



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 6

Friday 16th October

Attendance

Whole school: week: **95.4%**
year: **95.7**

Maple: **90.4%** Cherry: **95.2%**

Willow: **94.1%** Lilac: **100%**

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

96.5 to 99.9% - Green 100% - Gold



Sports Award

Mr D's Sports Stars of the week:

Charlie: for excellent participation and good listening during PE!

Emily: great running performance and all round participation!

Leo: for remaining fully engaged during PE with excellent participation and great improvement!

Hugo: for great effort, focus and all round performance.

Well done to you all!



Learning Powers Certificate

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

Maple: Rocco Cherry: Emily

Willow: Noah Lilac: Rhys

Well done to all!



British Citizen Award

Esrah: for always offering to help with jobs around the classroom and helping organise the classroom and its resources for all her friends!

Well done, Esrah!



Top Tips

- **Flu Vaccination 2020/2021:** Please remember to return your form, whether yes or no.
- **Christmas Cards:** Return by Monday 19th please.
- **Letters of week:** Tempest Photos, plans for Term 2, Maple Bubble letter.
- **Thank you:** For all of the surveys returned, we will analyse and feed back on the outcomes next week.
- **ParentPay:** With the end of term 1 next week, now would be a good time to get your accounts up to date.
- **Google Log Ins:** Please check in bags on Monday 19th October as the Google Classroom Passwords and usernames for each child will be coming home.



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: 257 minutes Cherry: 1019 minutes

Willow: **1974 minutes** Lilac: 1,322 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.

The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark



'The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark is a national scheme which shows how good schools are at preventing bullying. It challenges schools to set up effective and sustainable anti-bullying policies and strategies and make them part of their everyday life.

St Mary the Virgin Primary School achieved the ABQM-UK Bronze Award because staff, pupils and parents and Governors demonstrated that anti-bullying is a whole school priority in which they all play an active role. Pupils are actively involved in the development of anti-bullying in the school. As a result of their work, St Mary's has established a range of approaches to make sure that students feel safe and included.

We would like to congratulate Abbie Banks for her coordination of this achievement, as well as her colleagues, the governors, pupils, and parents for their hard work. We hope that the Bronze award recognises their efforts and inspires them to work towards achieving the ABQM-UK Silver Award.'

More information on Anti-Bullying at St Mary's can be found on the school website, where you will find the Anti-Bullying policy and details about the work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



Dates for your diary

October

- 20th: Full Governors Board Meeting
(via Google-Meet)
- 22nd: The Promise Afternoon
- 23rd: Last day of Term 1
- 24th: Last Day Co-op Community Fund Recipients

November

- 2nd: First day of Term 2
- 4th: PTFA AGM 8pm
- 5th: Maple Forest School
- 9th: Inter-House Cross-Country
- 12th: Cherry Forest School
- 19th: Willow Forest School
- 24th: Parent Consultation 3:45pm
- 26th: Parent Consultation 3:45pm

December

- 3rd: Lilac Forest School
- 9th: Flu Vaccinations
- 16th: FGB Meeting
- 18th: Last Day Term 2

January

- 4th: Inset Day
- 5th: First Day Term 3

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

Global Handwashing Day

Thursday 15th October 2020



On Thursday, each class paused to celebrate Global Handwashing Day, which is now perhaps more prevalent than ever! We linked up with Starfish Malawi to explore how important it is that all people across the world have access to clean water and sanitation.

We learnt how 1 in 3 people in Malawi don't have access to clean water (that's 5.8 million people!) and so Starfish Malawi have been providing wash stands, which include clean water and soap, that operate by putting your foot onto a pedal.



Some of Lilac Class were so inspired by this that they actually had a go at making their own washstand at Forest School!



Head Teacher's Award

Extra special Head Teacher's awards were given out this week to Rhys, Lucas and Thomas W for using their learning about wash stands that have been built by Starfish

Malawi on Global Handwashing Day in Forest School to create their own tap!

Fantastic growth mindset to create a really fantastic working tap!

Well done Rhys, Lucas and Thomas!





Starfish Malawi is a Christian charity that works to support schools and other much needed projects in Malawi. St Mary's has been associated with the charity for a number of years and we are twinned with a school in Kajenderree. We will be sharing regular updates with you about the work of the Charity!

This week we have discovered that whilst we are going into Winter in England, temperatures in Malawi are regularly reaching a massive 31 degrees!

