

**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! We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine we had over the bank holiday weekend.

The children have come back to school refreshed and excited by their new topics and settled back into their routines quickly. Two classes have already been on trips this term to kick start this term's learning and there are plenty more exciting events planned before we break up for half term.

This term is an especially important one for Year 6 who have been working incredibly hard towards their SATs in a couple weeks time. We are already hugely proud of how much they have achieved and are looking forward to celebrating with them when they are done!

The classes are beginning to learn their maypole dances for our end of term May Fair so do check you have that date in the calendar to come and join us for the afternoon on the playground. Some children in Cherry class are putting in some extra work on their maypole dancing as they are performing at Coleman's Hatch Village fair on Saturday 11th May at 2:30pm so do come along and support them if you can.

Although it is the shortest term of the year, it's a very busy one so please do check the dates at the back of the newsletter to ensure you don't miss anything.

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**

### Wellbeing Poster



We will be sharing a new wellbeing poster with you within our fortnightly newsletter. Some will be aimed specifically at adults and others will be aimed at children. This week's poster suggests five different things to do if you are feeling down. We think there are some brilliant suggestions, including finding time to yourself and switching off from social media for a bit!





Rev Julie writes.....

## PTFA Update

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  
01892 770436  
[www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)

### Internet Safety Tips



Did you know that recent research has shown that 34% of 3 to 4 year olds play games on a tablet device; nearly a third of children play online against people they haven't met in person and that 38% of parents are worried about aspects of their child's game playing and in particular behaviour? If as a parent you are looking for further information or support, please visit: **[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)** and **[www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)** for information and guidelines on age appropriate games.



### Class Photos Tuesday 7th May

Class Photos are being taken by Tempest Photography on Tuesday 7th May. Please come smartly dressed and in full uniform.



Thank you everyone for all your support so far with this year's PTFA fundraising. We have smashed our £3000 target and have been able to donate 5 new laptops to school! We would really like to be able to fund an additional 2 laptops by the end of the year so we are hoping to raise another £1000. We have 2 big events still to go this term so have high hopes! The May Fair promises to be a tasty afternoon thanks to our bake off competition - look out for further details and start planning your entry! We then have our Summer Social taking place after Sports Day with plenty of family fun to be had. If you would like to get involved in either of these events let one of the PTFA know.

### Mental Health Awareness Week



We will be marking Mental Health Awareness week from 13th-17th May (poster attached). The theme of the week is Body Image and children will be doing some learning about this in their classrooms. We have access to booklets about overcoming anxiety and looking after your mental health that we have added to the website along with printed copies in the school offices



### School Office Update

Please note that Mrs Tufo's hours are changing slightly to the following:

Monday: 8.40am to 3.15pm  
Tuesday: 8.40am to 12pm  
Wednesday: 8.40am to 3.15pm  
Thursday: 8.40am to 12pm  
Friday: 8.40am to 3.15pm

If you need to see Mrs Tufo personally, please pop in after school drop off in the morning or before pick up in the afternoon.

If you need to get an urgent message through to us on a Thursday afternoon, and particularly in respect of Forest School, please call the school office directly on 01892 770221.  
Many thanks!

## Supporting our local



Thank you to all our parents for supporting the Hospice in the Weald Easter Egg Chicks Appeal. With your help we raised £219.75 for them. The Hospice is currently recruiting for staff and volunteers. For more details please visit their website: <https://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk>



### Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch Vintage Themed Fete

**Saturday 11th May**

Members of Cherry Class will be giving a Maypole Dance presentation at this year's fete again.

If you can, please come along and support them, from 2pm.



## Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

*Celebrating 106 years of our Church*

The Sixth Vintage Themed Fete

**2-5pm Saturday 11th May 2019**

Come and help us make this a joyous occasion,  
meet old and new friends, listen to music,  
enjoy refreshments, browse and buy from the stalls

Collectables, Bottle Tombola, Books, Cakes and Produce,  
Raffle, Clothes and Bags, Linen, Toys, Plants, Gift Stall,  
Bric-a-Brac, Morris Men & Maypole Dancing

**P** Off road parking available in field opposite



All proceeds from this fete go to Trinity Hall and The Bevern Trust



The Sussex Disability Charity Charity Number: 1103520





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

Children from Year 6 entered a writing competition run by the Soroptimist International of East Grinstead, who support women and girls through education and empowerment.

