



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 3 Week 5

Friday 7th February

Attendance

Whole school: week: **96.41%** year: **96.94%**

Maple: 97.14% Cherry: **96.92%**

Willow: 95.00% Lilac: **96.92%**

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

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



Top Tips for next Week!

- Menu Change 12th February - attached.
- 10th/12th get your school disco tickets.
- 13th/14th February - Lilac Bake Sale
- Letters home this week - whole school -
Cherry Class - teaching arrangements.

Head Teacher Award

An award has been given this week to Henry who has made fabulous progress in sentence writing and use of conjunctions.

Well done, Henry!



Sports Award

Hope: for excellent all round performance in both 10 minute challenge and gymnastics!

Will: for great teddy bear roll explanation and demonstration; plus fabulous paired work!

Joseph: for excellent running and dismounts during gymnastics, especially his star jumps!

Hugo: who had a great introduction to hockey, demonstrating good hand eye coordination and ball dribbling skills!



Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 14th February 2020**, at our Celebration Assembly at **9:30am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Lukas

Cherry: Will

Willow: Oliver

Lilac: Roma

Please come along if you are free!



British Citizen Award

This week's British Citizen award goes to **Noah** for being incredibly kind to his friends and helping them if they are stuck.

Well done, Noah!



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: 745 minutes **Cherry:** 1041 minutes

Willow: 853 minutes **Lilac: 1553 minutes**

Well done, Lilac!

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' Science afternoon!

On Wednesday 5th February, Willow Class had a really exciting afternoon making torches as a way of applying all the knowledge they have gained this term about electricity. After an initial discussion about whether torches gave renewable or



non-renewable energy; a recap on what all the parts in a circuit were called and what conductors and insulators are, Willow were joined by Mr Martin-Lawrence who had kindly prepared a lot of resources for them to make the torch making a fairly simple process. We were also joined by 10 other willing parents who helped the children create amazing torches! Once the children had assembled the circuits and screwed all the parts into place, the joy on their faces when they flicked them on was fantastic to see! They then decorated them with their own creative flair and proudly showed them off to one another. What a fantastic afternoon to share in all the learning that the children have done this

term and some amazing design work from Willow Class!

A huge thank you to all the parents who came in to help - we could not have done it without you! A special thank you to Mr Martin-Lawrence (and Thomas!) who prepared a lot of the parts beforehand and were the resident experts for the afternoon.



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.

Weekly after School Club

Forest School

Tuesdays 3.15pm-5pm

Sawpit Woods Hartfield

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

Chestnut Tree House

It was great to have Georgie from Chestnut Tree House visit us on Tuesday to talk about the amazing work that the charity do for young children and their families. She spoke to us about the fantastic activities and experiences the children have access to - from a sensory room, to a woodland tree walk and even swimming! Another reason Georgie came to visit was to award four girls in Lilac Class - Francesca, Elouise, Daisy and Ashleigh - with a certificate as a way to say thank you for the money they raised for the charity. I know the girls already have some more fundraising ideas up their sleeves, so watch this space!



Guide Dog Assembly

On Tuesday 28th January, we were visited by Jean and her friend Susannah, both of whom train guide dog puppies until they are around 14 months old. This assembly linked in with our Collective Worship theme of Justice, as we have been learning about those whom Jesus healed from blindness. Susannah brought in her puppy in training, Oscar, who proudly showed off some of the amazing things he already knew. He showed us how to find an empty seat, walk nicely on a lead and sit and wait. Jean and Susannah explained to the children all the different commands they teach the puppies and what happens to them once they leave their homes and go into advanced training. Jean and Susannah also explained to the children how important it is to never disturb a working guide dog (or a puppy in training) when they are out as one of the most important things a dog has to learn is to ignore distractions.

After the assembly, Jean, Susannah and Oscar went up on to the playground to chat to the children and answer some questions. Oscar enjoyed getting some fuss from some of the children!

Thank you, Jean and Susannah, and we look forward to hearing how the puppies get on in their training!



New Playground games!

This week, Mr Procter introduced St Mary's to the various new games that will be out on the playground from this week. The Play Leaders will be running the games, which include target and aiming games; road safety and positional skills games; and giant checkers! These will go alongside the giant Connect-4 and

Junk-Music kit, which have both proved to be very popular already.



A huge thank you to the PTFA for purchasing this new equipment – they enable all of the children to learn new games and build upon their social skills by playing with others. They also help our Play Leaders improve their leadership and inclusivity skills; we look forward to seeing them in action!

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:

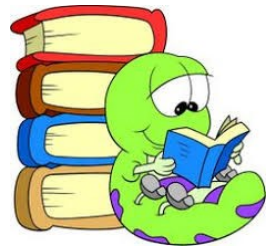
- the name of the book
- the author (and illustrator if applicable)
- recommended age group
- why you recommend the book

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.....Isla.....

The book I am recommending is

Reading Skills
A horse book and it speaks about
ponies as well

By.....Gaby Goldsack.....

This book is suitable for age (please circle)

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

I recommend this book because

I like it and it teaches me all
about ponies and horses.

Willow Class Forest School Thursday 30th January 2020

The children are learning about Maps as part of their Geography curriculum this term. They all had a look at maps of the village before we left. We looked at features of a map, the key, roads, a church, bridges, footpaths, bridleways, rivers and woodlands. The Impact of their knowledge of maps they had was evident on our walk to the woods.