There has been a recent fund raising walk at Bewl Water, where £9,200 was raised which will go towards providing:

- Over 100,000 meals per year for children with insufficient to eat
- Running 4 nurseries with places for over 500 children
- Much needed medication at a new Health Clinic

All of the work is undertaken to show that as human beings, we can give generously to those who through no fault of their own, have so little.

Children in Malawi have been undertaking a phased return to school since the beginning of September and classes are being staggered as size has been limited to 40! Children over 10 years of age have to wear a face mask and sports activities and clubs are prohibited.

We are reminded that Malawi needs ongoing support and prayer as they navigate these uncertain times.

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



Please send your recommendations to the school office 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!

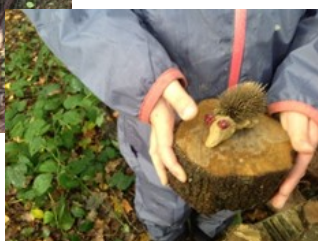


Willow Class - Forest School
Thursday 8th October 2020

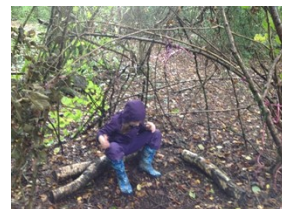
The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge they gain from the Forest School experience.



It can be seen through their skills, using tools, the art and craft activities, the observations made and knowledge



shown of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and in the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

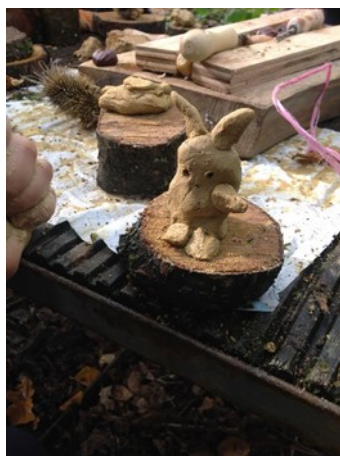


This week, the children learned that fungi can be extremely poisonous, but also vital to the health of the woodland. They identified fungi and learned to recognise a fly agaric, which stood out boldly against the woodland floor.

Then, it was onto creating, making, building and exploring with their friends. The children's confidence in their own ideas has grown and they all independently set about choosing activities.

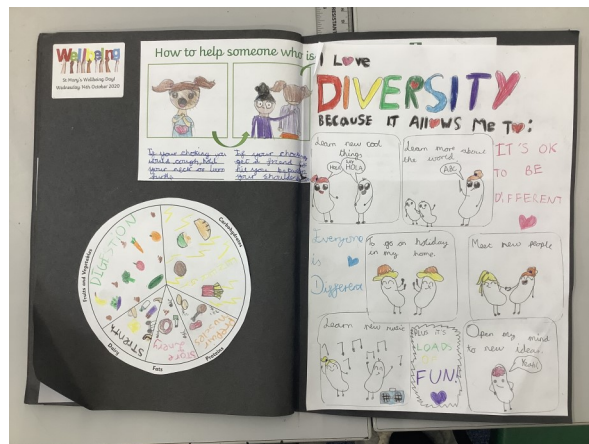


Some learned to use palm drills to drill holes in conkers and to thread and tie knots with string. Some sculpted brilliant creations with clay. There was excellent team work with transporting logs and branches to develop their dens and there was of course, swinging and climbing.



Wellbeing Day

On Wednesday, we all paused our usual timetables to have a whole-school Wellbeing Day! Each class took part in four different activities across the day. We learnt First Aid: from what to do when someone is choking to what we can do if someone bangs their head. We explored Healthy Eating and what it means to have a balanced diet, learning about the different food groups. A vote was held on the least favourite vegetable (quite a heated topic as I'm sure you can imagine) before watching some fun recipe ideas based on these vegetables. Our next topic was Mental Health and how diversity and differences can affect how people see themselves. We spoke about how we should be accepting and including of all people and show interest in learning about different cultures as we would never want others to feel left out for just being who they are!



Lastly, we played some Wellbeing and Mindfulness games, exploring how compliments can make us feel and thinking about all the things we should be grateful for, even in these tricky times. On top of all these amazing activities, time was spent outside in nature by all the children and lunch was covered so that the staff had a well-deserved longer lunch break. Days like this are always fun and inspiring; the children are always so reflective and really understand the importance of Wellbeing for all.

IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: The children learnt some basic First Aid and are now able to talk about the importance of helping others. They can now talk about having a balanced diet and how this impacts on their wellbeing as well as their physical health. We explored diversity and mental health which allowed the children to learn about different cultures and how we should be inclusive towards all people.

Parent Forum

The Parent Forum was held on Monday 5th October where Mrs King and Mrs Boldero gave information on our updated PSHE Policy and approach.

Undertaking a School Health Profile told us what the children wanted to learn more about and using current guidance alongside the wonderful Jigsaw programme, our Policy based around the school values of Love, Strength and Faith has been embedded into the school curriculum.

There are six identified aspects to the programme:

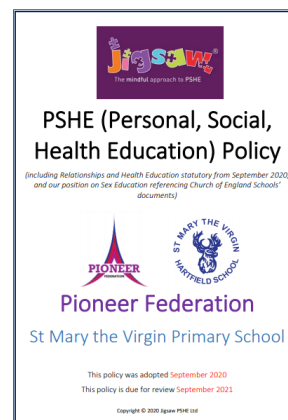
- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships
- Changing Me

Each theme is taught across the school, covering aspects relevant to the age of the children.

Our Learning Powers link nicely alongside the program as being brave and curious, using skills of concentration and perseverance all help us to grow into well-rounded healthy, independent and confident individuals.

Much time has been (and is) given to the coordination of this programme which uses a spiral system to ensure all children have covered everything at their own level across the school.

For more information go to our website, looking under the 'Curriculum Section, PSHE'.



Technology

We have been working hard to put together online learning for times when you may need to be isolating at home or if we enter another period of lockdown. As this is all 'online,' please contact the school on 01892 770221, if you need help to access technology (i.e. laptops) to support this within your home.

Volunteers

Now more than ever we need volunteers to be helping us in school. This could be assisting in lessons, reading with individual children, mucking in at Forest School or raising money for new equipment and books.

If you have some free time, give us a call on 01892 770221. Thank you!

