

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's Families,

It's been so lovely to see the return of the sunshine this week, especially for the Year 5s who have done their Bikeability Level 1 and 2 this week, and for the whole of Lilac class who had an extra exciting Forest School on Thursday with their bikes!

A huge well done and congratulations to the Year 6s who have completed their SATs and done a fantastic job of staying calm and supportive of each other this week. We are so proud of all the hard work they have put into their learning over the last 5 terms and looking forward to all the exciting events and activities that are planned for next term as they prepare to move onto Secondary School.

All the children have been practising their maypole dancing for the May Festival next Friday and are really looking forward to sharing their dances with you. We are planning for 2:15pm start, with the children parading down from the church onto the playground. After all the classes have done their dances, the teachers will take them back down to the classrooms to get changed and collect their things. They will then come back up to the playground and, once they've said good afternoon to their teachers in the usual way, will be dismissed to their families to enjoy the rest of the afternoon. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us and a huge thank you in advance to the PTFA and everyone who has helped towards the organising of this lovely tradition.

Thank you all for your continued support and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe half term, when it arrives.

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 on page 4 suggests an activity or strategy for every day of the week to reduce worries and promote healthy mental wellbeing.





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



Rev Julie writes.....

On Sunday 19th May there will be a Holy Oak Service between 4pm and 5pm. This will take place in Chuck Hatch under the Holy Oak. All are welcome to attend this simple and beautiful service.

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

Class Photos

Hopefully you have received your class photo proofs in book bags this week. If you would like to place an order, please could you return them by next Thursday afternoon, so that we can send them off on Friday.



School Office Update

To save us having to chase you, please could permission slips be returned to the school office as soon as possible. If there is a contribution involved for a trip or an event and you have advised on your slip that you will be making a payment, please could you complete this as soon as possible, as we rely on this information at the beginning, to make a decision about whether an event or trip can go ahead. Thank you!



Transition for Reception to Year 1

To support the Reception year group with their transition to Year 1 next year, we have planned time for them to be in the Cherry Classroom.

After half Term, Reception will be joining the current Year 1 every Monday afternoon to familiarise them with the classroom environment and their next year's cohort. They will also be dismissed on the playground by the class teacher or member of staff, at the end of school on Monday afternoon.

PTFA Update

Calling all bakers for our Bake Off Competition next week!

Please see our flyer for our May Festival on Friday 24th May with full details. Please come along to the school playground at 1.45pm. There will be a PTFA Café serving drinks, ice cream and cakes made by the children. Can all cake entries be dropped off on Thursday morning, ready to be judged by two of our parents, who will be giving prizes during the course of the afternoon on Friday.

Competition to win books for the School Library.

Mr Rowberry has entered us into a competition, but we need your help to go onto the website and vote for us.

The link is on the left.

WIN £5,000
for your school's library



Visit our website for a chance to win a massive **£5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school** – enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library!

You'll also be in with a chance of taking home **£100 of National Book Tokens just for you.**

Spread the word: share with teachers, school staff and parents – the more entries for your school, the higher the chance they'll win!

NATIONAL BOOK tokens
Inspiring a lifelong love of reading



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CLASS+

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

Transition Workshop

An opportunity for parents of children moving from Year 6 to Year 7 this September to meet, share and explore strategies to help prepare for this significant transition.

Thursday 6th June 2019
7-8:30 pm

At Uckfield Community Technology College,
Downsview Crescent
Uckfield TN22 3DJ



ESSENTIAL TO BOOK - please contact CLASS
CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk
01273 336887

"For all children transitioning to secondary school the change is as significant as stepping from a small island into a vast unknown continent" Source: NAS

