

# END OF YEAR SPECIAL

Date: 19th July 2019

Term 6:7

## 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 it's the final newsletter and last few days of the year! It's been a fantastic year with so many exciting events packed in. The children have continued to amaze us with their resilience and progress - they are a real credit to you and our school.

Best of luck to our lovely Year 6 - you are going to shine and your new schools are lucky to have you. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support that you give to the school. We are so lucky to have such a supportive and kind community that helps the school out in so many ways.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to hearing all about it from the children in September.

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 newsletter. Some will be aimed specifically at adults and others will be aimed at children. This week's poster shows the importance of a growth mind-set one of things we focus on here at St Mary's.





# This Week at St Mary's

## Bring a parent to Forest School

July 16th 2019

It was a gorgeous summers day as we set off as a whole school and parents to the woods.

The children were fantastically independent in their walk and we spent time listening to and spotting crickets and grasshoppers in the meadow as we waited to climb the stiles. Some children were even quick enough to catch them!



The children showed their parents how they start their forest school session by finding two sticks and tapping rhythms with them.

And then they were off into the woods!



They got creative making all sorts of things out of wood throughout the morning.



The year 6 children showed what they had learned about resilience and strength and jumped the fire as part of their transition from the end of their primary experience.





Thank you to everyone who came to support Sports Day; it was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves.

Well done, Medway!



The Summer Social was also a massive success! Over £1000 raised for our school funds! Thank you for everyone who organised, ran and joined in with the event.

A massive shout out, too, for Nick the Butcher who gave us the meat at a discounted rate.



On Thursday morning, all classes were involved in an African drumming workshop. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and could be heard singing the little chant over lunch!

Thank you to the PTFA for providing us with the funds to run these extra workshop for the children to experience.



On Friday we had our special School Leavers' Service which celebrated the time our Year 6s have spent at St Mary's. Thank you to everyone who joined us, it was a wonderful celebration.

Well done to Year 6 for their hard work at St Mary's. You will be thoroughly missed-come back and visit when you can!





## Staffing Update

Hello!

I am Annette Funnell and am very excited to be joining you in September as School Secretary. I will be in school on Monday 22nd so you may see me around. Have a fabulous summer and I look forward to getting to know you in the new term.

Many thanks

Annette



### Parenting Advice Line

Our Parenting Advice Line is now available EVERY THURSDAY 11AM-1PM. Call 01424725800 for individual, brief advice, support and tips from a trained parenting practitioner.

### Drop in's- For a One to One conversation

These sessions are open to anyone wishing to attend- **no need to book.**

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

### Classroom Changes

We are having a bit of a swap around with the classrooms for next year. The current Willow class will become Larch; Cherry class will move into Larch to make the most of the easy access to the outside area and the current Cherry class will become the new Willow. We will be moving the furniture on Ground Force day (tomorrow) so any extra pairs of hands would be great! This will mean that for the final transition afternoon, the children will be able to be in the classrooms they'll be in from September and teachers can start to get used to their new space.

### Prayer Meeting:

From September, we hope to run a termly parent-led prayer meeting. Please let the school office know if this would interest you and what days/time would suit.



### Attendance of the Week

ATTENDANCE W/E: 19TH JULY

MAPLE:	97.5%
CHERRY:	93.79%
WILLOW:	97.39%
LILAC:	91.03%
TOTAL:	94.43%





## Head Teachers' Awards

Kishi for his great imagination when writing a story. He was able to use paragraphs and accurate spellings in his work.

Jacob for a huge improvement in his story writing, remembering to use speech and descriptive language.

Thomas M-L for fantastic story writing, using a range of punctuation and exciting vocabulary.

Szabi for a fantastic piece of writing and huge progress in perservance and stamina.

Charlie for his progress in maturity and his vocab choices in writing.

Delia for her progress in understanding and independence at maths.

Lily R for her progress in her presentation and for challenging herself in Topic work.

Scarlett for progress in her confidence in learning and public speaking.

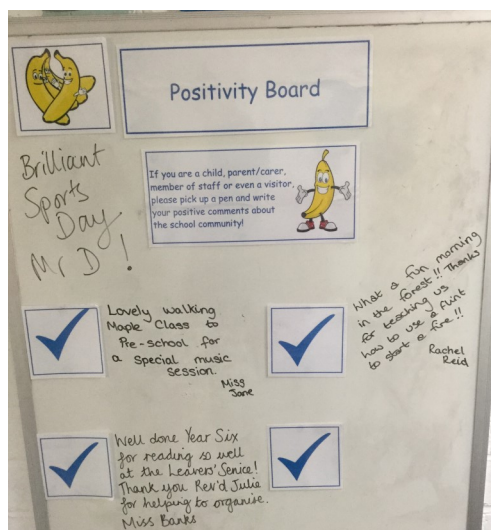
## Music Awards

Well done to everyone who has joined in with Red Butler Music School this term.  
Well done for your great listening and learning skills.

