



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 6

Friday 13th December

Sports Award

Mr D has nominated four Sports Stars for this week:

Aidan: for great perseverance and effort demonstrated during the 10 minute challenge!

Harley: for excellent pacing and control demonstrated during the 10minute challenge!

Braxton: for brilliant pacing and determination during the 10 minute challenge!

Ahlia: for great courage and perseverance in completing the 10 minute challenge after a fall and managing to run further than ever before!

Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 20th December**, at our Celebration Assembly at **9:30am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Riley

Cherry: Emily

Willow: Hugo

Lilac: Daisy

Please come along if you are free!



Attendance

Whole school: **97.31%**

Maple: 98.57% **Cherry:** 96.15%

Willow: 96.92% **Lilac:** 98.15%

Less than 94.9% - Red **95 to 96.4% - Amber**

96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**



British Citizen Award

This week's British citizen award goes to Evelyn who was outstanding in her singing in the Nativity and helped others with the words and actions. Well done, Evelyn!



Reading Reward Scheme



Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up the minutes read at home, and the additional comments you make.

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: 520 minutes **Cherry:** 431 minutes

Willow: 163 minutes **Lilac:** 506 minutes

Well done Maple, and, thank you for your continued support.

Top Tips for next Week!

- There are **no** after school clubs next week.
- Minutes of parent forum attached to Newsletter.
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Christingle making - please remember your orange!
- **Friday 20th December:** Willow swim letters and information needs to be back
- **Friday 20th December:** 2:30pm Christmas Service in Church - parents very welcome.
- **Friday 20th December:** Last day of Term 2

Please read the newsletter for club information!

If you need the newsletter or any other school letter to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Willow Class Hever Castle trip

On Wednesday 4th December, Willow class went to Hever Castle to learn more about the Tudors and Anne Boleyn. Along with the other children in years 3 and 4 in the Federation, we learnt a lot about the Tudors in a really fun and engaging way. We also saw many different types of Tudor houses on our journey which allowed us to discuss our learning at school in a real context.

As we are coming up to Christmas, we started off by looking around the Christmas Trail that was set up in the gardens to the Castle, which helped us to explore the gardens more fully in a way that the children found fascinating. We also went around the Yew Maze and in to the Mirror room to allow us to have some fun whilst learning about the crops in the Tudor gardens.

After eating our lunch, we looked around the castle and in the Tudor gardens, which showed the type of herbs the Tudors used and showed the topiary that they often had in the form of a giant chess set! At the entrance to the castle, we were greeted by Anne Boleyn – we managed to get a picture with her afterwards!

We absolutely loved looking around the castle and trying to find as many things as we could that we've learnt in school so far this term, but also looking for new pieces of information about the Tudors from the castle. We were able to see the type of furniture rich people had during the Tudor times, how rich people would dress in the Tudor times and how people prepared for battle in the Tudor times. The portraits that were positioned all around the house were a real highlight too. One of the main things we didn't realise before was quite how short they were – their beds and doorways were tiny! On our way out, the guide also told us that we had to be careful walking down the stairs on the way out, as they were all uneven to trip up any potential attackers to the castle as they wouldn't be concentrating on where they were placing their feet. Before we came back to school, we had a quick play in the Tudor Towers. It was so much fun but was very slippery, so we had to be very careful. But we had a great time anyway.

We'd all like to say a massive thank you to our parent helpers – what a fantastic day!



IMPACT AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED

The children were able to deepen their knowledge about the Tudors, both by learning more about what we had been doing in class and by allowing us to learn extra facts about the Tudors, as we are unable to learn everything there is about the Tudors at school. They enjoyed being able to see how the rich Tudor homes were set up, and the furniture and clothes they would have had. Finally, the children were able to see what the rich people's gardens would have been like in the Tudor times to compare them to ours and to see how they used them in different ways to us.

The Magical Christmas Jigsaw – Nativity 2019

What an outstanding job St Mary's did this year at their nativity performances! They had so many lines, lyrics and actions to learn and they practised so hard to ensure they put on a brilliant show. Thank you so much for helping the children to rehearse – I'm sure some of you were able to sing along during the performances due to how often they songs had been played at home – and for providing any costumes. An extra special shout out goes to Lisa Boland for washing and drying all of our school costumes, too! What an amazing way to get us all into the Christmas spirit!



Christmas Dinner

Our fabulous cooks prepared a delightful Christmas dinner on Thursday, which was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to two of our governors: Mrs Stirrat and Mrs Wicks, and to long term friend of the school, Mr Rowberry, who gave their time to come in and join.

Thank you to all involved!



St Mary's **PTFA**

A quick note to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped on Saturday at the Christmas Fair.

It was a great success - we haven't done all the sums yet, but we definitely cleared **£1,500 profit!**

This will all be put to good use in the New Year!