Part of Communication, Learning and Autism Support Service

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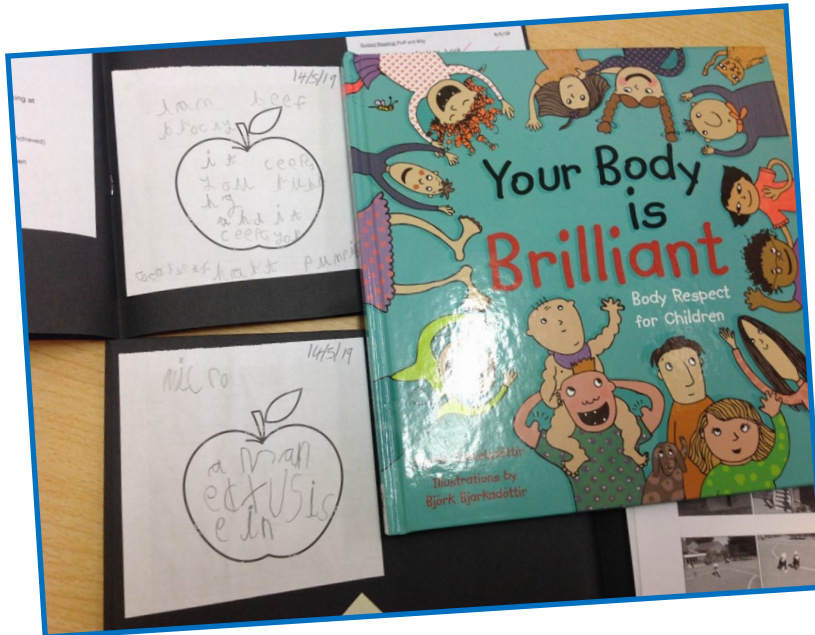
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Stuart Gallimore
Director of
Children's Services



Focus On Mental Health Awareness Week

13th to 19th May 2019



Maple class read this book about our bodies:

They then all thought about ways to be healthy and wrote them down independently.

Then we had fun on the playground exercising and noticing the effects on our bodies.

7 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO TRY OUT DURING YOUR WEEK

@BELIEVEPHQ

MONDAY

Spend some time during your week writing down negative thoughts. This can be a really simple tool to help you identify thinking errors and to start managing them more effectively

MY MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

If you experience a worry try and postpone it to your worry time. Use worry time to solve any practical worries which you have experienced and to learn how to problem solve more effectively

WEDNESDAY

If you experience a worry and can't get it out of your mind why not try and stay present with what it is you were doing before the worry popped up. Use all of your senses to stay in the present moment and to really engage with a task

THURSDAY

Challenge those negative thoughts. Ask yourself the following questions: are they fact or opinion? What is the evidence for or against thoughts? How can I develop a more realistic thought?

FRIDAY

Self care is really important. Why not try engaging in some deep breathing, ratio breathing or progressive muscle relaxation. They are really useful for reducing psychological and physiological arousal

SATURDAY

Within your week it is important that you schedule in activities that give you a sense of achievement, pleasure and satisfaction. Schedule some fun activities for the upcoming week

SUNDAY

Connect with some colleagues, friends or family members. Focus on building a positive mental health support network

Mental Health Awareness Week
13-19 May 2019
mentalhealth.org.uk

How we think & feel about our bodies

BODY IMAGE

WELLBEING

Mental Health Foundation



Wildlife Explorers & Eco Club - Mr and Mrs Rowberry

Wildlife Explorers investigated scented herbs this week.

We smelled and examined: Sage, Mint, Chives and Lavender. Then we made leaf rubbings for our award log books - it was really interesting to see how the leaf veins showed up.

All the herbs will be planted in the prayer garden.



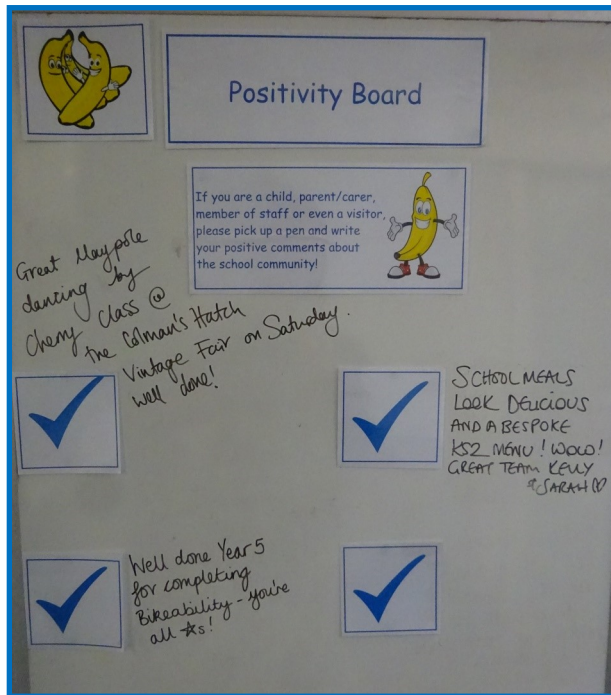
Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

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

	w/e 3rd May	w/e 10th May
Maple	Scarlett	Isabella
Cherry	Lucas	Leo
Willow	Thomas ML	Coco
Lilac	Clover	Roma



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

Oliver for writing champion sentences.

