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Term 1 Week 7

Friday 25th October

Dear St Mary's Families,

What a brilliantly busy and exciting Term 1! It was lovely to see so many of you come to see the children's learning today - they have worked so hard and it was great to see how enthusiastic they were to share this with you! At the end of next term, you will be invited to come and see all of their books and share their progress they have made.

Next term, Willow and Lilac will be continuing their topics of The Tudors and World War 2 respectively and Lilac are getting very excited for their mini-residential on the first week back! Cherry will be learning about 'What Happens Where I Live?' with a little help from the most famous resident of Ashdown Forest - Winnie the Pooh! Maple will be learning all about 'Noisy Nightlife' with a focus on the celebrations and festivals that happen around the world at this time of year.

We've got a lot of events planned in for next term, so do keep an eye on the website and newsletter for dates and information about these: we will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November; having an Anti-Bullying week from 11th-15th November; having a Book Fair from 22nd - 28th November; Parent Consultations on 26th and 28th November and a Well-Being day on 5th December - and that's all before all the Christmas madness begins!

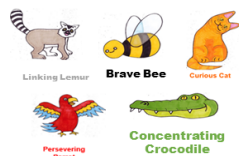
Thank you for all your continued support this term and we hope you all have a fantastic half-term holiday,

James Procter

Becca Hare

Abbie Banks

Learning Powers Certificate



On **Friday 8th November**, in our celebration assembly at **9:25am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Joshua **Cherry:** Scarlett

Willow: Grace **Lilac:** Bethan

Please come along if you are free!

Head Teacher's Award

Well done to:

Eva - for having a strong growth mind-set and using it well to help her remember her spellings!



Reading Reward Scheme

Reading records are a great way of sharing what the children are reading at home and how long they are reading for - thank you for all your support in the minutes and comments that you detail in here. Reading Records are checked weekly in school by the class teacher or teaching assistant and minutes are counted for the class total.

For children in Maple, when an adult reads with them in school, they will also comment in the Reading Record. For KS1 and KS2, the teachers keep separate records when they read with a child in school, rather than comment in Reading Records. This ensures we always have access to the information (i.e. in school holidays or after school) to help with planning and assessment, and teachers can keep track of children who need more regular reading.

This week's results for our Reward Scheme:

Maple: 815 minutes **Cherry:** 786 minutes

Willow: 1047 minutes **Lilac:** 889 minutes



Well done to all of you who are reading so much!

British Citizen Award

As part of our fabulous British Values Day, we have launched the new British Citizen Award.



Coco is the 3rd recipient of this award for her attentiveness at helping a new friend settle into a new school and for her overall helpfulness and politeness to all around her. Well done, Coco!

GET SET TO EAT FRESH

We still need your vouchers!

'Get Set to Eat Fresh' uses Team GB athletes as a



source of inspiration to encourage students aged 5-14 to cook and eat healthy, fresh food; to perform at their best in the classroom and on the field and supporting students to achieve healthy, active lifestyles. If you shop in Aldi, please collect the stickers to help us gain as much support for the school as we can.

Thank you!

Sports Award

Mr D has nominated four Sports Stars for this week:

Elouise: for outstanding leadership and confidence during workout session together with excellent

passing skills demonstrated during football.

Jacob: for great focus and control which he demonstrated whilst dribbling in football.

Reece: for a big improvement in dribbling technique and control during football.

Teagan: for much improved special awareness and decision making during PE.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

Dear Parents,

At St Mary's, we are currently working to achieve a Wellbeing Award.

In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better.



Please follow the link below to complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements. <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5da9b5a015448>

I would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Friday 8th November 2019. If you have any queries about this survey, do not hesitate to come and have a chat!