The class award this year has been again presented to Cherry Class, who raised the most money on Saturday from selling their jolly jam jars!

Well done, Cherry Class!



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.



Recommended Reads - We Love Reading!

At St Mary the Virgin CEP school, we believe that reading should be enjoyed by everybody and that children (and adults) should have opportunities to lose themselves in a great book.

In order to expand our reading experiences, we are asking staff, children, parents and friends of the school to send in 'recommended reads' for us to explore.

We would like to know the following information:

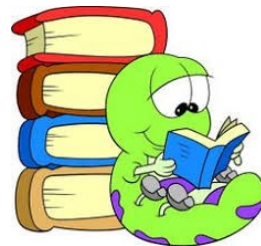
- the name of the book
- the author (and illustrator if applicable)
- recommended age group
- why you recommend the book

To get us started there is a map, (like the London Underground) attached to the back of this newsletter, to help you to think of alternative texts and authors that you and your child might like to explore. The map shows a popular author on each line, and along each line are lots of examples of similar-style texts that are likely to appeal to readers of that author.

Please send your recommendations to the school office (there is a template attached if you would like to use it) and we will share one or two each week in the newsletter and will then go onto our school website so that you can look back at all the recommendations.



Each term, we will purchase some of the recommended reads for the school library and we look forward to hearing all about the books you have been enjoying!



The Mince Pie Run

It would seem that Mr Procter used their **growth mindset** on Sunday when he completed the 10 mile Mince Pie Run.

Thanks from us all to anyone who donated!



Well Being Poster

This week's poster gives you 9 activities to do with your child(ren) towards promoting positive mental health.

9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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WORRY TIME

Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with you or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

BEING PRESENT

Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

ACTIVITY PLANNING

Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

3 GOOD THINGS

Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

THOUGHT TESTING

Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.

WELLBEING

Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

IMAGERY

Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

Wellies

Have your much loved wellies

become too small for your feet?

If so, don't worry, we can give them

a new home here

at school where they can be used to help children going to Forest school, or when walking our new dog, Benny.

Please bring into the school office if you can help. Many thanks.



Calling all Artists

Next term we would like to run an **Art day**, inviting local artists to come and deliver short workshops (45minutes to 1 hour) with the pupils.

The aim is to encourage the children to explore different types of art and increase their understanding of the many mediums out there that can be used.

At the end of the day, parents will be invited in to see what has been covered, with the opportunity given to the artists to sell their art to the families of SMV.

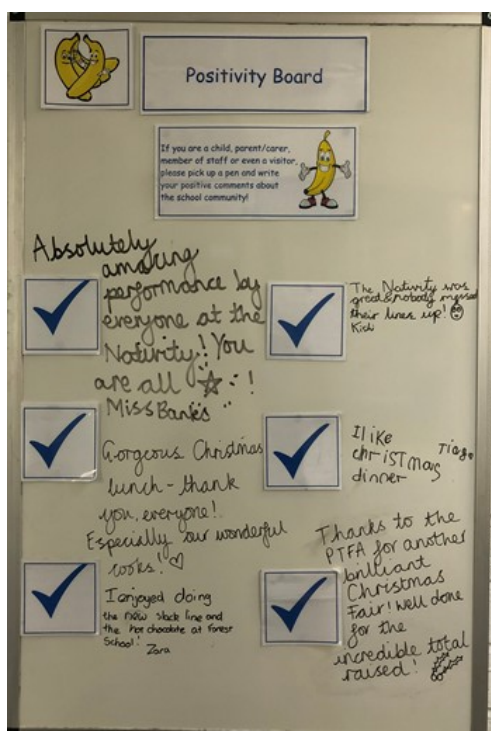
If you know of any artists that would be interested in this, please contact Katy Norris by **Friday 20th December**.

Many thanks.



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.



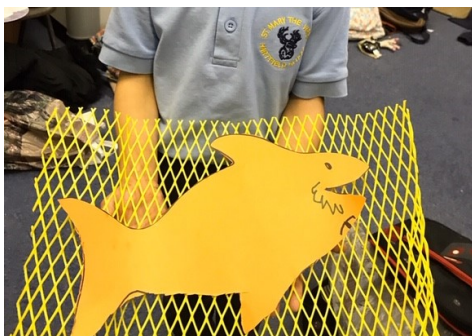
ArtyTime After School Club



The Artytime club made some lovely gift tags to sell at the Christmas Fair, and also offered the chance for visitors to make their own woollen decorations.

In our last session this term, the children made some truly innovative creations, and as well as continuing their Christmas crafts, they raided our Junk Modelling collection. This weeks' masterpieces have included: a fish in a net; a musical instrument; multiple Christmas stockings, boxes and birdhouses and a Christmas banner.