Riley for amazing progress to independent writing in phonics.

Beau for progress in writing.

Power Learners of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E:	17TH MAY	ATTENDANCE W/E:	10TH MAY	17TH MAY
MAPLE:	PABLO	MAPLE:	96.1%	100%
CHERRY:	AMELIA	CHERRY:	98.3%	97.9%
WILLOW:	ARCHIE	WILLOW:	98.7%	99.5%
LILAC:	BROOKE	LILAC:	96.7%	93.3%
		TOTAL:	97.7%	97.0%

This Week's St Mary's Photo Album



From top left: Cherry Class at Coleman's Hatch Fete doing the Maypole, Maple at Forest School searching for bugs , Year 5 doing their four day Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Course, Outdoor Club preparing plants to sell at our May Festival next week and Lilac at Forest School with bicycles for the afternoon.





Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Checklist

✓ Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

✓ Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

✓ Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



✓ Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

✓ Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online – with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

**internet
matters.org**

*Source: Children's online safety in 2016 report, Commissioned by Internet Matters by Opinion Leader

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Winners from 2014-2018!

**Best Licensed Activity for Children
Aged 5-12 Years**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Award-winning lunchtime French classes are coming to St Mary the Virgin CE Primary!

Bonjour! I'm a local mum and a fluent French speaker, having lived and studied in France and then worked for a French Company for over ten years. I teach the award-winning La Jolie Ronde Programmes which have been used in schools and nurseries for over 30 years. They have been awarded **"Best National Activity for 5-12 years olds"** for 5 years running as voted for by parents in the 'What's on 4' awards.



What my classes provide:

- A unique and well-established **structured language course**
- An **authentic accent** for the children to pick up
- **Small classes** with children of similar age
- **Conversation, grammar, games, role-plays, rhymes and stories**
- Awareness of the foreign country, its **geography and culture**
- **Regular parent updates** on what children are learning

The programme is designed to support and enhance your child's curriculum learning and to challenge them, so they will excel at the language and develop their language skills to the highest level possible. And all of this whilst having great fun! For a better understanding of the classes please go to www.lajolieronde.co.uk/parents

Lunchtime classes will be starting in September (one for Y1-2, one for KS2). An integral part of the course is the fun activity book and interactive CD plus access to our media player app, to help with your child's learning and lasts for a minimum of a year, at a cost of £20. Classes will be offered at the rate of £5 per lesson, which can be paid termly or monthly. Classes **are limited to 12 per class** to ensure children get individual attention.

Taster sessions will be happening during school time in Term 6 after which we will confirm all the club details (day, times etc) and how to sign up!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A bientôt!

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For more information about La Jolie Ronde, please visit www.lajolieronde.co.uk / www.lajolieronde.ie

**Sinead will be coming into school on
Thursday 4th July to give a taster
session to all classes.**

Diary Dates (may be subject to changes and additions)

Thursday 23rd May

Cherry at Forest School

Friday 24th May

May Festival & Bake Off Competition

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, 7.30pm

Thursday 13th June

Lilac at Forest School

Tuesday 18th June

Cherry Class Trip to Ashdown Forest

Wednesday 19th June

First pop in and play session for new reception children and parents 9.30am to 10.30am

Thursday 20th June

Maple at Forest School

Week beginning 24th June

Lilac Residential Trip

Monday 24th June

Willow Class to Chiddingly for a joint curriculum day on History.

Tuesday 25th June

Peter Pan Workshop for KS1 and lower KS2

Wednesday 26th June

Second pop in and play session for new reception children and parents at 9.30am to 10.30am

Thursday 4th July

French Language Club Taster Sessions

Friday 5th July

Lilac Production Village Hall

Wednesday 10th July

Third pop in and play session for new reception children at 9.30am

Thursday 11th July

Worth Abbey Leavers Service for Y6

Thursday 11th July

Maple Bake Sale

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

Tuesday 23rd July

End of Term



Inset Days:

4th & 5th September 2019
6th January 2020
1st June 2020
22nd July 2020

First Day Back at School: 6th September

October Half Term: 28th Oct to 1st Nov 2019

Christmas Break: 23rd Dec to 3rd Jan 2020

Feb Half Term: 17th Feb to 21st Feb 2019

Easter Break: 6th Apr to 17th Apr 2019

May Half Term: 26th May to 29th May

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.