Drumming: Harley, Dexter, Emily, Kishi, Louis, Lucas M, Max, Nicco, Noah, Oliver J, Tiago and Will.

Guitar and Ukulele: Scarlett L, Francesca, Roma, Isabel, Hope, Ashleigh, Delia, Ellie, Ellen,  
Clover, Oliver T, Scarlett B, Emilia, Milly, Phoebe and Ahlia.

## 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.

As always, thank you for your support!



Diary Dates (may be subject to changes and additions)

**Saturday 20th July**

Ground Force Day– 10am-12pm

**22nd July**

Pioneer Federation Table Tennis Tournament

**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

## Our Vision

At St Mary's Church Aided Primary School, we aim to establish a happy and thriving community, living our core values of Love, Strength, Faith, the love of God and one's neighbour. Every child will have a love of life-long learning through high-quality teaching and excellent achievement, resilience, respect for all, equality and inclusion.

### Love

Love and respect yourself and all others, treating them as you would like to be treated.

**Luke 10: 25-37**

### Strength

Recognise people's strengths and use your own to be resilient and the best you can be in all you do.

**John 6: 1-14**

### Faith

Have faith in yourself and others and be honest and truthful. Believe that you never know what you can achieve until you try.

**Luke 5: 1-11**

Following in the example of Jesus.

**Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life**

ST MARY THE VIRGIN  
HARTFIELD SCHOOL

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



ST MARY'S SCHOOL, HARTFIELD NEEDS YOU!

SUMMER GROUND FORCE DAY



SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

10 AM - 12PM

PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU CAN SPARE  
EVEN HALF AN HOUR



**BUILD CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM** **artytime** **PROBLEM SOLVING**

# AFTER SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFT CLUB

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# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE RESILIENT



# Tech Club

**TOMORROW'S SKILLS, TODAY**

**COME & JOIN US**

spaces available for next term

**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!

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

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

## **YOGA LIONS**

**AFTER SCHOOL YOGA CLUB**

**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**

**Sophie Phillips, Yoga Lions**



Dear Parents/Carers,

**Award-winning lunchtime French classes on Tuesday lunchtimes in 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](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk/parents)

**Your child had a taster session last Thursday which I hope they enjoyed.**

Lunchtime classes will be starting in September (one for Y1-2, one for KS2) on **Tuesdays**. 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 cost £5 per lesson, which can be paid termly or monthly. Classes **are limited to 12 per class** to ensure children get individual attention.

**If you would like any further information or would like to book your child a place, please email on [sinead@french-tastique.co.uk](mailto:sinead@french-tastique.co.uk) by Tuesday 16th July. Thank you!**

A bientôt!

**Sinead McCurry**

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07702 507140

[www.french-tastique.co.uk](http://www.french-tastique.co.uk)

### Choose health

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...



- Do they need snacks throughout the day?
- Do they need lots of sleep?
- Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
- Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

### Work together



Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong

### Be wise

As they discover new things, try to:

- be interested
- be non-judgemental
- guide
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides
- listen to their point of view
- choose your words carefully
- act on warning bells

### Be the anchor

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home



### Be calm

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:



- highs and lows
- melodrama
- anger
- blame
- self-centredness

### Communicate

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

### Get learning

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world



### Move on up

Encourage independence:

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely



Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

### Have fun

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside



### Look after yourself

Support yourself, to best support your child:

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



## Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change

ASDA foundation  
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Find Your Feet  
YOUNG MINDS  
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## Wellbeing Bingo



Have a go at playing our wellbeing bingo and see if you can find people to play with you or try it later with your friends and/or family.

In the past week I have...

Sung in the shower 	Played with a furry friend 	Had a good sleep 	Spent some time with my family/friends 
Listened to my favourite tune 	Read a good book 	Watched a great movie/TV show 	Eaten something delicious 
Done some exercise 	Stayed hydrated 	Drawn a picture 	Laughed until my cheeks hurt 
Spent some time in a park 	Danced 	Treated myself 	Visited somewhere new 

Illustrations by Jen Springall





We would love to see you and your pets at  
Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch for a  
**Pet Service of Thanksgiving  
and Blessing**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 11am**

To ensure that no pets are harmed in the making of  
this service, we politely request: Dogs on leads.  
Small pets safely in baskets. If your pet can't come,  
you are welcome to bring a photo or your cuddly  
pet toy instead. Horses and sheep welcome too.

To find out more, please contact Donna Dewar:  
01342 326424

Refreshments Afterwards



## 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
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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	Friday 8 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 For pupils  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>