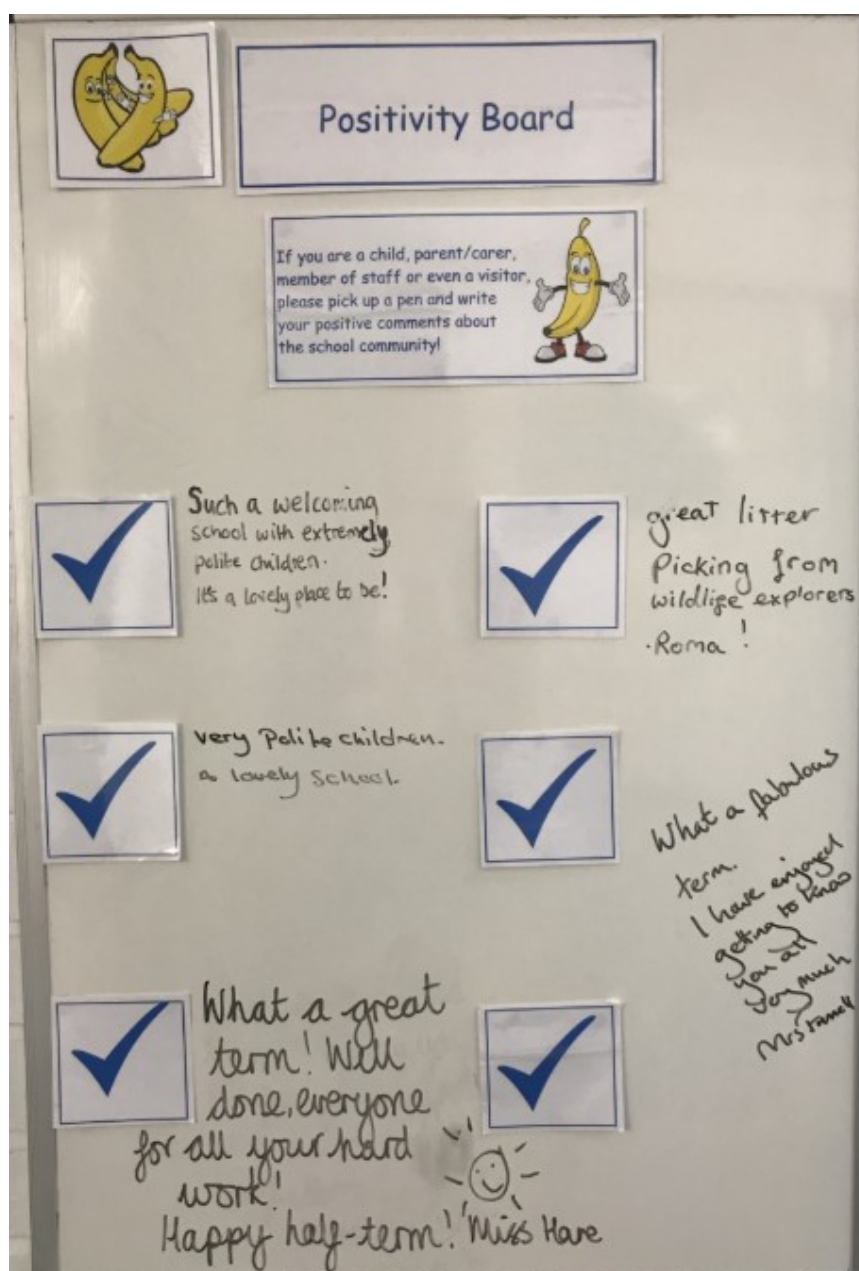
Thank you,

Miss Banks

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.



Congratulations!

To **Joshua** who passed his first karate grading at the weekend. He is now a red and white stripe belt. Well done, Joshua!



Congratulations!

We also need to congratulate Charlie and Megan for successfully taking part in the National Summer Reading Challenge which is organised by the local library service. Certificates will be presented during our next celebration assembly on **Friday 8th November at 9:25am.**



Congratulations!

Our pupils have been so fabulous this week that we have another celebration to share: **Ashleigh** took part in the North Wealden Partnership Finals at Beacon on Tuesday and came a staggering 5th place! This means she has also now qualified for the East Sussex Cross Country Finals that will take place in Brighton next year. Well done, Ashleigh!



Well Being Poster

Each week we share a well being poster with you. This week's poster looks at why it is okay to talk about Mental Health.

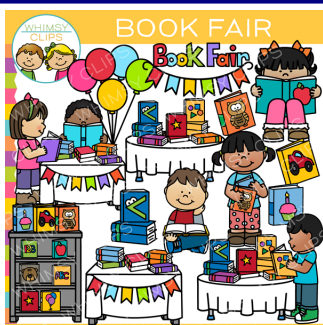
WHY IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



School Photographs



Please remember that if you would like to order copies of the school photos that came home on Monday, and take advantage of free delivery via the school, please go onto the Tempest website to order them this week.



Book Fair

If you are beginning to think about Christmas presents, don't forget that we have our Scholastic Book Fair coming up at the end of November - an excellent place to purchase presents and support the school.

ParentMail

We are hoping the system will 'go live' from the first week of next term, with the aim to improve the security of our contacts with you via email. More information will follow.