The title of the essay was: 'To what extent have women achieved equality?'

Lily was the winner and the runner up was Elodie. All the entries were brilliant and so everyone achieved certificates.



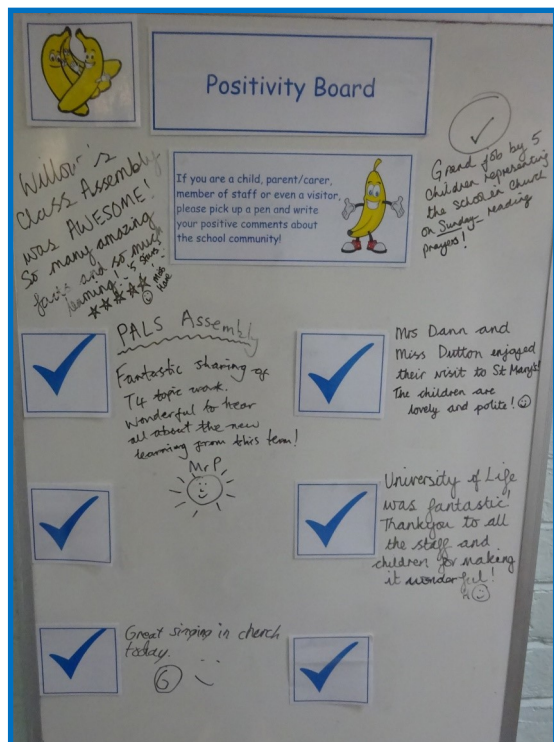
## Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

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

	w/e 5th Apr	w/e 26th Apr
Maple	Nicco	Harley
Cherry	Anna	Eva
Willow	Verity	Grace
Lilac	Ryan	Lily P



## 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

Brooke for progress in maths

Oliver for writing champion sentences

Freddie for super progress in multiplication and division.

### Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E:	26TH APR	3RD MAY	ATTENDANCE W/E:	26TH APR	3RD MAY
MAPLE:	DEXTER	JACOB	MAPLE:	100%	96.9%
CHERRY:	JOE	TROY	CHERRY:	97 %	90%
WILLOW:	HUGO	-	WILLOW	96.7%	100%
LILAC:	FRANCESCA	DAISY	LILAC	96.7%	98.3 %
			TOTAL	97.3%	96 %



### **Minutes from the Parent Forum - 1/5/19**

#### **Feedback from Parent Questionnaire:**

Thank you for the response to the questionnaires that went out - 35 responses.

Extremely positive response, with many parents commenting on the work being done by the school on wellbeing and the broad curriculum.

A few parents mentioned confusion/queries over the leadership structure. Further information about this will be circulated shortly.

1/3 of responses stated that they don't know how well the school addresses bullying. In order to ensure that parents are aware of the work done in school, the school will be working towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark over the next academic year.

A few parents asked about the teaching of languages.

French is taught in KS2 by the class teacher.

Mrs Tufo has sourced a French teacher to begin a KS1 and KS2 lunchtime club from September (further information to follow).

Some parents asked about further mindfulness and wellbeing work within the school.

Mrs Tufo is looking into organising a Yoga and Art club for the school from September.

Some parents asked about transition from Reception to Year 1.

This is in the planning stages with teachers at present and will be shared with parents in due course.

#### **Curriculum.**

Miss Lewis discussed the review of the curriculum that is currently in place and the new curriculum framework that will begin in September.

The curriculum is based around the 3 Is - Intent, Implementation and Impact.

The overview of topics taught (Intent) is in line with the national curriculum and is designed to offer children a varied and broad range of learning experiences throughout the 2 year cycle of topics.

The skills delivered (Implementation) focus on what the children will be able to 'do' following the delivery of each unit of work under each curriculum subject area.

The knowledge gained (Impact) focus on what the children will know following the delivery of each unit of work.

Miss Lewis explained how each new topic will be discussed with the children, in terms of identifying areas that they would particularly like to focus on, prior to the lessons being planned. Each topic will also be reviewed and evaluated by the children to ensure tweaks are made as required for future cohorts.

