



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 3 Week 6

Friday 14th February

Attendance

Whole school: week: **96.96%** year: **96.94%**

Maple: 98.57% Cherry: **96.92%**

Willow: **94.23%** Lilac: **97.31%**

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

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



Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 28th February 2020**, at our Celebration Assembly at **9:30am**, the following children will celebrate their achievements:

Maple: Logan

Cherry: Amelia

Willow: Coco

Lilac: Harvey

Please come along if you are free!



Top Tips for next Week: more details inside!

- Church Street Community Café 2:30 - 4:30pm on **Thursday 20th February** (half term week)
- Ash Wednesday Service **26th February**
- School disco, **Friday 28th February**
- **From next term**, adapted Menu Plan
- **After School Clubs**, with exception of Yoga and Mr D, start back first week of new term.
- **Coronavirus**, Public Health updates
- **Letters home this week:** Cherry Trip; Impetigo; School Disco; London Eye; Updated Menu Plan; World Book Day

British Citizen Award

This week's British Citizen award goes to **Immy** for always being a real delight around the school and being a great friend!

Well done, Immy!



Sports Award

Mr D's Sports Stars of the week:

Iris: for excellent control and technique whilst dismounting in gymnastics!

Charlie: for much improved technique demonstrated during hockey!

Aidan: for great focus and concentration whilst performing dismounts in gymnastics!

Jacob: for excellent stick-work demonstrated during Hockey!



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: 685 minutes Cherry: 658 minutes

Willow: 823 minutes **Lilac: 1483 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.

AUSTRALIA

This week, St Mary's paused to explore the wonderful continent of Australia! We started the morning by looking at where Australia is situated in the world; its many beautiful landmarks and tourist attractions; some famous faces that we might recognise from the big screen and finally some of its local heroes that have blown people away with their courage and steadfastness towards the bush fires.

We then split into our classes and began carousel of activities throughout the school. In Willow, we were looking at some traditional Australian treats, such as Lamingtons and Fairy bread. The children



had a go at decorating biscuits, using fruit, to represent the Australian flag and tasted Vegemite – this definitely had mixed reviews! In Lilac, we were learning all about Saint Mary MacKillop, who was the first Australian saint, and her impact on people's lives. She is still celebrated in Australia today and she is said to have performed two



miracles! As well as this, we tried our hands at Aboriginal Art, using paints. It



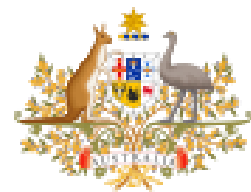
was really interesting and therapeutic designing and creating patterns! Lastly, we explored some Australian traditions. We started by looking at boomerangs (thank you Rory, Kishi & Kaya for bringing these in to share with us!) and then learnt a traditional Indigenous game called 'Boogalah' – this proved to be very popular, if somewhat competitive.....

We created actions for a song called 'Kookaburra' and everyone came together at the end of the day to perform this to parents in an assembly.

We had an amazing day – it was so interesting to learn about a different part of the world and share in their culture!



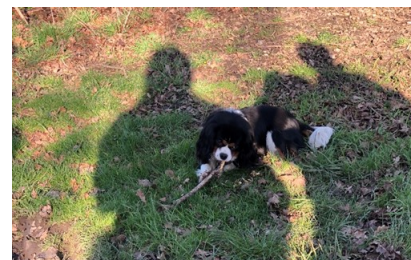
IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: International Day has allowed pupils to have a broad enhancement of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Each pupil came away from the day having learnt or experienced something new. Days like this allow us as a school to promote equality and diversity and, as a result, pupils understand, appreciate and respect difference in the world and its people, celebrating the things we share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities.



Lilac Class Forest School Thursday 6th February 2020

After the wet and cold weather we have been so used to, it was gorgeous in the sunshine today.

Miss Banks brought her dog Poppy this week who enjoyed playing with sticks as much as the children. Many of the class added to their 10 minute school running challenge by running stretches of the railway line on the way to the woods.



