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Term 1 Week 4

Friday 2nd October

Learning Powers Certificate

In our Celebration Assembly today, the following children celebrated their achievements:



Maple: Wilf **Cherry:** Rory
Willow: Finlay **Lilac:** Bethan

Well done to all!

Attendance

Whole school: week: **98.6%**
year: **94.9%**

Maple: **95%** **Cherry:** **100%**
Willow: **98.5%** **Lilac:** **99.2%**

Less than 94.9% - Red **95 to 96.4% - Amber**
96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**



Top Tips

- **Parent Forum: Monday 5th October at 2:25pm:** Topic PHSE/RSE. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.
- **Letters/emails home:** whole school - suspected case letter, Tempest Photography Consent
- **HCP's:** If you have still got your HCP at home, please sign and return (specific children).
- **Tempest Photography:** please send in your forms!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast with Miss Jane has now restarted. Please let us know in advance if you would like a place.



British Citizen Award

Jax – for showing Lilac Class the proper way to Hartfield walk down the slope down from the playground and for being encouraging to his class mates!

Well done, Jax!



Sports Award

Mr D's Sports Stars of the week:

Noah: for great attitude and skill demonstrated throughout the lesson!

Harley: for excellent pacing during the 10minute challenge and for giving a great 'speed bounce' demonstration!

Jacob: for great all round performance, especially in the 10x10m shuttle run!

Jessica: who great listening, and participation during PE and for following instructions!

Well done to you all!



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: 478 minutes **Cherry:** 719 minutes

Willow: **1,147 minutes** **Lilac:** 1,112 minutes

Well done, Willow!



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.

Dates for your diary

Please see below for Term 1

October

5th: Parent forum - P.H.S.E. updates

7th: Harvest Festival in school

7th: Tempest Photography

8th: Willow Forest School

14th: Wellbeing Day

15th: Starfish Malawi Morning

15th: Lilac Forest School

20th: Full Governors Board Meeting

(via Google-Meet)

23rd: Last day of Term 1

November

2nd: First day of Term 2



Partnership News

The subject leaders across the Federation have been busy working together to create action plans for each curriculum area for the year, with lots of exciting developments planned and we look forward to seeing them in action.

Also, as it has been Census week, the delightful April Dutton (secretary at Chiddingfold) has visited all three schools to help us get our data up to scratch ready for the day itself. Thank you, April!

On Monday 28th September, a letter giving an update of all Partnership News from James Procter (Executive Head) was sent out via email. Let me know if you missed it!

St Mary's



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 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

AGM: This will be held 'virtually'. If you would like to attend, please let us know.

IDEAS: With restrictions on our usual activities, if you have and fund raising ideas, please let us know!

Going up to secondary school 2021

You will need to apply for a place at the secondary school you would like your child to attend – it doesn't happen automatically! You can name a maximum of three different schools.

Key dates

- Apply online from 12 September 2020
- Closing date for applications: 31 October 2020
- National offer date: 1 March 2021
- Appeal hearings: April to June 2021
- Induction days: summer term 2021

Any queries, please call the East Sussex Admissions Team on 0300 33 09 472 or the Kent Admissions Team on 03000 41 21 21.

Year 6

Important

A Big Thank you!

We would like to thank all of you, especially those who work tirelessly in the PTFA, for the monies raised over the last year. The focus for the year was to raise money for new sports equipment and we have a special message from Mr D:

Thank you

"I am so grateful to the PTFA for their efforts in recognising the importance that PE and Sport plays in School life. Your fundraising has not only meant that we have been able to update and replace most of our PE equipment, but also purchase a wide range of new items that will provide many new and varied opportunities for children and enrich their learning through PE.

We now have to follow new COVID-19 guidance and procedures, so this additional funding has enabled us to double up on many items of equipment, allowing us to pool resources, minimise sharing and still maintain an excellent PE experience for the children.



We have completely overhauled our Gymnastic equipment and Apparatus and the children are very excited to try out all of the new items over the coming months."

So, once again to you all for your ongoing support:

Thank you

Cherry Class Trip to Pooh Corner

To build upon our learning for our topic, 'Toys', Cherry Class visited Pooh Corner on Wednesday morning. The children had the opportunity to learn about some of the world's most famous characters and all of the different toys that have been created thanks to A.A Milne's creations over the last 95 years! We even got the chance to cuddle a Pooh Bear that was as old as the very first cuddly toy.



Amelia said: 'We learnt how old Winnie-the-Pooh is and I loved getting to hold all of the toys – even the really old ones!'
Teagan said: 'We talked about all of the different Winnie-the-Pooh toys. I never knew there were so many!'



IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: Visiting Pooh Corner allowed the children to learn about their topic right on their doorstep; engaging with their community and building upon cultural capital. They learned how toys have developed over time and can now compare a part of history with what they know today.

Maple Class - Forest School

Thursday 24th September 2020

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience.

The impact can be seen through the skills learnt, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.



We all learned how to climb over a stile safely. We looked closely at acorns, blackthorn and the falling leaves. We talked about how to be safe and that we shouldn't ever put anything we pick in our mouths, because it might make us ill, or poison us.