Miss Lewis explained how the teachers have worked together to ensure a range of learning experiences are included (including visitors and trips) and that a wide variety of rich texts are documented to support and enhance the learning.

The aim is for the final version of the curriculum to be ready to publish on the school website at the end of this term.

#### **AOB:**

One parent asked about the possibility of an after school club (like the breakfast club currently on offer). Miss Lewis will investigate the demand for this and logistics around it.

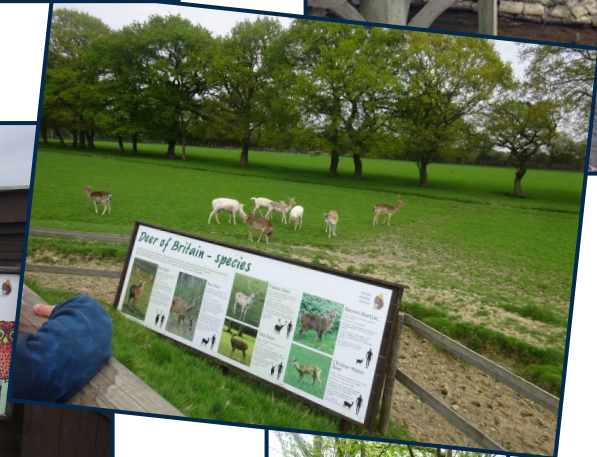
One parent asked for events and information to be shared as far in advance as possible to allow parents to be prepared for events.



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



From top left: Maple Class Trip to Briar's Field Centre, Cherry Class Trip to British Wildlife Centre, Willow at Forest School, Outdoor Club planting seeds.







# St. Mary's School, Hartfield

## PTFA May Fair

### Friday 24th May

1:45pm Café open  
2pm to 3pm Maypole dancing  
3pm to 3:45pm Café serving drinks, ice-creams  
and entries from.....



# The Great May Fair

# BAKE OFF

- Springtime-themed
- Competition open to all children in the school
- Please bring entries in on Thu 23rd May
- Judged in three categories:

Tastiest

Most on-theme

Healthiest



Diary Dates (may be subject to changes and additions)

**Tuesday 7th May**

Class Photos with Tempest Photography

**Thursday 9th May**

Maple at Forest School

**Saturday 11th May**

Coleman's Hatch Fete with  
Cherry Class Maypole Dancing

**Week beginning 13th May**

KS2 Sats Week  
Y5 Bikeability (Mon to Thurs)  
Mental Health Awareness Week

**Thursday 16th May**

Lilac at Forest School (with bikes)