The impact of Forest School can be seen through their observations of their environment. This week we walked along a badger path and looked at evidence of them looking for food and at the entrance holes of their sets.

In preparation for their topic next term 'survival', the whole class learned some knots. They will hopefully use these skills to make shelters with next term.

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience. Today they learned how to tie a 'clove hitch'. They had a go at teaching and supporting each other with the steps involved.

They started with making a joined up 'ee' digraph out of string. They then put the right loop behind the left loop and put it around the stick they had collected.



The children then learned how to square lash their stick to another one and how to tie it off at the end.

Some children carried on exploring knot tying and practised and developed their new skills.

Some went and explored the fallen tree and decided it would make a great adventure playground, with a trampoline, balance beam and slide. A group of children fetched digging tools and explored what animals they could find below the surface of the woodland floor.

The children played some stealth games which they had learned previously and made up imaginative role play stories. There was time for some more physical challenge with the slack line.

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.



Dates for your diary

All dates are available on school website, but please see below for Term 4

February

14th: Last Day of Term 3
20th: Church Street Community Café
24th: First day of Term 4
24th: Year 6 After School SATs Club
25th: Menu change - Pancakes for Dessert!
25th: Willow Swimming
25th: Lilac RSE Session 1
26th: Ash Wednesday Service at Church
27th: Maple, Forest School
28th: PTFA Disco (no Mr D Club)

March

2nd: Year 6 After School SATs Club
2nd: Mr D Club (moved from 28/02)
3rd: Willow Swimming
3rd: Lilac RSE Session 2
5th: World Book Day including Change of Menu
5th: Cherry, Forest School
5th: Church Street Community Café
9th: Year 6 After School SATs Club
10th: Willow Swimming
10th: Lilac RSE Session 3
10th: Parent Consultations, 3:30pm
12th: Parent Consultation, 3:30pm
16th: Year 6 After School SATs Club
17th: Lilac Forest School (all day)
17th: Willow Swimming
18th: Lilac RSE Session 4 (note change of day)
18th: Lilac local area study (Hartfield), pm
19th: Willow, Forest School
19th: Church Street Community Café
23rd: Year 6 After School SATs Club
24th: Willow Swimming
24th: Lilac RSE Session 5
25th: Full Governors Board Meeting, East Hoathly
26th: Lilac, Forest School
30th: Year 6 After School SATs Club
31st: Willow Swimming

April

2nd: Cherry Bake Sale
2nd: Church Street Community Café
3rd: Easter Service, 2:30pm at Church
3rd: Cherry Bake Sale
3rd: Last Day, Term 4

St Mary's



Dates for your Diary

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

PTFA Supermarket Fundraising

Edenbridge Waitrose has now finished and raised £228

Forest Row and Crowborough Tesco - please continue to put your blue tokens in our slot **(both run until the end of March)**

Well Being Poster

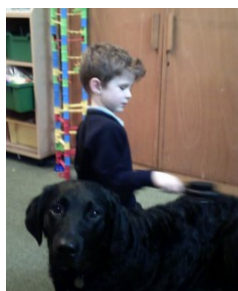
This week's poster gives 9 reasons why men should not be afraid to talk about their Mental Health



Benny

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Benny has worked with all 4 classes this week, and he even got a brush! Nicco said: 'It was brilliant brushing Benny but he kept trying to eat the brush! He looks like good, school dog now!' While Emily observed, 'I really like reading with Benny, it makes me very happy!'



ParentPay

From an administration perspective, ParentPay is 'up-to-date'; please log on to address any outstanding payments.

If you have queries regarding balances on ParentPay going forward, we need to address these in the term they arise.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

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 and to join in if you wish.

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

Coronavirus: please see two posters sent by the public health agency further in Newsletter.