The club has finished for this term. It will resume on **Wednesday 15th January**. To book go to: office@artytime.co.uk or phone Kay on 01892 662912



School Choir

The choir has made a fabulous start this term, singing at the Christmas fair and the Church Christmas Praise service with the children making a beautiful sound and learning Christmas songs and carols. They will be singing at the end of term service, **Friday 20th December 2:30pm** in church, and we hope to go on to more performances in 2020!

The choir has one more session this term (Tuesday 17th December), then recommences , on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at lunchtime. To book, please contact the school office on, 01892 770221. It will continue to cost £4 per session.

Mr D's Gymnastics and Multi-Activity Club

Mr D's club is having its final session tonight (**Friday 13th December**) and will resume on **Friday 10th January 2020**.

The sessions have been taking on an increasingly festive theme and the joy of those attending has been palpable.

To book for next term, please refer to the booking form that is attached to this newsletter.

Many thanks.

Red Butler Music Sessions

The music sessions held in school on a Monday (stringed instruments); have finished for the term and will resume on Monday 13th January 2020.

The music sessions held on a Tuesday in school have one more session - Tuesday 17th December. Sessions will resume next term on Tuesday 7th January.

Please be aware, times are being re-organised to avoid conflict with both swimming and Choir.

To book, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter, which includes a voucher, offering two free trial sessions, to all new children.



After School Football

The last after school football session was on Wednesday 11th December.

Sessions will resume next term on Wednesday 15th January for **KS1 and Reception** children.

Again, the school will cover the costs for this, so to book, please contact the school office: 01892 770221.

As the children are younger, the maximum attendance within the group is 12 and this will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

After School Yoga

Sessions will resume next term on Monday 13th January, running 3:20pm to 4:20pm.

Sessions are run by Sophie from Yoga Lions and are booked directly via Sophie on: 07584295517



Wildlife Explorers

Mr and Mrs Rowberry are very kindly volunteering again next term to run the club on Wednesday lunchtimes. The first session will be on Wednesday 15th January.

A very popular club, where the children are learning more about the world around them and how to care for the precious resources we have been given.

To book, please contact the school office on 01892 770221.

Breakfast Club

Increasingly popular, our breakfast club runs from 7:40am every morning and is open every day that the children are in school. Miss Jane provides a variety of activities depending on the children's interests.

Breakfast club costs £4 per session. To book, please contact the school office.

Dates for your diary

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

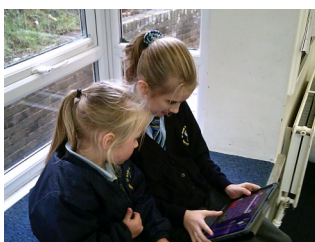
December:

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



A big thank you needs to be extended to our PTFA for all of the hard work they put in raising money for the children in our school.



The most recent items donated to the school through money raised by the PTFA (and being enjoyed/utilised by the children) are five ipads and some fantastic play equipment for outside.



So:



to all of the PTFA and the to the parents, friends and families who come and support the events!

St Mary's



Dates for your Diary

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.

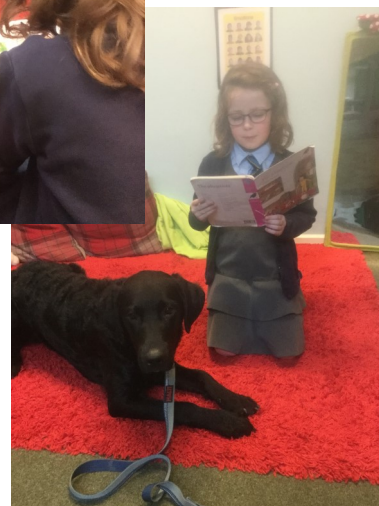
For all of the **clothing** you donate to this bank, additional funding is also gained by the school.

Co-op Local Community Fund - Hartfield school PTFA

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!

Benny

As well as walking this week, Benny has been encouraging the children to read.!



Parent Forum minutes – 9th December 2019

Maths focus – Mastery Approach to Maths and Multiplication (Times Tables) Test

Mastery Approach to teaching maths

The presentation slides are available as a download on the school website if you would like to look through these.

We are adapting our teaching methods for maths to ensure we are using the Concrete – Pictorial – Abstract (CPA) approach to help children experiment with resources to be able to visualise the calculations they are completing: *‘Children should hold maths in their hands before they can hold it in their heads’*

Year 4 Multiplication test

In June 2020, there is a statutory test for checking Year 4 children’s fluency for their times tables. The guidance from the government is due for an update but currently, these results won’t be published as the end of Key Stage assessments are – the results will be available to the school to share with parents.