**Thursday 23rd May**

Cherry at Forest School

**Friday 24th May**

May Festival & Bake Off

**Monday 27th May - Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May**

Half Term

**Monday 3rd June - Inset Day**

**Thursday 6th June**

Willow at Forest School

**Friday 7th June**

Sports Day and PTFA Social  
Mr Dolton's club will still run, but at The Croft

**Tuesday 11th June (change of date)**

New Reception Parent Evening

**Thursday 13th June**

Lilac at Forest School

**Thursday 20th June**

Maple at Forest School

**Week beginning 24th June**

Lilac Residential Trip

**Tuesday 25th June**

Peter Pan Workshop for KS1 and lower KS2

**Tuesday 9th July**

Red Butler Music Assembly for Parents

**Thursday 11th July**

Worth Abbey Leavers Service for Y6

**Thursday 11th July**

Maple Bake Sale  
Lilac Production at 6pm in Village Hall

**Friday 12th July**

Maple Bake Sale  
Reports Day

**Tuesday 16th July**

Bring an Adult to School  
University of Life

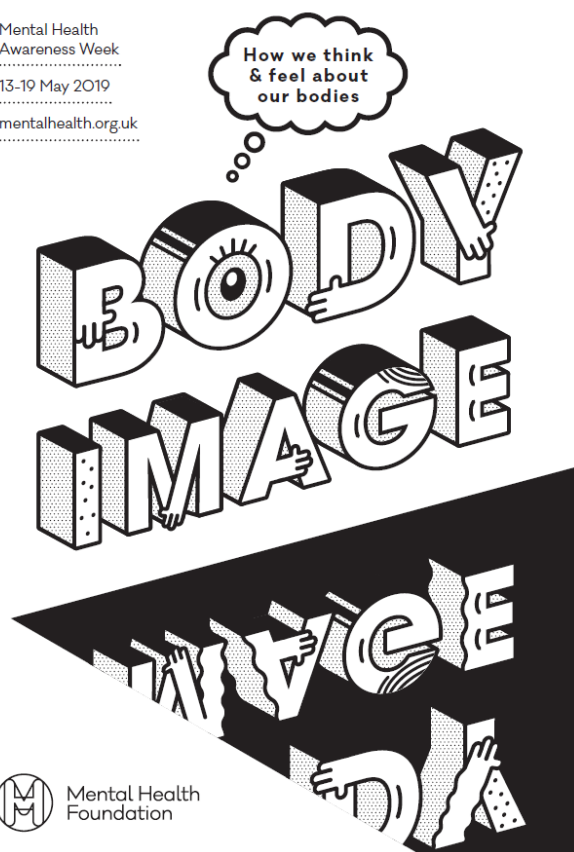
**Friday 19th July**

End of Term Leavers Service at School

**Tuesday 23rd July**

End of Term

Mental Health  
Awareness Week  
13-19 May 2019  
[mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)



*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.*

# 5 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU'RE FEELING DOWN



@BELIEVEPHQ



## Talk to someone

Talk to a friend, colleague or family member about how you are feeling. Don't be afraid to express how you are feeling. It is okay to not feel okay.

## Be kind to yourself

Practice some self care. Take time to really look after yourself. Switch off from social media and do something that you enjoy or gives you a sense of achievement or pleasure



## Physical health

Try to maintain a well balanced diet and to stay hydrated throughout the day. Manage your energy levels, get a good nights sleep and try to stay active (exercise)

## Goal setting

With a friend set some small and achievable goals of some pleasurable and engaging activities that you can achieve. Start small



## Ask for help

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness. Speak to your doctor or get in touch with a local mental health charity for support



## Looking after and building parent resilience

with Kim Aumann, Boingboing resilience research and practice team

During this workshop Kim Aumann, of the [www.boingboing.org.uk](http://www.boingboing.org.uk) resilience research and practice team, will draw on her experience working alongside parent carers for the past 15 years, to explore the theme of looking after and building resilience as a parent. She will discuss the idea and relevance of resilience and offer useful ways to increase parent capabilities to navigate tough times.



You will find out more about:

- What we know from the work of resilience researchers
- A Resilience Framework that turns the theory into practical things we can do
- Key ideas to help parents support and build their own resilience.

## Thursday 9th May

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

7pm - 9pm

To book a place on the above event visit: [www.tickettailor.com/events/icontact](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/icontact)

### CLASS+

Collaboratively working with families to build confidence and to enable them to take the next step

## Relatives Information Session

Are you a Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or relative of a child with Autism? Join us for an informal information sharing session and gain advice and understanding of the needs of parents/carers raising a child with ASD.

Wednesday 22nd May 2019  
10.00 – 11.30am

Tollgate Junior School, Winston Crescent,  
Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 6NL

This session is for extended family only, not parents of children of ASD

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL – To book please contact CLASS**  
[CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk)  
01273 336887

*"In your lifetime, you will probably know more people and families affected by autism. You can choose to be part of the solution by helping support a friend, family member or neighbour."*

Source: The Bottom Line

Part of Communication, Learning and Autism Support Service

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Stuart Gallimore  
Director of  
Children's Services



If you haven't done so already, please visit our fantastic website: [www.openforparents.org.uk](http://www.openforparents.org.uk)

Lots of advice, and courses to book.

Local drop in sessions – no need to book:

Crowborough Children's Centre, Beacon Academy 6th Form Site, TN6 2XB

Thursday 2nd May 9.30am – 12.00pm

Thursday 6th June 9.30am – 12.00pm

For parents unable to attend sessions or drop-ins, our Parenting Advice Line is now available **EVERY THURSDAY 11 AM – 1 PM**. Call **01424 725800** for individual brief advice, support and tips from a trained parenting practitioner.