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We (the government) recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

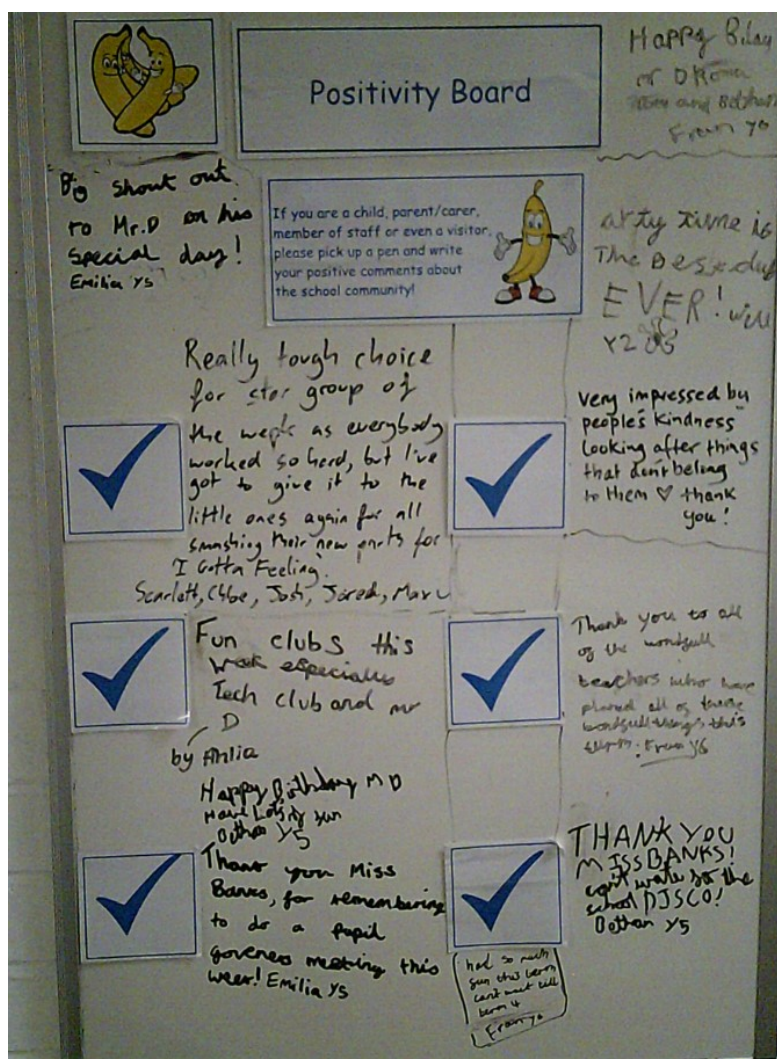


Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.



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.



For Information



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

[Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)



Public Health
Agency

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

**Stay indoors and contact
0300 200 7885 for advice**

If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...

**Stay indoors and contact
0300 200 7885 for advice
even if you do not have symptoms**



Visit NHS.UK for more information

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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:

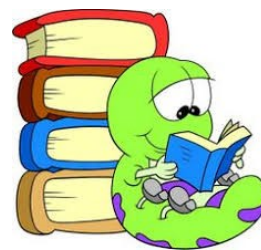
- the name of the book
- the author (and illustrator if applicable)
- recommended age group
- why you recommend the book

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.....

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

I recommend this book because



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.

Shrove Tuesday: change to dessert

**What's your
Favourite Filling?**



25/02/20

**KS1 - Free
KS2 - £ 2.05**

Pancake Day

Choose a Main Meal...

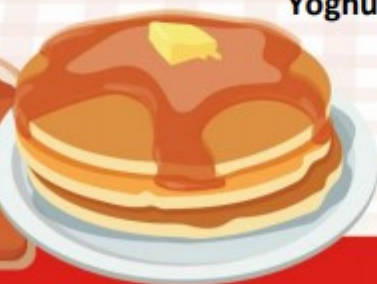
**Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potato
or
Chinese Veggie Noodles (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v) or Cheese (v)**

On the Side...

**Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn
Fresh Broccoli**

For Dessert...

