



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 2

Friday 20th September

Dear St Mary's Families,

A busy week once again here at St Mary's with the children really getting stuck into their new topics. In Lilac, the children have been imagining what life was like back in 1939 as the news of WW2 broke by writing some really creative and thoughtful diary entries. In Willow, the children are also starting with some diary entries after researching what it would be like to be a child in the Tudor era. Cherry have started their 'Heads, Shoulder, Knees and Toes' topic by thinking about similarities and differences between each other; Mrs Norris also has a great trip planned and a letter will be sent out soon with details. Maple have been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' and creating some amazing drawings, using their newly learnt sounds to help write about them. We finished the week with a fabulous afternoon on The Croft, having our inter-house cross country tournament and the results will be revealed in Celebration assembly next week!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

James Procter

Becca Hare

Abbie Banks

Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 27th September** in our celebration assembly at **9.25am** the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free!

Maple: Imogen

Cherry: Jacob

Willow: Troy

Lilac: Delia

Forest School

Letters will be sent home on Monday letting you know when each class is going to Forest School this term. We



need volunteers to help each week so if you can, please speak with Miss Munn next week. We will be really grateful for volunteers for this, as particularly the younger children need adult support.

Car Park Safety

Please drive safely in our car park. Yesterday, a black Toyota AYGO was damaged - if you have any information about this, please speak with Miss Hare.



Head Teacher's Award

Well done to:

Ahlia - for unbelievable progress already in her independent writing.





INFORMATION REQUIRED

On Monday 23rd September we will be sending letters home with the following forms:

- Contact Information
- Photo Consent
- Medical Information

Please can these be returned to school by **Friday 27th September** as they are important—all relating to us being able to keep your children safe.

Thank you for your assistance.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Celebration this year is on **Wednesday 2nd October, at 9:20am in St Mary's Church.**

The appeal this year is twofold:

- Groceries for the East Grinstead Food Bank,
- £1 collection from each child which will be donated to '***Twin our Toilet***' It works by helping to fund a project that enables families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene.

We have so many reasons for us to give thanks to God for all the blessings we receive and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



After School Clubs

These are now well underway with the children seeming very excited about them. There are still a few places available in ArtyTime

(Wednesday); Football (Wednesday) and Mr D's sports club on a Friday so if you haven't got your form in yet, please let us know.



BREAKFAST CLUB



Another club that is well underway is Breakfast Club. Children start arriving from 7:40 with the aim to

eat breakfast at approximately 8am - cereal; toast (sometimes crumpets or pancakes) and milk. Miss Jane (teaching assistant) runs the club and they play games, chat and have a great start to the day.

If a regular booking is made, cost is £4 per session; if it is more 'ad hoc' it costs £5. Please contact the office if you have any more queries.

Sports Award

Mr D has nominated three sports stars for this week:



Immy: for excellent listening skills and following instructions during the first PE lesson.

Thomas: for much improved pacing, stamina and determination during cross country practice.

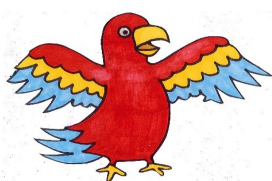
Dexter: who showed a great combination of speed, strength and stamina, also during cross country practice.

Developing Pupil Character

We have been thinking about how we learn best and how to help the children to learn to be independent. We have reminded ourselves about the 5 Learning Power characters that we use to help us learn in different ways: persevering, linking concepts together, being curious, concentrating and being brave if mistakes are made. Ask your children which ones they have used in their lessons this week.

This week, we also re-launched the '6 Bs'. These are strategies that the children can use to be independent learners and become less reliant on their teacher, instead learning to problem solve for themselves: a skill that is vital for 'Learning for life'. The children impressed us with how well they remember these (in order!) so do ask them if they can explain them to you!

Our Learning Powers:



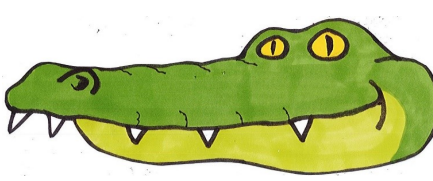
Persevering



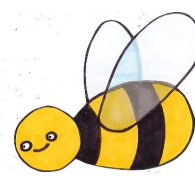
Linking Lemur



Curious Cat



Concentrating Crocodile



Brave Bee

When I'm stuck, I look at each B to help create an independent me!

1

Be Still

Stop and have a think.

2

Be Brave

Use your Growth Mindset to have a go!

3

Backtrack

Have a look at your success criteria or previous work to help you.

4

Bits & Bobs

Use the resources or displays in your classroom to help you.

5

Buddy

Ask a partner to help you.

6

Boss

It's time to ask your teacher.

Pupils as Leaders

Miss Banks and the Pupil Governors have been meeting to set up the events and projects for the year. Part of the role of a Pupil Governor is to be an Anti-Bullying Ambassador and today, they worked on their 'job description' and wrote the Anti-Bullying policy up in a child-friendly format. Look out for these posters around the school and come and chat to them if you have any questions!



St Mary's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



What is the job of an Anti-Bullying Ambassador?

1. To help teach children that bullying is not accepted at St Mary's.
2. To show children the different ways they can report bullying.
3. To work hard to ensure there is no bullying at St Mary's.
4. To teach children what bullying is and understand the different types of bullying.
5. To look out for pupils on the playground, be good listeners, and work with staff to make sure everyone at St Mary's feels safe and happy.

