

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Dear St Mary's families,

How lovely to have the return of some sunshine after what's felt like a lot of rain!

It's felt like a quiet week this week without most of Lilac class here but the other classes have certainly been busy, too. Cherry and Willow had a fantastic 'Peter Pan' themed drama workshop on Tuesday and Maple have been busy writing their own stories based on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Willow also had a day out to Chiddingfold on Monday and went all out with their Greek costumes - they looked amazing!

Lilac had a really fantastic time on the Isle of Wight! It was an action-packed week both on land and at sea. All children were a credit to St Mary's - they all had a go at new things and behaved beautifully, whilst enjoying the glorious weather! What a super week that will be a treasured memory for all.

Last Friday, the whole school spent the day exercising their lungs, thanks to the lovely Emma and Nathan from Singing Nation. Check out the school website for some photos of their final performance! A huge thank you to the PTFA for fundraising for these music workshops - they have been really fantastic. We are looking forward to our final one in a couple of weeks: African Drumming!

The term shows no signs of slowing down for the last three and a bit weeks so do make a note of any dates at the back of this newsletter so you can join us for some of these events.

Finally, a sad goodbye to the lovely Mrs Tufo, who we will miss very much. She has been a fantastic member of staff and a huge part of the school community; we wish her all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!

Kind regards,

James Proctor  
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 3 shows what you can do when you start to feel worried. These tips might come in handy as we begin to transition for next year.





## Parent Forum - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

### Agenda: Uniform Policy

Policy is the same as it has been since Mr Procter joined St Mary's and no major changes have been made.

### Feedback and updates:

Option from the company to have the v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan which are cheaper. Parents can still choose to have the knitted ones with the logo but this option gives choices. There is also the option to buy dark navy jumpers from other shops and purchase a logo separately.

Policy to be refined to clarify that whilst jumpers and cardigans must have the school logo on to maintain sense of pride and belonging to St Mary's, shirts and polo t-shirts do not need to have the logo on.

Lost jumpers and uniform is very frustrating. Tends to happen at play and lunchtimes. BH to discuss with Mr Gray about putting some hooks on the playground so children hang up jumpers to be picked up at the end of play. Parents can then look through this at the end of the school day.

PTFA have a lot of second hand uniform. This will be available on the playground after school on Tuesdays and Mrs Johnson will run this.

Shoes must be black, as per the policy. They must be smart and appropriate for school.

St Mary's is a very special school where individuality has always been encouraged. Wearing a uniform and adhering to dress codes or other policies will be requirements throughout the children's lives so this is preparing them for this - particularly older children going to secondary school where it is very strict. BH to bring to whole staff discussions about how else we can encourage individuality and creativity to ensure this is not lost. Parents to come back to SLT if they feel this is not happening.

Uniform **MUST** be labelled – including PE kits. There are currently about 15 unnamed jumpers in lost property. School website has a link to Stikins labelling company which also give a donation to PTFA when bought through the school website.



### PTFA Update:

As you know, the new date for Sports Day and the PTFA Summer Social is now Friday 12th July.

There will be a Mufti Day on Thursday 11th.

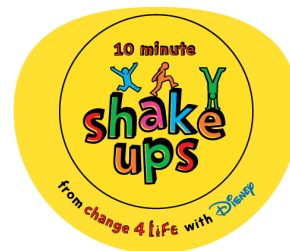
Please can your children bring in a bottle for the tombola on this day.

### Bring an adult to school—Tues 16th July

Just a reminder about Tuesday 16th July, letters have gone out this week. Children will come to school as usual in the morning (in their forest school kit) and bring their adults with them.

We will then all walk to Forest School together, have a play and do an activity there, have a snack and then walk back to school in time for lunch.

Please can forms requesting a packed lunch through the school kitchen be returned by Thursday 4th July.



**Starts 13th July 2019 ends 14th September 2019**

We are delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Space Chase, inspired by the 50th anniversary of the moon landings. Bookmarks/Leaflets to follow next week!

Watch a special film made with children from local primary schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUNE1DecJqM&feature=youtu.be>

This year, you will need to sign your child up to the challenge at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src). If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The challenge is to read six books during the Summer that have been borrowed from an East Sussex library. Children can also read eBooks and eAudio books borrowed through our website if they prefer. The challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group, but older children can take part if they wish. If your child is not reading on his/ her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can [join online](#) and have your cards posted to you.

Children signing up for the challenge will get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the Challenge at: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src) or by asking in the library.

Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.



Dear Parents,

This summer, St Mary's are shaking up and getting active with Change4Life and Disney. We've been doing lots of activities inspired by our favourite Disney characters.

