









Welcome to St Mary's School Maple Class!

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Our School Vision





Working in Partnership

The Pioneer Federation Schools:

Chiddingly School

East Hoathly CEP School

St Mary the Virgin School, CEP School

From September 2020 – Park Mead Primary School will be working in a soft partnership with the Pioneer Federation.



Key Staff



Executive Head: **Mr James Procter** Head of School: **Miss Becca Hare**

Reception Teachers:

Mrs Boldero (Mon-Wed)



Miss Munn (Thurs-Fri)



Reception Teaching Assistant:

Miss Bews (Mon-Fri)



St Mary's Office: Mrs Annette Funnel

Transition Dates

Our aim is always to ensure that the children have a successful and smooth transition to school. This year our induction process will be slightly different due to the current situation. We continue to follow the Government advice and will keep you updated with the transition dates as and when we can. Rest assured we will ensure that the children have some shorter settling sessions before starting full time.

The Reception Team will be contacting all pre-school and nursery settings attended by the children. In place of our usual visit, we will be telephoning your child's Key Workers and ensuring that we receive up to date information on their abilities, strengths and any other important information.

Home visits will not be able to take place

Starting School

To get us used to 'Big School', we stay for mornings only for the first few days

- •Monday 7th Sept—stay & play: 8.40-10.15am
- •Tuesday 8th Sept and Wednesday 9th Sept—stay and play: 8.40am-12pm (no lunch)
- •Thursday 10th and Friday 11th Sept —stay and play: 8.40am-1pm (with lunch and afternoon play)
- •Week beginning Monday 14th September in full time- 8.40-3.15pm
- •Each child is an individual and if we feel we need to adapt this transition period, to fully support the children, we will discuss it with you during the first few days and weeks.

Maple classroom and St Mary's School

- https://hartfieldschool.co.uk/virtual-tour-by-pupil-ambassadors/
- There is a tour of the school on the school website, made by our school ambassadors.

The classroom



Our book corner



Our outside area



The Book bag

- We recommend that all children have their own school book bag or rucksack. This is for:
- Keeping school reading books safe as they are shared at home
- Sending home letters from school
- Bringing in home learning
- Transporting party invitations!
- Book bags are kept together in a box in the classroom so that they can be used when adults hear the children read

What else your child needs for school:

A book bag or Rucksack to
comfortably fit an A4 folder
A water bottle
A healthy snack- eg- crackers or fruit
Change of clothes
Hat for summer/ warmth
Hat and gloves for cold



Uniform

- School sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper with the school logo
- Blue polo shirt with school logo or blue shirt with a school tie (elasticated ties are available)
- Winter- Grey trousers, shorts or grey skirt/grey pinafore dress (knee-length)
- Summer- Grey shorts or blue and white striped (or checked) dress
- Plain socks or tights in school uniform colours.
- Black shoes.
- https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/st-mary-the-virgin-ce-primary-school.html

P.E. Kit in a bag

- Navy school PE T-shirt, black shorts
- Trainers
- Optional jogging bottoms (blue or black)
- Hair tied back plain bands (No earrings)



Remember to put your child's name in EVERYTHING!



Things you can do to support your child

- Talk to your child about the best bits of their day
- Give them time to practise being independent in getting their clothes on and off every day
- Give them time to practise doing up and undoing buttons
- Make sure their shoes and PE trainers give them independence- velcro is great! And let them practise getting their shoes on and off every day
- Give them encouragement to use a knife and fork
- Let them have time to be independent going to the toilet and wash their hands independently
- Check their communication book and write any messages in it for us if we can't talk to you at the gate

The School Day

- Gate opens at 8.40 am
 Come and drop your child in the playground and say goodbye there
- We line up with the rest of the school at **8.50am** and go down to the classroom
- Play time 10.45-11.00am
- Lunch 12:00 noon 1.15pm
- Finish 3:15pm



