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Term 2 Week 1

Friday 8th November

Dear St Mary's Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break - it's been lovely to hear all about the children's time off and what they have been up to.

Term 2 has started off just as busy as the last one with the launch of new topics for Cherry and Maple and some exciting further learning of Willow and Lilac's history based topics.

Lilac had an especially exciting start to the term with a trip to Chatham Dockyard to stay overnight on a WW2 ship. There were some very sleepy faces at school on Thursday but it was worth it to hear their excited chatter about a really exciting and interesting trip. Watch out on the website for more information and photos.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week across the nation so we are joining in with **Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th** and the children will also take part in two workshops across the week, focused on the theme of 'Change Starts With Us!'

On **Wednesday 13th November**, Miss Hare is running a Volunteers Meeting for all current and new volunteers to find out a bit more about what this involves. We are so grateful for all the fantastic volunteers and they play an important role in helping with extra-curricular areas of the children's education. If you can't make the meeting and would like the information, the minutes will be in next week's newsletter and all the documents and policies mentioned are on the school website.

We are looking forward to joining the community for the Remembrance Day Service at **10:45am on Sunday** and hope to see some of you there, too.

Have a wonderful weekend,

James Procter

Becca Hare

Abbie Banks

Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 15th November**, in our celebration assembly at **9:25am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Amelie

Cherry: Beau

Willow: Harry

Lilac: Edward

Please come along
if you are free!



Linking Lemur



Brave Bee



Curious Cat



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile

British Citizen Award

This week we have two recipients of our British Citizen Award: Daisy and Delia.



Daisy and Delia stayed at school while Lilac were away on their trip and were very kind and helpful to all around the school!



On Thursday, all classes took part in UK Parliament week. We started the day with an assembly looking at the structure of Parliament and how it began. Then, throughout the day, each class took part in an activity. Maple Class looked at the importance of being able to vote, whilst the other classes each had a debate about a topic they decided on. It was great to see the children be so enthusiastic and have more of an understanding about how their country is run.

'I enjoyed learning about the parties and then splitting between Labour and Conservative for our election!' - Francesca, Year 6

'Parliament is made of two houses—the House of Commons and the House of Lords!' - Max, Year 1

'It was really fun to debate and vote for who our teacher should be!' -

Freddie, Year 2

IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: All children now have a greater understanding of how laws are created and the structure of Parliament. They were able to link the British Values to the topics they debated and can now understand why a democratic Parliament is important. They learnt about the role of the Monarch as part of this and how a Prime Minister is elected.



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.

This week's results for our Reward Scheme:

Maple: 1092 minutes **Cherry: 1187 minutes**

Willow: 878 minutes **Lilac:** 499 minutes



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

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.



Sports Award

Mr D has nominated four Sports Stars for this week:

Daisy: for excellent focus and attitude to her work.

Henry: who demonstrated great resilience and perseverance during the 10minute run challenge.

Amelie: who paced herself brilliantly during the 10minue run challenge.

Kishi: for demonstrating excellent, all round performance - but particularly his hand to eye co-ordination - during the basketball skills session.



Lilac Class Trip to Chatham Historic Dockyard

‘Crash-out on the HMS Cavalier’

Tuesday 5th November—Wednesday 6th November 2019



As part of our topic this term, Lilac Class took a trip to the Chatham Historic Dockyard to experience what life was like there during World War Two. What an action-packed trip this turned out to be! They started the morning by having a tour of the HMS Ocelot submarine—many were shocked by the size inside (considering it would have slept 69 crew members) and somewhat in awe of the fact that they would go 3 months without showering! They were then tasked with counting how many air-raid shelters they could spot on sight, before getting the chance to go inside one. This air-raid shelter was used by Officers during WW2 and was therefore classed as ‘posh’, which shocked many of the children. Sound effects were used to enable the children to hear what an air-raid would have sounded like and they sang a traditional WW2 song to keep themselves entertained during the raid. After lunch, the children were taken to The Ropery, where they learnt how rope is made and even got to make a piece to bring back to school! They were then put into competition with each other to create a WW2 Warship replica and race them to see whose was the fastest—and most watertight! After a filling dinner, we headed to the HMS Cavalier (the last remaining WW2 warship) to set up our bunks for the night. We were given a tour of the ship by a retired Naval Officer, who told the children some great stories and facts about life as a sailor, and we even managed to spot some fireworks whilst up on deck! The next day, we spent some time looking around the museums on site (after a full English for breakfast, of course!) and exploring the dockyard. It was a fantastic trip and the children behaved so beautifully, even though they were full of questions and excitement.

IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: An exciting and educational overnight adventure on board the Royal Navy’s last remaining Second World War Destroyer. The children were able to experience life on board first hand, sleeping in real sailors’ bunks in two of the ship’s original Aft Mess Decks. Their knowledge of battle strategy and artillery used during the Second World War is now clear. They learnt about the role of the Dockyard during WW2 and were also able to go into a real-life Air Raid Shelter and gain an understanding of people’s struggle. They have since used their experience and all of the things they got to do to write a persuasive and informative leaflet, encouraging people to visit.

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 15th November 2019. If you have any queries about this survey, do not hesitate to come and have a chat!

Thank you,

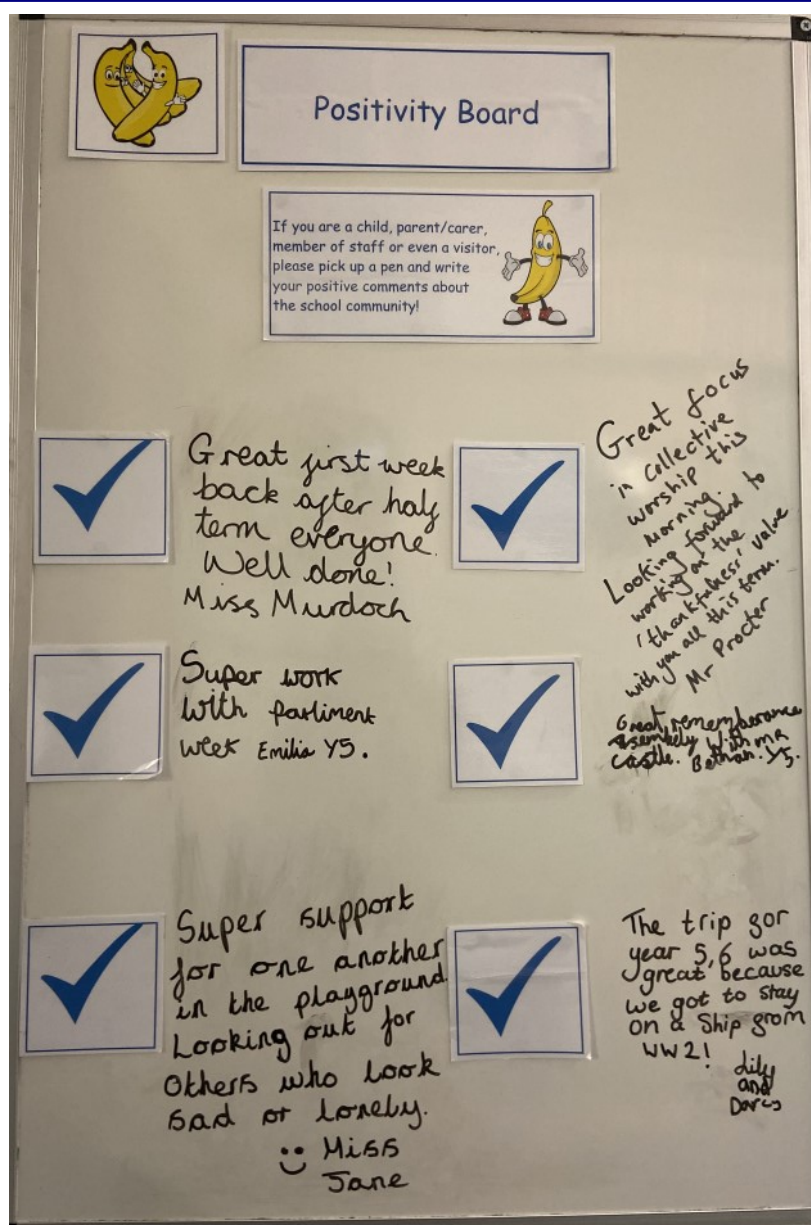
Miss Banks



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.



Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th —Friday 15th November 2019

Dear St Mary's Families,

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the focus this year is 'Change Starts with us'. We will be taking part in different activities and workshops throughout the week and we would love for you to get involved.

Tuesday 12th November:

Each class is taking part in a workshop run by 'Just Different', who are a charity that provide innovative, inspiring and exciting educational workshops on disability and difference to mainstream schools. Their educational workshops are specifically designed to encourage the younger generation into thinking more imaginatively about the world they live in, and the diversity of the people within it.

If you would like to come and join us for these workshops, the timetable of the day is below. We do ask that you only attend one workshop. A huge thanks to the PTFA for enabling this to happen!

As a charity, they rely on donations to support their work in schools and to support this work their presenter will have "JustDifferent" awareness wristbands for sale on the day of the visit. Each Wristband costs just £1 and will greatly contribute to raising much needed funds so that they can deliver their message to more children and young people.

Cherry Class: 9.00—9.30

Lilac Class: 9.45-10.45

Maple Class: 11.00-11.30

Willow Class: 1.15-2.15



Friday 15th November:

Each class is taking part in a workshop run by a team from East Sussex County Council. It will support children to think about 'Power differences' and how different factors can give an individual / group power. Children will also explore a range of scenarios and be given time to act out and discuss whether they think they are 'Banter' or 'Bullying' scenarios. They will be encouraged to reflect on the impact of bullying / unkind behaviours and the impact on the targeted individual.

Miss Banks

The Big Sing

Lilac will be taking part in the Big Sing again this year! Please come and join us if you can.



Free Books

As a school we have been signed up for the opportunity to claim a set of free Collins Big Cat books for school worth over £600. To be able to make this claim we need to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun newspaper (starting 23rd November), so if anyone you know reads The Sun, please encourage them to cut out the tokens and share them with us.



Well Being Poster

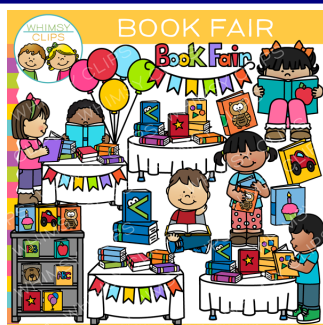
Each week we share a well being poster with you. This week's poster looks at ways to get a better night's sleep!



Co-op Local Community Fund - Hartfield School PTFA

The Co-op Local Community Fund is supporting Hartfield School PTFA. Become a member or sign in to choose a local cause to support.
membership.coop.co.uk

Until 24th October next year, our school PTFA has been chosen to be one of Co-op's local community fund recipients (meaning 1% of the value of own brand goods and all money from single use shopping bags will be donated to the school). Please sign up, spread the word and encourage support!



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.



You will all have received a letter about ParentMail which has now gone live!



Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2019

On Friday we will be fundraising for Children in Need.

Some of our Year 5s and 6s will be running a 'penalty shoot-out' at lunchtime, where the other children can pay 50p to have a go at scoring against them.

A whole week to go, so plenty of time to practice!

Remembrance Assembly

Our Remembrance Assembly was held today, it was lovely to see so many of you here.

James Castle, Hartfield Poppy Appeal Organiser, came in to talk to the children about why it is so important that the children understand about Remembrance.

Poppies will still be available from school (in exchange for a donation) on Monday 11th November. James has reminded us that The Poppy Appeal is a charity that helps people of all ages, from 1 to 100+ years if they have served, or are a dependant. The need is stronger than ever as we help those who have served their country and our support is greatly appreciated.

St Mary the Virgin Church

At **10:45am** on **Sunday 10th November** there will be a Remembrance Service held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Hartfield.



We are looking forward to joining the Hartfield community for this service and some of are

children are participating to show our respect to those who gave their lives.

It would be great if you were able to join us at this



School Clubs

At the end of last time we emailed home a letter and form for completion about Clubs for this term.

While many have signed up to the clubs run by our external organisers, we still need to receive forms that let us know that you are happy for your children to join the clubs run by volunteers within school - this includes: Brighton and Albion football club; the Choir and Wildlife Explorers. If we do not receive these forms, we have not got your consent for your children to attend these clubs and they will not be able to go. If your child(ren) are hoping to attend any of these clubs, please complete the form by next week - the school office can provide a copy if needed.