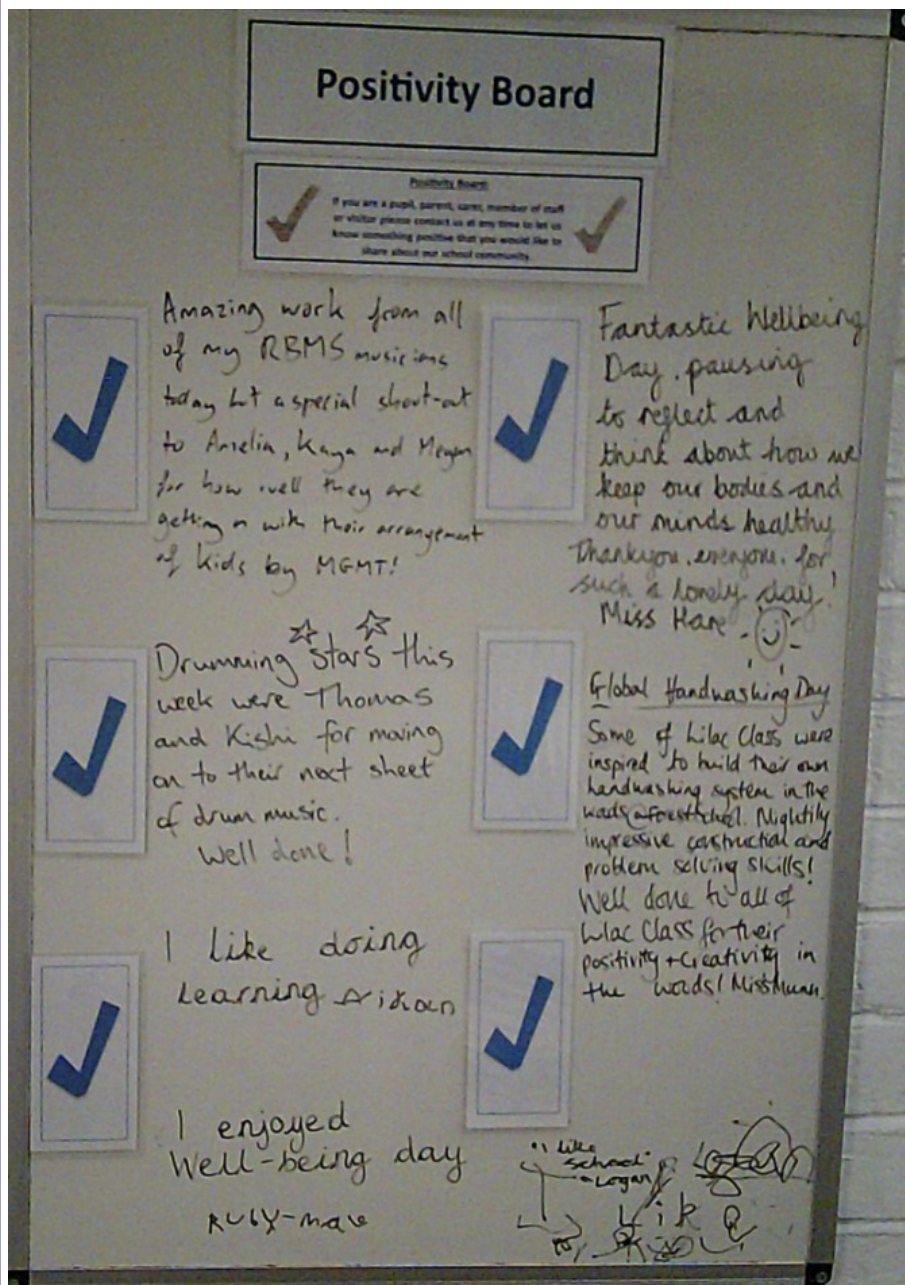


Positivity Board

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.

*We rise
by lifting
others*



Benny

Benny has had another busy week playing games, standing as still as a statue so that his silhouette could be traced, then chasing his ball when out for his lunch time walks!

Whilst he was off searching for his mislaid ball, we took the opportunity to have a quick game of Pooh Sticks!



Well Being



50

things to do

before you're

five

'50 Things to Do Before You're Five' is a project developed by the team at **St Edmund's Nursery School** in Bradford in partnership with parents, which is full of ideas and activities for families with young children.

It is a resource that offers experiences that build skill and language, supporting brain development in young children, as well as being great fun!

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat. Its a great way to get out and active and many of the activities can be enjoyed whatever your age!

The link below takes you to the page:

<https://eastsussex.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/whats-it-all-about>

Message from our PTFA:

The school PTFA (Parent, Teachers & Friends Association) is a charity led by parents and teachers to raise money for school resources and extras in school. They usually have a big Christmas event, cake sales, discos and summer BBQs, but it may be some time before these events are the norm again! They are hoping to organise **PTFA Quiz Nights** over Zoom later in the year - sign up to the PTFA Digest (below) to see how this comes together - and if any of you have any other good ideas for fundraising from a distance, please let them know. All ideas gratefully received!

The PTFA are holding their **AGM** this year over Zoom on **Wed 4th November at 20:00**. For the zoom link email ptfahartfield@gmail.com. Please come along so you can meet us, join the core committee if you're interested (or just introduce yourself as a willing helper if you prefer to keep things light-touch!) and see what the plans are for the year ahead. We are particularly looking for someone (or a pair of people) to take on the role of Chair (or Joint Chair) - this role would be closely supported by the existing Chair and Vice Chair! They hope to see lots of you there!



The PTFA mailing list is used to let you know regularly what's going on with fundraising, and how the money is being spent for the school. They'll also let you know about upcoming events and meetings in case you can help out or get involved in any way. Link to subscribe here:

<http://eepurl.com/gEYtKP>

The **second-hand clothes rail** will be outside the front of school between **2:45 and 3:15 every Wednesday** afternoon - look out for it if you need anything, there's absolutely loads to choose from!

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

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Please then return the form to the school office or in book bags by Monday 19th October.

In book bags on Monday, you will be receiving your child's artwork for the Christmas cards. If you would like to place an order for cards, wrapping paper or mugs, please go onto the Cauliflower Group website and place the order online. **This needs to be done by Sunday 18th October.**

When placing the order, please ensure that your child's name is written on the form along with the class that they are in. Please also click on the form to say that you have placed an order. The artwork will be collected from school by a courier and takes around 3 weeks for printing. They will then be delivered back to school. **If you miss this deadline**, you will still be able to place an order direct online, but will have to pay the postage to send the form off and for the products to be delivered directly to you.