



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 3 Week 4

Friday 31st January

Attendance

Whole school: **95.00%**

Maple: **95.71%** **Cherry: 97.69%**

Willow: **93.85%** Lilac: **93.05%**

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

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



Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 7th February 2020**, at our Celebration Assembly at **9:30am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Joseph **Cherry:** Harley

Willow: Evelyn **Lilac:** Lucas

Please come along if you are free!



Top Tips for next Week!

- Year 6 - please return your Leavers' Hoodie sheet - we would like to put in the order asap.
- Menu Change 12th February - attached.
- Letters home this week - whole school - International Day; Willow Class - Teaching arrangements
- New after school club from term 4 - Forest School - details in Newsletter
- Hartfield Beavers are recruiting!
- Church Street Community Café 2:30-4:30 on Thursday.

British Citizen Award

This week's British Citizen award goes to **Ashleigh** for being really kind and helpful. Ashleigh is always a listening ear to her friends and helps them wherever she can. Well done, Ashleigh!



Sports Award

Mr D has nominated three Sports Stars for this week:

Dexter: for excellent rolling during gymnastics, along with great listening and explanations!

Rory: for excellent balancing - demonstrating good balance; flexibility and control!

Archie: for great all round gymnastic display - especially when climbing!



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: 725 minutes Cherry: 708 minutes

Willow: 1048 minutes **Lilac: 1457 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.

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.

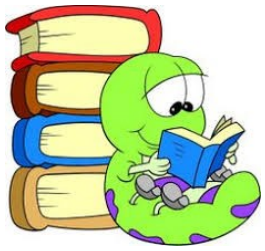
We would like to know the following information:

- 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 it 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!



Recommended Reads!

My name is Ahlia

The book I am recommending is called The Beast of bucking ~~ham~~ palace.

By David ~~unlabeled~~ and Tony Ross

This book is suitable for age (please circle)

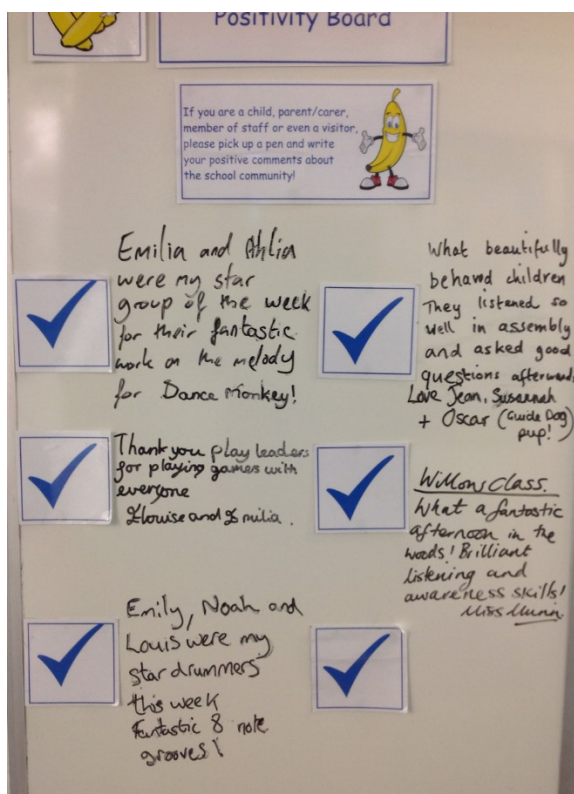
Under 4s 4-5 6-7 8-9 10-11 12+ everybody (8+)

I recommend this book because

It's really funny there are some bad bits in it but it's really ~~not~~ enjoyable and there's a happy ending!

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.



Well Being Poster

This week's poster gives 10 lessons we can learn from our mistakes.



New After School Club

Forest School:

On Tuesdays, from February 25th - March 31st, Miss Munn will be running an exciting new Forest School Club.

Children will start the club from school at 3:15pm, with collection at 5pm from Hodore Farm Forest School site.

The club will cost £10 per session and for booking information please contact:

sawpitwoods@gmail.com

Thank you.

Congratulations

...to Emily who passed her Taekwondo grading this week and is now moving up to her yellow belt.

Well done, Emily!



Dates for your diary

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

February

- 4th - Willow Swimming
- 6th - Lilac Forest School
- 6th - Church Street Community Café 2:30-4:30
- 11th - Willow Swimming
- 11th - Lilac - RSE Parents' Meeting
- 12th - International Day
- 12th - International Day change of Menu - see attached information.
- 12th - 2:45pm - International Day Assembly - to share our learning with parents
- 13th - Lilac Bake Sale
- 14th - Lilac Bake Sale
- 14th - Last Day of Term 3

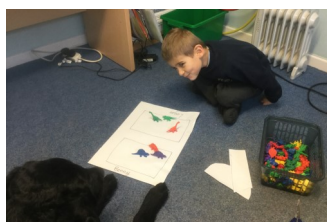
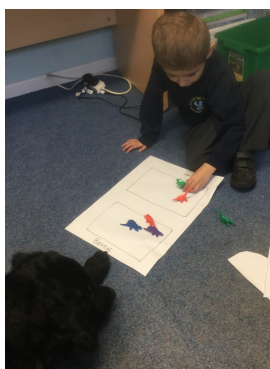


Benny

Another busy week for Benny who has been helping in maths and going out for walks.

