



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 2 Week 7

Friday 20th December

End of Term Message

Please remember there is an INSET day on the 6th January 2020. All children should return to school on Tuesday 7th January, after the Christmas break.

Thank you for all your support this year and we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Attendance

Whole school: **97.31%**

Maple: 96.43% **Cherry:** 96.15%

Willow: 99.04% **Lilac:** 95.91%

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 Elouise who always does a brilliant job organising and tidying the school! Well done, Elouise!



Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 10th January**, at our Celebration Assembly at **9:30am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Joshua

Cherry: Chloe

Willow: Harry

Lilac: Darcy



Please come along if you are free!

Head Teacher's Award

Jacob: For progress in writing creatively - what a brilliant imagination!

Braxton: Fantastic progress in stamina when writing a very persuasive piece about an awesome mansion!

Ella: Amazing persuasive writing including all the success criteria and fantastic imagination!



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: 470 minutes **Cherry:** 390 minutes

Willow: 430 minutes **Lilac:** 565 minutes

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

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.

PALs (Progress and Learning) Assembly

"I am proud of my blending in Art" - Elouise

"I've made progress with my knowledge of the world and the continents" - Beau

"I've made progress with counting and I want to be able to count all the way up to 100!" - Joseph

"I learnt about habitats and I am proud of my bug hotel advert" - Nicco

"I've improved with my rounding of numbers. I learnt a rhyme to remember which way round the digits go" - Joe

"Before I learnt about the Tudors, I didn't know much about Henry VIII. Now I know loads!" - Amelia

"We have made progress with fractions and now we can even multiply them!" - Emilia and Bethan



Christingle

On Wednesday, our lovely friends from Open the Book spent the morning with us to create some amazing Christingles! The children had a great time choosing what sweets to use and where to place their cocktail sticks. They learnt about the symbolism and message behind their Christingles and said a prayer of thanks whilst Rosie, from Open the Book, lit one to show them. We hope you enjoy lighting yours over Christmas and having a moment of reflection during this busy time. Thank you to everyone who provided an orange and thanks to Open the Book for organising!





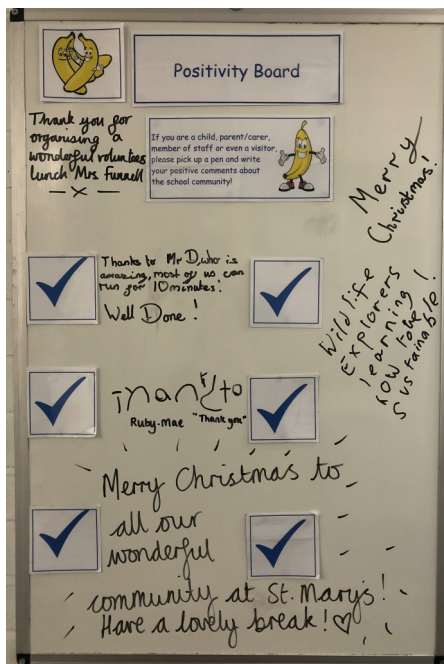
Free Books

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.



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.



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

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.



Congratulations

To Joshua, who has passed his next karate grading so is now a red belt! He is very pleased of his achievement as he should be - well done!



Wildlife Explorers

Our Eco-warriors have had an incredibly busy 4 weeks leading up to Christmas!