The children have started learning the skills involved in independently climbing the stiles on the way to the woods.

The children learned that the 'Wellingtonia' tree shows us the way to go. They learned that they could identify it by looking at the skyline and finding the triangle shaped tree.

The children learned how to think of their safety and that of others when we were on the old railway line. We met Benny and Miss Hare on their lunchtime walk and talked about how we mustn't approach dogs we don't know. We met a man who was out looking for his missing dog. The amazing Miss Bews managed to find the dog and re-unite it with its owner- what a winner!



The children learned to shout 'Pedal Power' to others to warn each other of oncoming cyclists, so they can be safely to the side as the cyclists pass.



The puddles were fun!

The equipment we used today was the handwashing canister. We learned to wash our hands in the woods ready for a snack after our long walk!

The children explored their own interests in the woods, investigating the site and finding a swing to try.

They also showed how they are learning to work together to taking turns to have a go in the hammock.

It was great to see the perseverance of the children getting themselves ready, walking all the way to the woods with such enthusiasm and interest in their Autumn environment and their curiosity and teamwork in the woods.



A massive thanks to our volunteers who supported the children with all of their exploring and learning. We can't wait until next time!

Positivity Board



This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know 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.



The Big Assembly

On Monday, all classes took part in The Big Anti-Bullying Virtual Assembly. With help from some familiar faces, we were reminded of what bullying is and what we can do if we see any bullying behaviour. We spoke about who our support network is and about how to treat others respectfully. We reminded ourselves of who our St Mary Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are and how they can help us. If you would like some more information about Anti-Bullying at St Mary's, please head to



the website where you can find lots of information, including our Anti-Bullying Policy (as well as our Child-Friendly version) and who to talk to if you have any concerns.



IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: We were reminded that bullying is **Several Times On Purpose** and what to do if we see or hear of any bullying behaviour. We learnt strategies to use that help us if we are feeling sad or lonely and who we should talk to when we feel like this.

Well Being Poster

For our Well Being poster this week we have an 'Action Calendar for Optimistic October.' Give it a try and see how many of the daily activities you can achieve and whether it does improve your mental wellbeing

ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY** **SUNDAY**

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

7 Remember that things can change for the better

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

www.actionforhappiness.org

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 7th October

We are planning on doing this virtually, in school, during the morning of Wednesday 7th October.

The children have been busy preparing poems, prayers, art work and learning Harvest-themed songs, which will be put together for a video version of a Harvest Festival! Rev. Julie is also sending a message for the children which we will all watch in our classrooms at the same time.

As with previous years, we are also hoping to be able to send donations to the East Grinstead Foodbank which, now more than ever, is relying on these provisions to help those in need. We have been in touch with the Foodbank and they have provided us with a list of items they need most. If you are able, please could you send your child(ren) in on the morning of Wednesday 7th October with something from the list on the next page which we will pass onto the Foodbank. There will be boxes at each of the entrance points to the school which will be used to collect donations, instead of bringing them all into school like we usually would.

Below is some information about the foodbank we support.



East Grinstead Foodbank

East Grinstead Food bank are seeing an increase in families needing food-bank assistance in the past few weeks and they expect this rise to continue.

Fortunately, they have been preparing! With an increase in donations from individuals wanting to help others through the pandemic, and corporate Covid-19 weekly donations from Tesco and Morrisons, they have managed to build up a good reserve. With this in mind, please do not feel guilty if you are unable to make a donation this year - they know that everyone has much to deal with at present!

They have prepared the list overleaf of items that they either use a lot of, or send out in Christmas Bags, which they are hoping to send again this year as they provide a boost for struggling families.

The Foodbank is open Monday and Friday 1-3pm and Wednesday 10am - 12pm. Those using the bank need to have been referred. Schools are able to register to make a referral if needed and once a voucher has been provided to a family, the foodbank will then call them to find out what they need, offer signposting advice where possible, and pre-pack their bags for collection.

They have sent a prayer for all of us in our school community that all staff, children and families stay safe throughout the coming months.





SCHOOL HARVEST COLLECTION 2020

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST

Tinned Ham
Tinned Rice pudding
Tinned Hot dogs
Tinned Meatballs
Fray Bentos Pies
Tinned veg
Tinned Sweetcorn
Tinned Custard
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Carrots
Tinned Soup
Spaghetti Hoops
Baked Beans

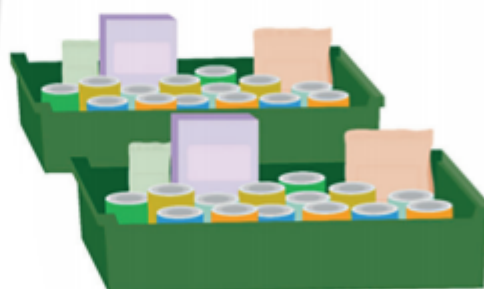
Only 'in-date' items please!

DONATE NOW!

No pasta or rice thank you - we have plenty!

Please make sure your donation has not passed its best-before date.

Thank you for supporting the foodbank!



Don't forget you can help transform more lives with a financial donation too

EAST GRINSTEAD FOODBANK

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