Look out for the 10 Minute Shake Up games pack in your child's book bag. It's filled with fun games that will keep them busy and active over the summer. Join in by playing the Shake Up games with your child and help them discover which Disney character they're most like, and which sports and activities they may enjoy.

You can also search Change4Life to get more tips and ideas to keep your kids moving over the summer (and beyond).

Have a fun and active summer!



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



From top left: Lilac at their residential week on the Isle of Wight, Space Project and Cookery Lessons with Year 6, Willow Class on their Greek Day at Chiddingly, Cherry class at their last forest school for the year and making fires.





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

Wildlife Explorers investigated buttercups on 26<sup>th</sup> June and drew them for a competition. The explorers used magnifying glasses to examine: sepals, petals, pollen, and eggs.



This is a Kew Gardens activity and we used it for the competition. It was good fun!

### Head Teachers' Awards

Francesca for her progress in Maths

Harry (Y1) for his progress this year in his writing.

Daisy for her progress in Maths

Isaac for his progress in working independently during topic lessons.

Annabelle for progress in being able challenging herself and push herself with her work.

Ziggy for progress in Maths

Troy for his amazing writing and use of vocabulary in his writing,

Will for his incredible independent writing using fantastic vocabulary and spellings.

Isla for her amazing independent creative writing, and brilliant progress over the year.

Jared for his fantastic writing, using brilliant handwriting, spelling and creativity.



### Sports Awards – Mr Dolton

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

	w/e 21st June	w/e 28th June
Maple	Max	Pablo
Cherry	Jacob	Ryah-Rose
Willow	Kishi	Milly
Lilac	Annabelle	Charlie



## Staffing Update

I am Lizzie Jane, some of you may have seen me around school this week, I have been in the office but also have spent some time in classes getting to know the children.

I will be covering for Mrs Tufo for the last 3 weeks of term, and from September will be working in Cherry Class and doing SEND interventions as well as breakfast club.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome during my first week and I look forward to getting to know you all better and becoming involved in the St Mary's Community.



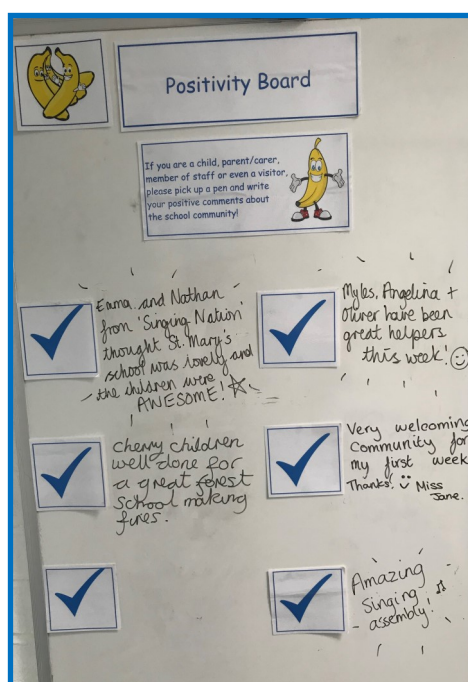
## Positivity Board

### 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.



## Learning Powers of the Week & Attendance

LEARNERS W/E:	21ST JUNE	28TH JUNE	ATTENDANCE W/E:	21ST JUNE	28TH JUNE
MAPLE:	EMILY	NICCO	MAPLE:	94.4%	100%
CHERRY:	BEAU	JARED	CHERRY:	96.7%	94.5%
WILLOW:	HUGO	ASHLEIGH	WILLOW:	92.2%	86.1%
LILAC:	DAISY	-	LILAC:	92.4%	99.3%
			TOTAL:	94.8%	94.8%



## CALLING ALL CREATIVE 0-19 YEAR OLDS!

The University of Brighton is holding an art competition for our ITE Partnership schools.

All art mediums can be used and there will be prizes awarded in four age-range categories. Themes should be linked to education and learning and you can find inspiration on our competition web page.

Competition closes on **Friday 19 July 2019**.

Find out how you can take part and win great prizes at  
[www.brighton.ac.uk/artcomp](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/artcomp)

 University of Brighton

EAST SUSSEX  
MUSIC

30 MINUTE SESSIONS!

SATURDAY MORNINGS!

# YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS

ONLY £21 PER TERM!

FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE!

If your child is 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 years old then come to our Saturday morning sessions at your local Area Music Centre.

Offered at the four area music centres in Heathfield, Eastbourne, Lewes and Hastings.