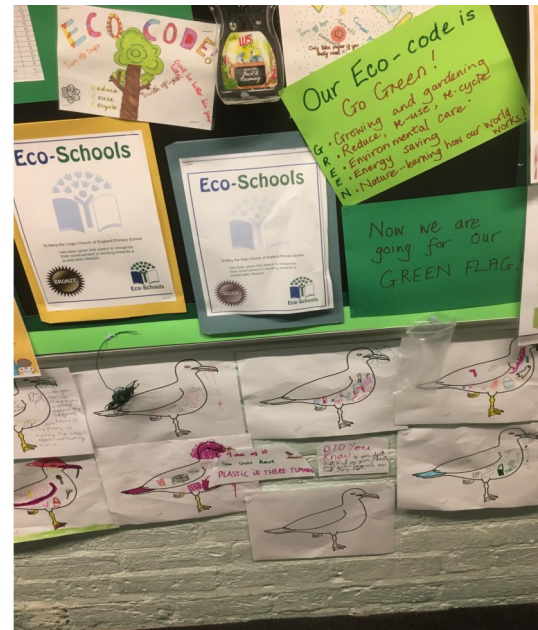
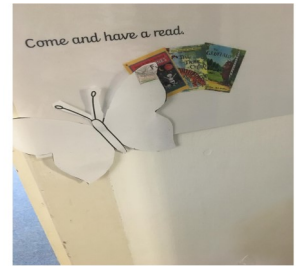
First, they watched a video about the dangers of plastic waste in our environment – especially single use plastics. The plastic waste is eaten by wildlife: it can tangle them up and tiny bits get right inside the bodies of living things. Having learned that seagulls can fill half their stomachs with plastic, our eco-warriors have drawn pictures of the results.

Next, the club members went round labelling switches with “Switch off” labels and taps with “Turn off” notices. Do look out for them and our members think maybe it will remind everyone not to waste energy at home!

After that, we learnt how wildlife use camouflage as protection. Our members painted butterflies with colours to disguise them when put around school. We are pretty sure no one has yet found all 20 yet!

Our last club challenge was an A to Z hunt – everyone was given a sheet with the alphabet on and had to search all over to find the names of living thing for each and every letter.

Our explorers ask everyone to be careful with waste at Christmas. Please reduce using plastics (especially glitter which gets into the air and soil), recycle your Christmas tree chopped into brown bins or at recycling sites.



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

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Dates for your diary

All dates are available on school website, but please see below for Term 3

January:

6th January: INSET Day
7th January: First day of Term 3
7th January: Willow Class Swimming
13th January: Red Butler Music Lessons start
13th January: Yoga club starts
14th January: Tech Club starts
14th January: Willow Class Swimming
15th January: Football club starts for Maple & Cherry
16th January: Maple Class Forest School
20th January: Parent Forum - Reading input and website updates
21st January: Willow Class Swimming
23rd January: Whole School Gymnastics Workshops
23rd January: Cherry Class Forest School
28th January: Willow Class Swimming
30th January: Willow Class Forest School

February

4th February: Willow Class Swimming
6th February: Lilac Class Forest School
11th February: Willow Class Swimming
12th February: International Day
14th February: Last day of Term 3 - break up for Half Term.

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!

Well Being Poster

This week's poster gives you 10 top tips for dealing with stress.

10 PRACTICAL TIPS FOR DEALING WITH STRESS

@BELIEVEPHQ

01 ASK FOR HELP

Speak to someone about your struggles (Doctor, GP, Mental health charity)

02 EXERCISE REGULARLY

Exercise is a great tool which can help to reduce anxiety, depression and stress

03 PROBLEM SOLVE

Challenge any negative thoughts that you experience by using effective problem solving techniques

04 PRACTICE BREATHING

Learn a range of different breathing techniques. Try deep breathing or progressive muscle relaxation

05 EAT PROPERLY

Manage your energy levels and make sure you are eating the right food and staying hydrated

06 SLEEP WELL

Aim for 7-8 hours sleep each night. Make sure you create a relaxing environment

07 STRESS LOG

Identify and write down the things that are making you stressed and learn how to manage them effectively

08 BE AWARE

Monitor and be aware of your stress levels. Understand how you react to stress

09 ORGANISE AND PLAN

Plan your time effectively. Set realistic goals and organise your time to make things easier

10 HAVE FUN

Go out and enjoy yourself. Spend some time where you can focus on yourself and have fun

Recommended Reads!

My name is.....

The book I am recommending is

By

This book is suitable for age (please circle)

Under 4s 4-5 6-7 8-9 10-11 12+ everybody

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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

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-  Curious Coders
-  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