Produced with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, September 2019

Dates for your diary

A full dates list will soon be available on the school website but please see below for September and October

September

25th—PTFA AGM at 2:30pm

26th—SEND Coffee morning at 8:50 —9:20am

26th—Maple Forest School

27th—Parent Prayer meeting 9-9:30am

30th—September Parent Forum 9am

October

2nd—Harvest Festival 9:00am

3rd—Cherry Forest School

4th—Willow Class trip

9th—Tempest Photography

10th—Lilac Forest school

15th—Awe and Wonder Day: British Value theme

17th—Willow Forest school

19th—St Mary's open morning 10—12noon

22nd—Full Governing Body meeting at East Hoathly 6:00—
8:00pm

25th—Last day of Term 1

Well Being Poster

We share a new wellbeing poster with you in the weekly newsletter. This week's poster gives good tips for all to have a healthy lifestyle.



Important Message

Please can we remind all parents and carers that no snacks or lunch boxes should contain any food products with nuts in due to the prevalence of nut allergy.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Attendance

Whole school : **98.2%**

Maple: **98.46%**

Cherry: **99.26%**

Willow: **95.20%**

Lilac: **99.23%**

100% - gold

95 to 96.4 - amber

96.5 to 99.9% - green

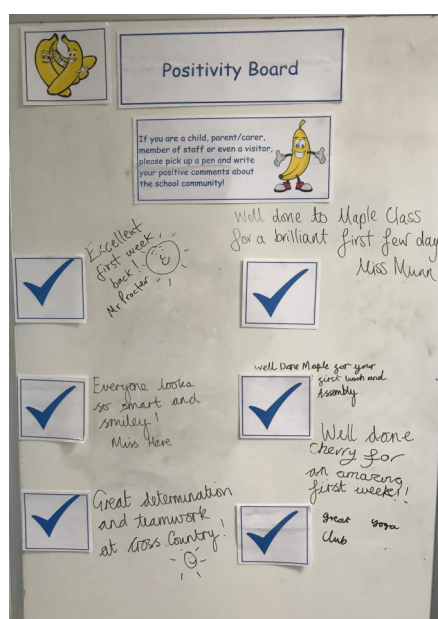
Less than 94.9% - red



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 week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school and community.

As always, thank you for your support





Coffee Morning



This week:

Thursday 26th Sept

8:50-9:20am

How can parents help each other?

We are planning a termly coffee morning for parents to meet and support each other.

- Come to chat and discuss with other parents any challenges you are facing with your children.
- Support each other by sharing ideas, people and places that you, as parents, have gone to for support.
- Have an opportunity to meet with, and ask general questions of, Mrs Leahy (and other professionals that support vulnerable children as advertised).

- **Grab a coffee**
- **Welcome by Mrs Leahy Inclusion Manager and SENCO**
- **10 minute input from our Educational Psychologist Andrew Puddiford about the service they provide**
- **Chat with each other individually or as a group**

Please contact the office at least a day in advance should you required sloped entrance to the school so we can ensure the correct gate is opened.

If you have individual question about your child, please contact the class teacher in the first place but then the office to arrange an appointment with Mrs Leahy.

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- ☐ African drumming
- ☐ Bass
- ☐ Cello

We hope to see you soon!
The RBMS LTD Team
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Dear St Mary's School,

This year our harvest appeal is two-fold. First of all, we would like to donate any groceries given at the Harvest Service on the 2nd October, to the East Grinstead Food Bank.

Here are some of the items needed for the foodbank:

- Deodorant (female and male)
- Toilet paper (2+4 roll packs)
- Toothpaste
- Tinned meat
- Pasta (500g packs)
- Shampoo (female and male)
- Jam
- UHT milk (green, long-life 1 litre)
- Tinned veg (peas/carrots/sweetcorn)
- Finally - we welcome good condition 'bags for life' to reuse, as our stocks are low.

TOILETS, TAPS AND TRAINING - A LIFESAVING TRIO
WE ARE FLUSHING AWAY POVERTY, ONE TOILET AT A TIME.

By donating £60 to twin your toilet, you help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene - a vital combination that saves lives. When you twin, we'll send you a certificate to hang in your toilet - showing a photograph of your overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin's location on Google Maps! The School will also be twinned with a toilet in one of the villages.

We would like the whole school to be part of this project so it would be fantastic if your child could bring £1.00 to the Harvest service on the 2nd October. All the monies raised will mean we help families to have this vital facility.

We hope to see you at the service.
Reverend Julie

1 in 3 people across the world do not have a safe and hygienic toilet.

Every two minutes, a child under the age of five dies because of dirty water or poor sanitation.

In poor communities, many teenage girls drop out of school because of lack of proper toilets.

Women and girls are vulnerable to being bitten by snakes, or being attacked, when they go to toilet in the bush.

Every £1 spent on sanitation has a return of £5.50 due to increased productivity and lower healthcare costs.

Five years ago my mother was very sick with very bad diarrhoea. We rushed her to hospital during the night, carrying her on our backs. The doctor told us that, if we had waited much longer, we would have lost our mother.
Bishwa, Nepal

My daughter was attacked early evening as she went to the toilet in the bush. I knew what had happened as soon as I saw the scratches on her neck. Having a toilet is a big relief for the whole family.
Bawili, Democratic Republic of Congo

Our old school toilets were very disgusting, especially in the rainy season. The smell would make you feel sick. When I finish school I want to become a nurse, and to achieve this, I need to stay healthy.
Bridget, aged 14, Uganda

Sunday Discoverers

1st & 3rd Sunday, 9.30am,
School YrsR-4

*Join us to explore, learn and pray
with God in our own special way!*

15th September

6th October

20th October

17 November

1st December

15th December

Any queries contact Rev'd Julie Sear:
01892 770436 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com



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Jan 19, Feb 18,
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& discuss
how the
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