The test

Computerised and contains 25 questions. The same question won’t be asked more than once and the focus is on 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x and 12x tables. The aim is to get children fluent and children will be given 6 seconds to answer the question

Resources

There are websites and apps available, which provide opportunities to practise times tables at home. The links to these are listed below and will be made available on the school website

All KS2 children have access to Times Table Rockstars on which they can practise all their tables on.

PurpleMash (which all children have a login for) have a simulator which gives the children to experience what the test will be like. This is used in classes, too.

CGP Key Stage Maths books are brilliant for practising maths at home.

The ‘How to be Good at Maths’ books by Carol Vorderman cover a wide range of maths.

Questions raised:

Homework

Should parents help with MyMaths homework?

MyMaths homework is set based on what the children have previously covered in class. It might have been a couple weeks since they worked on a topic and homework might be set as a reminder for consolidation. If children are finding it difficult, parents support is welcome

Are children in Year 3 and 4 working on different times tables, depending on their confidence?

Yes. The children will know which particular times tables they are working on and this will now be noted in their homework books for parents to support at home.

Can Times Table Rockstars be adapted so children are able to move levels more freely?

We are looking into this and will update you as soon as possible.

Newsletter

On the front of the newsletter, there will now be a ‘Top Tips’ section which will have reminders for forms that are due back, upcoming events and other key information for the following week. The whiteboard on the playground also has this key information.

Please note: class teachers are nearly always available before and after school on the playground for individual questions about homework or other specific concerns or questions. Please email the office if you have questions for the class teacher and they will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you for all of your support.

Term 3 Parent Forum agenda – Monday 20th January 9:00am

Reading focus (Miss Lewis), Policy and Website Updates.

Recommended Reads



Recommended Reads!

My name is.....

The book I am recommending is

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By

This book is suitable for age (please circle)

Under 4s 4-5 5-7 7-9 9-11 11+ everybody

I recommend this book because

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Please send your recommendations to the school office (using the above template if you would like).

We look forward to sharing your favourite reads!

Hartfield Live Nativity

Friday 13th December 2019
Starts 6pm on The Croft



Come along to Hartfield's very special and popular Live Nativity!

- Join the crowd following Mary and Joseph through the village knocking on doors trying to find room at the inn.
- There'll be angels, shepherds, wise men, camels, a real donkey and carols.
- The procession ends in the church in a beautiful and heart warming nativity scene with baby Jesus.
- Hot drinks and food in the church.

For more information and if your child would like to join in as an angel or shepherd contact Alison Berry 01892 770714, alisonberry28@yahoo.com

Everyone welcome – a lovely way to start Christmas!

St Mary's Church, Hartfield

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Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLEMAN'S HATCH

Join us this Christmas. Joint Service with St Mary's
Traditional Carols followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

www.colemanshatchchurch.org

Sunday 22nd December at 9.30am

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS PEACE AND PRAYER AT ST MARY'S HARTFIELD

Come and Join us for a quiet
reflective service for all ages

www.hartfieldchurch.org



Christmas at St Mary the Virgin Church

We look forward to seeing you there

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM

SCHOOL: St. Mary the Virgin C of E Primary School	
CHILDS NAME:	SCHOOL YEAR/CLASS:
Details:	
Email	
Home Tel No:	Mobile no:
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU ADVISE US OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET	

GYMNASTICS & MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Every Friday from 10th January – 27th March 2020

(there will be no session on Fri 28th Feb, but a replacement session will be held on Mon 2nd March instead)

3.20pm – 4.30pm

Cost: £48.00**

**Parents are welcome to pay in two instalments of £24.00 for the complete course (one dated immediately, the other post-dated for 14th February 2020)

Please return completed form and payment to the school office.

Cheques payable to: P DOLTON

BACS Transfers should be made to:

P Dolton, Barclays Bank, A/C 40331384 Sort Code 20-23-97

Please write child surname in reference box

Total Payment enclosed (please circle):	£
Cash	
Cheque	
BACS	

Signed	Print Name
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Tech Club

TOMORROW'S SKILLS, TODAY

JOIN US NOW!

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-  Ingenious Inventors
-  Creative Composers

NEW YEAR, NEW CONTENT!

We are kicking off the New Year with more awesome new activities unlike anything else. Our new lessons build knowledge, nurture their passion for technology and inspire them to shape the future.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE! DON'T MISS OUT!

Location: St Mary the Virgin School TN7
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 3:20pm-4:20pm
Start Date: 14th January 2020 - 11th Feb 2020

Fees: £50
Sessions: 5 weeks

www.nextthing.education/clubs <--- Click here

NEW CONTENT EVERY TERM!

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Albion in the
Community



St Mary the Virgin CEP School

Wednesdays 3:15 to 4:20

Key Stage 1 and Reception children.

Maximum of 12 in the session - first come, first served!

Commencing Wednesday 15th January until Wednesday 12th February.

To book, please contact school office - 01892 770221