourne
20/3/19
9.00-10.30am

Manor Primary
Uckfield
26/3/19
9.15-10.45am

Hurst Green Primary
Elchingham
3/4/19
9.30-11.00am


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

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 **ISEND**
Inclusion Support and Enablement Network

 **East Sussex**
County Council

If you need the newsletter or other school letters to be in a different format, please speak to Mrs Tufo in the school office. If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Tufo



Groombridge and Hartfield
Patient Participation Group

Quiz Night 30th March Groombridge Village Hall

Have Fun raising funds for Life Saving Equipment
Doors open at 7.00pm, Quiz starts at 7.30 pm

- Teams of 6 to 8 members
- Tickets £12.50 per person (which includes a fish & chip supper)
- Bring your own glasses and drinks (no bar)
- Raffle
- Tickets available from 14th February at
 - Groombridge Post Office
 - Nick the Butcher (Hartfield)
 - Chris Slater tel.no. - 01892 864270

We hope to fund
an Ambulatory Blood Pressure
Monitor and two Emergency
Resuscitation bags



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We have Facebook page!

Find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassPlusEastSussex/>

Sussex/

'Like' the page for information
about upcoming coffee mornings,
training and other events.



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If you have any issues in the home please
call the
CLASS+ Parent/Carer Advice Line

Monday 10-1pm



Please call 01273 336887
and ask for the CLASS+ advice line

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events 2019



SEN support workshop

with Debbie Collins from Amaze

Is your child / young person getting SEN Support or do you think they
should be?

Are you clear about what support they're getting, how well it's
working and what you can do to help them?

This SENDIASS workshop for parent carers explains what to expect from SEN Support and how to
make sure it is working well. There will be time for questions and a chance to speak to a
SENDIASS advisor about your child/young person.



Thursday 21st March

The Phoenix Centre
26 Malling St. Lewes, BN7 2RD

7pm - 9pm

To book a place on one of the above events visit: www.tickettailor.com/events/icontact



events 2019

The gut-brain connection and role of nutrition

with Abir Hamza-Goodacre, BSc (Hons), MSc, mBANT, CNHC Registered
from Starjumpz

Come along to this evening talk to find out how gut health impacts children with learning,
developmental, motor and behavioural challenges.

During the talk you will gain information on:

- The nutritional science underlying ASD, ADHD & other developmental, motor & behavioural difficulties.
- The link between gut and brain health
- The ways in which foods affect body and brain
- Implementing healthier nutrition and lifestyle choices.



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Spectrum

Skills Award

Our Skills Award offers young people aged 10-18
an exciting series of skill building courses.

Explore, discuss and practice life skills	Build relationships
Prepare for adulthood	Support other young people
Make new friends	Actively participate in your community

We run groups at

Eastbourne
on Mondays

Hostings &
Lewes on
Wednesdays

Bexhill on
Thursdays

Courses cost £45 and run termly

Parents/carers can refer online

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/spectrum

Or contact the team to find out more
spectrum@eastsussex.gov.uk
01424 724700



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Spectrum

Support for children and
young people with
autism

Spectrum works across East Sussex to support young
people, 0-18, with autism to independently access their
community.

Our aim is to give young people with autism the same
opportunities and experiences as their peers.



Gain independence

Support joining a club, learning how to
catch a bus, guidance on getting a hair cut,
and more.

Access the community

Working with leisure providers, clubs and
other organisations to improve access to
your local community.



Improve confidence

Helping to develop life skills.

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