Dates for your diary

All dates are available on school website, but please see below for Term 2

November

4th - First day Term 2
5th - Lilac Class Trip
6th - Lilac Class return
8th - Parent Prayer Meeting - 2:45pm in Church
10th - Remembrance Day Service at Church - 10:45am
11th - Walk up to Church to place crosses for
Remembrance - 10:45am
11th - 15th - Anti-Bullying Week
12th - Odd Socks Day
14th - St Mary's Open Morning 9.30am - 11.30am
14th - Forest School - Maple
15th - Anti-Bullying Workshops - 'Just Different'
20th - Lilac 'Big Sing'
21st - Forest School - Cherry
22nd - 27th - Book Fair
26th/28th - Parent Consultations 4-6pm

December:

5th - Wellbeing Day
5th - Forest School - Willow
6th - PTFA Mufti Day - Bring a bottle/Chocolates
9th - Parent Forum - 9am with Mr Procter and Miss Hare
9th - National Childhood Measurement Programme -
Year 6 and Reception
9th - Vision Screening - Reception Class
10th - Dress Rehearsal - Nativity
11th - Nativity 10am and 2pm
12th - Forest School - Lilac
13th - Live Nativity in Village 6:30 - 7:30pm
18th - Christingle Making in Church
18th - Carols in the Village 6pm - 7pm
20th - Christmas Service 2:30pm in Church
20th - Last Day of Term 2

St Mary's



Dates for your Diary

4th November - Christmas Card Designs will come **home**.
One week to order them online/check name spellings
11th November - Christmas Card Designs need to be
returned to school as the courier will collect them
for printing.
6th December - Mufti Day
Please bring chocolate / bottles in exchange.
7th December - Christmas Fair 12am - 3.00pm
25th January - Jumble Sale
Please remember this when you are having your Christmas clear out.
13th/14th February - Lilac Bake sale
28th February - School Disco 3.30pm - 5pm
2nd/3rd April - Cherry Bake Sale
16th/17th July - Maple Bake Sale

Rocking Horse and St Mary the Virgin Hartfield

As you will be aware there is a clothing bank on the school site for collection of unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories and Bric-a-Brac for the Rocking Horse Children's Charity. For all of the **clothing** you donate to this bank, additional funding is also gained by the school.

Attendance

Whole school: 97.16%

Maple: **100%**
Cherry: **95.56%**
Willow: **95.77%**
Lilac: **97.31%**



100% - Gold **96.5 to 99.9% - Green**
95 to 96.4% - Amber **Less than 94.9% - Red**

Reception and Year 6 School Nurse Visits (9th December)

You will receive notification from the NHS team regrading these visits after half term.

The measurement programme and vision screening are '**opt out**' systems. Please ask Mrs Funnell if you need more information about how to opt out, otherwise your child will be taking part in these schemes next term.

School Clubs

Our school clubs are continuing into next term (starting week 1):

Monday: Yoga Lions (3:20pm to 4:20pm)

Tuesday: Tech Club (3:20pm to 4:20pm)

Wednesday: Wildlife Explorers (12:30pm - 1pm)

Wednesday: KS2 Football (3:20pm - 4:20pm - **not 6th November**)

Wednesday: ArtyTime (3:15pm - 4:45pm)

Friday: Mr D's Multi-Activity Club (3:20pm - 4:30pm)



On varying Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Miss Hare and Miss Banks will be leading a School Choir for years 1-6 (3:15pm - 4:15pm) practising for Christmas Praise at St Mary's Church on 8th December at 9:30am. Dates: Wednesday 6th November; Tuesday 12th November; Wednesday 27th November; Tuesday 3rd December and Tuesday 10th December.

Please see accompanying email for details of how to book. Please complete the form and return to school, so we know which clubs your child(ren) are hoping to attend.

Inspiration needed!

We would like to be able to offer other clubs to our children to cater for varying interests and we would like your ideas/suggestions:



Do you have a passion for a specific subject that you would like to share?

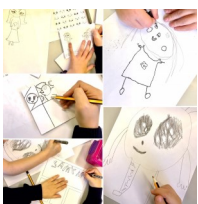
Do you know someone in the village who has or would be able to run a club?

Would you be willing or able to run a homework club?

Do you know someone who would be able to run a football club or sports club for KS1?

If you can answer yes to any of the above, please let us know.

After School Clubs



Last week in the Artytime After School Club, the children designed and drew their own comic book characters and comic strips. We learnt about techniques used to draw comics and create characters, before the children worked on their heroes and made some really great, well-formed stories. Each child brought their own individual personality to their creations, which included: a story about a bird and her cheeky emoji friend; 'Rude Stories of Meanness'; a tale of animal friends battling diversity;

'Feather Heather'; a series on Avatars; a pre-teen romance; 'The Friendly Dolphin'; 'Sammy and the Titans' and even a story about the 'Learning Powers' animals joining forces in the fight for good.