Curriculum- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The Prime Areas

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design





What we do all day

- We will have a phonics session every morning
- We will have a literacy and maths session daily
- We have 2 PE sessions a week one on a Monday and one on a Friday, so PE kits need to be at school all week
- We learn inside and outside so coats that your children can put on and do up independently are needed.
- We will read twice a week with your children
- They have lots of time for independent learning, role play, construction, small world, messy play, choosing time
- We access lots of our learning through creative activities
- We have Forest School sessions on Thursday a month- they will need wellies, and waterproof trousers and tops
- The children have an RE lesson once a week
- The day ends at 3.15pm

Lunchtime

- Packed Lunch
- Cooked Meal
 - Main dinner
 - vegetarian option
 - jacket potato
- Menu is sent home to parents for you to discuss with your child each day.
- Summer menu with wraps and baguettes

Free school meals for all Key Stage 1 children at present.



Behaviour around school

In Maple Class, we line up sensibly and quietly and when we walk through school- we do the 'Hartfield Walk' (Sensible walking with hands behind our backs!) We walk into assembly quietly and sit with our hands in our laps as we listen to the teacher.

We have St Mary's Golden Rules and Learning Powers which your children will learn about every day and these will be celebrated in Assembly every Friday.







The Church

This is called St Mary the Virgin and it is right beside our school. We go to church every Wednesday. Our vicar is called Reverend Julie. At Church, we learn stories from the bible and our school church community.

Collective Worship / Assembly

This is where we come together in the hall every day in the afternoon to sing, pray and learn more about our termly value.

We also celebrate and get given certificates for our hard work and achievements in assembly on Friday. Parents are welcome to join us each week for these assembly and they are at 9:30am in the school hall.







Forest School

- Thursday afternoons
- Leave from school
- Collect from site at 3pm
- New skills and experiences
- Fully trained Forest School lead
- Parent helpers needed
- Forest school waterproofs
- Wellies





Clubs at St Mary's

- Breakfast Club
- From 7.45am
- Please contact the school office if you are interested.



A range of after school clubs

- Termly letters will be given
 - out with all the details.



Support Home/ School Learning

- We read with your child twice a week and look at the phonics they have learned and high frequency and tricky words
- They have a 'Phonics' booklet which lives in their book bags- go through this with your child every week
 - Read daily for 5-10 minutes with your child
 - Write in when you have read, then we will change books
- We send homework books home on a Tuesday- this will tell you all of the things we have been up to. Hand this in on a Monday.
 Sign and complete any small tasks that we may give you to support their learning
 - Online learning support will be on the school website
 https://hartfieldschool.co.uk/
 This will have information about supporting your child with their school experience.
 - If you would like to be a volunteer or helper at Forest School, please go to see the office to fill in DBS safeguarding information

Absences

Medical appointments – try to make out of school hours where possible.

NO holidays during term time except in <u>exceptional</u> circumstances.



See school website

Attendance

Essential for success at school

Telephone school every day

Medicines can be administered at school but <u>must be</u> <u>prescribed by a doctor</u>. Form to be filled in with school office. No Calpol.





Working in Partnership – Home and School

These are some of the things we do to ensure great communication and that special team effort for our children:

- Before and after school liaison time with staff to pass on any messages
- "I can" slips for the children to share home achievements in their school learning journey books.
- Parents Evenings (twice a year)
- Regular Learning Journey sharing times in class
- Weekly school newsletters
- School website updated regularly
- Termly class topic letters
- End of year reports
- Enrichment days

How can you help?

We welcome parents' help in lots of different capacities:

Helping with reading in other classes

Making costumes for school plays or making play dough!

Forest School volunteers

Helping with school trips



Our PTFA is always looking for new members to help raise much needed funds for the school. There are regular meetings and events planned that require volunteers to help with.

https://hartfieldschool.co.uk/category/ptfa/

We are here to help the transition go as well as it possibly can!

Please call and speak to us if there is anything you would like to discuss.



The St Mary's Team!