Using a compass and the map, the class worked out our first direction to take was West, under 2 bridges.

We looked at badgers sets along the way and learned how to identify signs that badgers were living in setts below the track we took.

“Where we walked was like walking on the roof of a whole badger city!”

We talked about how to use a compass and magnetism in the centre of the earth. They used their scientific enquiry skills by looking at the ditches and puddles along the old railway line and learned that iron in the soil colours the water orange.

Once in the woods the children all created their own compass bearing maps out of sticks and other found resources. They worked in pairs or small groups, making their own creative decisions about how to note North, East, South, West and shared their mnemonics on how to remember it.

Some groups went on to add features to their maps, like trees and the fire circle in the woods.

Willow Class call the bridge we cross “The noisy bridge”, as they can tap and stamp on it to make rhythms. They had a go at learning the song “Three little birds” and tapped sticks along to the rhythm of the song.

After making their own maps, Willow class all showed the impact of the skills of working with natural resources to create new things. They set off into different spaces in the woods, climbing the fallen tree, the slack line, playing in the dens they had made and making up their own imaginary play stories in groups.



The impact of Forest School can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games. This week they played ‘1,2,3,change tree’ and had great fun in the process! We ended the session, by being so quiet we could hear a great tit call and have a go at repeating it’s sound. The children successfully passed a woodland whisper along the whole class line and were great at sharing what they had enjoyed during the session.

“ I loved the game 1,2,3,change tree”; “I loved playing with my friends in the dens”; “ I liked the walk and talking to people along the way”; “ I liked climbing on the fallen Oak tree...it was like my castle”;“ I loved the slack line, it was more of a challenge to go around and in the trees”.

Artytime

Last week in Artytime the children made their own 'splodge backgrounds,' by drawing with felt tip pens onto recycled clear plastic, dripping water on top, and pressing it on to watercolour paper. Once dry, the children experimented further with more water, pens or text, with some truly impressive results. Why not try it at home (but have your surfaces covered and some paper towels handy to wipe up the inky drips!)

Children also did their own amazing drawings and made some more fantastic scrap models, including an excellent 'Go Ape' zip wire complete with climbing net and safety mat!



St Mary's School Disco

School disco is happening on Friday 28th Feb 3.30-5.30pm. Tickets will be available to purchase on Monday 10th and Weds 12th Feb after school and again on Monday 24th and Weds 26th Feb.

Ticket price is £4 in advance or £4.50 on the door; this includes a hotdog, unlimited squash and a glow band!

Please note all children must be accompanied by a nominated adult.



Dates for your diary

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

February

11th - Willow Swimming

11th - Lilac - RSE Parents' Meeting

12th - International Day, including change of menu - please 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



St Mary the Virgin Church

Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday 26th February at 9:20 am there will be an Ash Wednesday Service at Church.



The children will be reminded of the start of Lent and all it stands for, by receiving the sign of the cross on their foreheads in ash. Parents are encouraged to attend the service, feel free to join in if you wish.

Come along if you can; we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

St Mary's



Dates for your Diary

13th/14th February - Lilac Bake sale

28th February - School Disco 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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

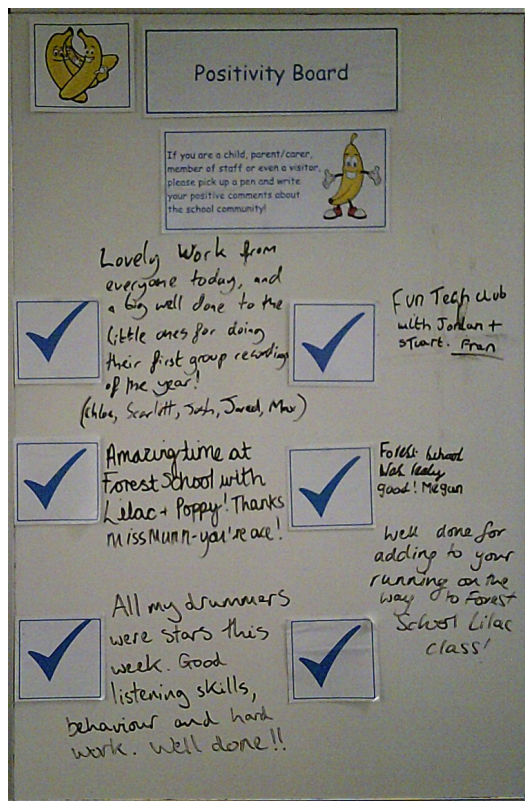
Once you are a member, you can then select Hartfield School PTFA as your local cause.

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

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 practical tips for dealing with stress!



Benny

This week, Benny has enjoyed being out in the lovely sunshine and those who have been with him have enjoyed the fun and fresh air too. Beau said, 'That was fun and I would like to do it again!' Noah observed that, 'Benny is a really good dog'; while Lucas decided that, 'Benny is a curious cat, always investigating things!'



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 Cafe will be meeting in half term. Thank you to all of you who have supported the café and enjoyed coffee and home made cakes. It has been so lovely to see all ages enjoying time together.

The cafe will be open on Thursday 20th February during half term. 2.30pm too 4.30pm. Everyone welcome. We are aiming to set up some board games and crafts for the children. Hope to see you there. Rev Julie



We look forward to seeing you there.