Dates for your diary

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

November

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
12th - 'Just Different' workshops
13th - Yr5/6 Girls Football Tournament
14th - St Mary's Open Morning 9.30am - 11.30am
14th - Forest School - Maple
15th - Anti-Bullying Workshops - 'Power Differences'
15th - Children in Need Penalty Shoot Out!
20th - Lilac 'Big Sing'
21st - Forest School - Cherry
22nd - 27th - Book Fair
22nd - Online Safety Day
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

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

You will receive notification from the NHS team regarding these visits later this 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 on 9th December.

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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.



Christmas Cards

The closing date to order and return the fabulous Christmas cards that the



children made to school, is **Monday 11th November**. The cards have come home in book bags this week and if you would like the school to send your design off for printing, please order and return by Monday.

Attendance

Whole school: **98.15%**

Maple: **96.43%**

Cherry: 99.23%

Willow: **97.69%**

Lilac: **98.15%**



100% - Gold

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

95 to 96.4% - Amber

Less than 94.9% - Red

School Clubs

At our last Wildlife Explorers meeting the members helped tidy the environment around St Mary the Virgin School with a litter pick.

We were hoping to find less than 5Kg of rubbish – which we measured a year ago.

Inside school all the rooms were clear and the recycling bins were being used properly. We only found 0.2 Kg of paper and plastic on the floors throughout which was encouraging.

However, in the car park and along the path to the Lych gate, we found 7.5 Kg of rubbish.

This was really disappointing. Most of it was in two places - full plastic bags dumped close to the big wheelie containers, not put inside, and several dog poo bags left on the ground by the steps into the churchyard.

It is such a shame that not everybody gives us good examples of properly using waste bins but we will keep supporting our environment.



After School Clubs

We started back with our Yoga Lions after school club this week and it was lovely to welcome both old and new children into our pride. In our first lesson we were very busy: warming our hands with therapy putty; doing Yoga Lions breaths and our lazy ladybird stretch; getting our heart beat faster with our dynamic warm up 'shake, shock, sigh', and then calmed our breathing down with our breathing ball. As part of the class, we did yoga for the brain as well as the body, pretending to make a sandwich for which we had to remember all of the ingredients. We ended with some relaxing colouring of an Autumnal tree and finished with our relaxation with eye pillows. All in all a fantastic start back to yoga at Hartfield!



After School Clubs

In the last Artytime session, the children made their own stained glass windows by drawing on plastic sheets using Sharpies. Designs were traced from colouring sheets or drawn freehand before being viewed on a light board. The end results were really beautiful, and make excellent window decorations to catch the autumn sun.



PARENTAL WORKSHOP

‘Keeping your child safe online’

★ **Friday 22nd November** ★

9am and 2:45pm St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School
With Education Consultant Andrew Gunn

If you want to find out more about how you can keep you, and your children, safe online then come along to this workshop.

Andrew worked for 12 years in the Local Authority as a Teaching and Learning adviser for ICT and e-safety. As well as being a CEOP Ambassador, he is a highly regarded and skilled teacher and trainer who has run a large number of courses in East Sussex and beyond. The aims of the session are for parents to understand better some of the risks posed to children and what actions can reduce these risks. Andrew will also show you where to find further guidance and support. Some aspects which will be covered include: **cyberbullying**, privacy of data, mobile devices, social networking, protecting your online reputation and identity theft.

Given the increasing number of online safety related incidents taking place in the world, along with the increased use of web-enabled devices, we urge all parents and carers to attend one of these sessions for the most up to date information about online safety.

In order for us to prepare seating, would you please book places by completing the form that came home or by phoning or emailing the school office.





The Power of Positivity

Coffee Morning



Next week:

Thursday 14th November:

9:00-9:45am

This month we welcome educational psychologist Jessica Pares Landells, who is coming to give a 30minute presentation on: **The Power of Positive Psychology** and the impact it can have; ending with tips about how this can be achieved and encouraged in the home environment.

Sounds fascinating and we hope to see you there.

Sian Leahy SENCO

- . 9:00am Grab a coffee**
- . Welcome by Mrs Leahy Inclusion Manager and SENCO**
- . Presentation: Educational Psychologist Jessica Pares Landells**
- . Support each other and share ideas**
- . 9:45am Leave with new ideas and a sense of community - there are others who can help.**

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.