**Pancake with Chocolate Sauce and
Vanilla Ice Cream
or
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit**



Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE



ST MARY'S SCHOOL DISCO

Date

Friday 28th February
3.30-5.30pm

Tickets

£4.00 in advance –
buy tickets in the
playground after
school week
commencing
10th February.
OR £4.50 on the door.

- Price includes a hotdog and UNLIMITED squash!
- Bar for adults - including prosecco!
- Dance competition with prize for the winner!
- Bring some cash - sweets and ice lollies to buy!
- Free **GLOWBAND!**

Children must be accompanied by a nominated adult



East Sussex Parent Carer Forum

We are the new East Sussex parent carer forum set up in November 2019 to make sure that the views and experiences of all parents and carers are placed at the heart of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) decision-making in East Sussex.

The interim committee, with the support of Amaze, has been working hard to make sure we are ready to invite you to join us. Our vision is to create a truly representative forum to share and represent all SEND parent carer and children and young person's views. Please be reassured that anything you raise with The Forum, positive or negative, will be represented effectively and anonymously.

Get Involved: There are different ways you can help to make sure parent carers are listened to; through participating in local support groups who are members of the forum, contacting The Forum to share your opinions or by becoming a parent carer representative.

We would love to hear from anyone who wants to become a representative or be involved. Whatever your skills – everybody has something valuable to offer. Training for parent representatives is being organised and representatives are remunerated for their time and travel expenses. If you're interested, please email us:

info@espcf.org.uk

Join Us: We welcome members with a child or young person aged from 0 to 25 years with a special educational need or disability. If you haven't joined us yet please [visit our website](#) where our electronic membership form is now available on screen.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you that have already joined and shared such valuable insights with us - your views directly influence our work. Working together is key as without parent carers sharing their views and experiences the forum cannot be truly representative. Our core mission is to work with East Sussex County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups (the NHS) and parents and carers to build an effective and transparent forum that reflects a genuine flow of communication with its membership. The Forum is committed to sharing your experiences with the relevant service providers and influencing positive outcomes for all of our children and young people with SEND.

Latest News: The Forum [website](#) has now been launched along with our [Facebook page](#) so do take a few minutes to have a look and offer any feedback. Please also give them a like and share the information with other parent carers you know in East Sussex.

What we've been up to: Attending a wide range of key strategic meetings ensuring parent carers' views are considered, for example, the SEND Strategy and Governance Group, Autism Pathway Review and Implementation Group and Post-16 Supported Employment Forum.

Helping design resources to make them informative and accessible to families, e.g. the autism clinic leaflet.

Working on live issues such as PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) to make the case for services better meeting our needs - more news on this soon.

We're already starting to have impact, but we need your help and input to do more. There are many areas and meetings where we can put forward East Sussex Parent Carer Forum reps – get in touch if you want to help to grow our influence.

Upcoming Events:

February 2020

Council for Disabled Children Key stakeholder event

East Sussex Parent Carer Forum Training

March 2020

CITES secondary school stakeholder event

3 focus groups to inform the content of the Local Offer

[Find out more on our web site](#)

For Information

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

TERRIFIC TALES

Friday 21 February 2020
10am – 3pm
(Last Entry 2.30pm)

© Design and Make Creative Crafts
© Cathedral **Terrific Tales** Trail

Family Activities - A fun filled day at Chichester Cathedral

No need to book just drop in - £2.50 per child.
Ages 3 – 11 years - accompanied by an adult.

NEXT FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Friday 17 April 2020

For further details contact Luna on 01243 812998
or email luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

For Information

Bright Buoy Presents

BLUE PLANET 3

"Take the kids, take the parents, you will all have a laugh"

The Scotsman

BRIGHTON FRINGE. Sell Out Show 2017

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3pm Saturday 29th February 2020, Hartfield Village Hall

A tale of two idiots making another series of David Attenborough's programme Blue Planet. Environmental issues, imagination, bucket loads of silliness and ridiculous low-fi props. Superb reviews.

Tickets Adults £8, Under 16s £6.50, Under 5s Free

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