Through a wide range of activities, including games, songs, music and movement and percussion children develop aural awareness, co-ordination, memory, spatial awareness and concentration in addition to musical skills.

Apply online!  
[eastsussex.gov.uk/music-centres](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/music-centres)

£5 registration fee  
(Concessionary fees available)

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**TOMORROW'S SKILLS,  
TODAY**

**COME & JOIN US**

spaces available for next term

- ✓ Cutting-edge technology
- ✓ Specialist teachers
- ✓ ALL NEW activities

**Step into STEM**

At tech club children will immerse themselves in a variety of brand new activities, experiments and group challenges. The emphasis is on fun, yet we encourage learning through hands-on activities using the latest and greatest tech, so you don't have to purchase!

Location: St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School  
Day: Tuesday Time: 3:20 - 4:20  
Sessions: 7 Fee: £70  
Ages: Years 2-6  
Start date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Snap up a place for next term, **CLICK** below to enrol

[www.nextthing.education/clubs](http://www.nextthing.education/clubs) 01442 873150



AFTER

**yoga  
LIONS  
YOGA CLUB**

SCHOOL

**Where? Hartfield Primary School**

**When? Mondays 3.15-4.15 from September**

**Who? Children who will be in years 1-6 in September**

**How much? £6 per session when paying for the term in advance. Sibling discounts available.**

**What? Yoga poses, sequences, stories, rhymes, games, breathing techniques, relaxation!**

**Places will be given on a first come first serve basis (maximum of 15 children)**

**Contact me directly to book a place or for more information on:**

**07584295517**

**Facebook: @yogalions**

**yogawithsoph90@gmail.com**

**[www.yogalions.co.uk](http://www.yogalions.co.uk)**

**Sophie Phillips, Yoga Lions**



Diary Dates (may be subject to changes and additions)

**Tuesday 2nd July**

Visit from the Fire and Rescue Service to Cherry Class (am)

**Inset Days:**

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

**Wednesday 3rd July**

New reception children and parents at St Mary's Church for tea and cake, followed by Collective Worship.

**First Day Back at School:** 6th September

**Thursday 4th July**

French Language Club Taster Sessions for the Whole School

**Friday 5th July**

Lilac Production in the Village Hall, 7pm

**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  
Mufti Day—bring a bottle for tombola

**Friday 12th July**

Sports Day and PTFA Social  
Reports Day

**Tuesday 16th July**

Bring an Adult to School/  
University of Life—whole school forest morning.

**Thursday 18th July**

African Drumming Workshops (whole school)

**Friday 19th July**

End of Term Leavers' Service

**Saturday 20th July**

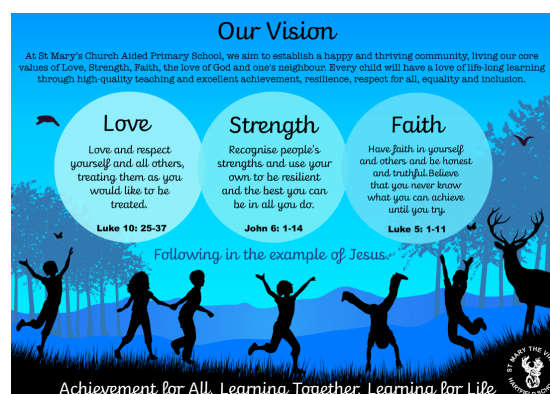
Ground Force Day— 10-12

**22nd July**

Pioneer Federation Table Tennis Tournament

**Tuesday 23rd July**

End of Term



*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.*



## School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-2020

	SEPTEMBER 2019	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020	APRIL 2020
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	MAY 2020	JUNE 2020	JULY 2020	AUGUST 2020
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### Bank and Public Holidays 2019/2020

Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December	Easter Monday	Monday 13 April
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May
Good Friday	Friday 10 April	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August

Staff Training Day/ INSET Day  Start of term  End of Term  Public Holidays  School Holidays

### Term Length (Days)

Term 1	4 September 2019	-	25 October 2019	38
Autumn term break	28 October 2019	-	1 November 2019	
Term 2	4 November 2019	-	20 December 2019	35
Christmas break	23 December 2019	-	3 January 2020	
Term 3	6 January 2020	-	14 February 2020	30
February break	17 February 2020	-	21 February 2020	
Term 4	24 February 2020	-	3 April 2020	30
April break	6 April 2020	-	17 April 2020	
Term 5	20 April 2020	-	22 May 2020	24
May break	25 May 2020	-	29 May 2020	
Term 6	1 June 2020	-	22 July 2020	38
			<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>