After maths, Logan said: *"I gave some to Benny and some for Logan. We split them in half!"*

Whilst Chloe, who went out to walk, said: *"We walked Benny in the field. We threw some sticks; he was very fast!"*



St Mary's



Dates for your Diary

- 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

Hartfield School PTFA have been chosen to be one of Co-op's local community Fund recipients for the next year until 24th October 2020

Any money received will be spent on new PE equipment.

Co-op members can choose us as their local cause and every time a member buys their own brand products 1% of the value will be donated to local causes, along with all money from the sales of single use shopping bags.

Our nearest co-op stores are in Forest Row or Lingfield and you can sign up for co-op membership at www.membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration

Once you are a member, you can then select Hartfield School PTFA as your local cause.

Please spread the word and encourage your family and friends to support us too.

The co-op logo, and banners, can be found at: www.causes.coop.co.uk/promotional-guide#downloads

Cherry Class Forest School Thursday 23rd January

The day was warmer than we expected as we set off on another way to the woods, because last week it was incredibly mud-



dy. We looked at a map which showed us what wild animals we might see and at some of the other features of the map.

We talked about animal tracks and the children all had a sheet to help them identify and spot different wild animals' tracks along our route. The children used stencils to create the tracks of badgers, deer and foxes.



We took a different route along the 'badger track' and found lots of evidence of them digging in the earth for food such as worms and saw lots of holes which were the entrances to the badger setts in the side of the bank.



The children showed the IMPACT of Forest School with their scientific questioning. They learned that iron in the soil and rocks turns the water orange. They then asked why some water was orange and some was clear, and used their knowledge to answer their own questions.

Once in the woods, the children showed the IMPACT of Forest School by exploring the fallen oak tree. They used their increased confidence in climbing to explore the tree from all sides and enjoyed the view of the woods from a higher viewpoint.

It was brilliant to see just how much learning can come out of a fallen tree and the children's questions, ideas and imagination.

We played woodland whispers at the end of the session and managed to be silent enough when passing on our whisper to hear the birds singing whilst we listened. The children shared what they had enjoyed and learnt: "I liked climbing on the ropes"; "I liked playing shops in the woods"; "I loved exploring the fallen tree"; "I liked talking about iron and elements"; "I liked using the flour to make animal prints";

"I liked EVERYTHING!"



Thanks again for our brilliant volunteers who support, listen, question, engage and encourage the children with all of their Forest School experience.



Wildlife Explorers

St Marys' Wildlife Explorers have spread our wings into the wonderful world of birds again. We stuck our beaks out, used our eagle-eyes and went spotting in the RSPB Schools Big Birdwatch 2020.

Last week, we practised with binoculars to get ready and learnt about the two focus knobs. Then we checked bird shape and colours and coloured in our own favourite.

Red Status					
	1				
Amber Status					
Green Status					
	2	1	1	6	1
	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	

Other Observed Birds: 1 collared Dove
over our year we have seen foxes, badgers, frogs, toads, slowworms, fallow deer and so on

This Wednesday, we completed our School's Big Birdwatch. It was a great birdwatching opportunity, and it helps our scientists to figure out what is healthy or damaged in the countryside environment too!

We saw an acrobatic great tit and a charismatic robin, plus noisy Jackdaws. Just then a Buzzard flew over school! We don't think many schools will have seen one of those!

It was brilliant for 16 of us watching and we are proud to have been awarded a Certificate for St. Mary's School.

We have attached our results.



Artytime

Last week in Artytime, we experimented with chalk and charcoal and the effects of light and dark in our pictures; drawing freehand and with stencils.

Inspired by last week's scrap modelling (for example an amazing rollercoaster!) the children also made some brilliant creations out of junk materials from the Artytime Scrapstore in Crowborough.

Sculptures included the elements; a basketball and hoop; a crocodile; a Sylvanian Families car and some amazing machines! What a creative bunch St Mary's are!



12th February 2020

St Mary the Virgin Australia Day Menu

"BBQ Chook" Chicken Burger

Quorn "Snag" Hot Dog (v)

both served with Cajun Potato Wedges

or

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v) or Cheese (v)



Served with
**Baked Beans
Sweetcorn**



Followed by

Oatie "Anzac" Biscuit

or

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

KS1 Free
KS2 £2.05




Chartwells





St Mary the Virgin Church

Church Street Café

Church Street Community Café has now been launched! We would love to see you either before or after pick up. There are activities for the children, lots of cake and a healthy eating bowl.

Come and catch up with friends and enjoy being part of the Hartfield Community. All donations are being split between the upkeep of St Mary's and local charities. Our main aim is to bring all ages of our community together. Thank you to those of you who have already supported us. Please find below information with all the dates up until August. Hope to see you soon. Reverend Julie



We look forward to seeing you there.

New After School Club Opportunity



Weekly
after
School
Club

Forest School

Tuesdays 3.15pm-5pm

Sawpit Woods
Hartfield

info and booking
www.sawpitwoods.co.uk
sawpitwoods@gmail.com

The poster features several images: a person's hands working with sticks, a small campsite in a forest, a close-up of a stick being cut, and a tree face sculpture made of leaves and twigs. Social media icons for Instagram and Facebook are also present.

Hartfield Beavers



BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

For fun, friendship and
activities that get you thinking
as well as doing.

1st Hartfield Beavers have spaces
available if you have a child between the
age of 6 – 8 years olds

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Enquiries please contact:

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The poster features a cartoon illustration of four beaver characters in blue uniforms, one holding a paper airplane. The background is light blue with a subtle pattern.

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