



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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**Term 1 Week 7**

**Friday 23rd October**

### Attendance

**Whole school:** week: 96.6%  
year: 95.8%

**Maple:** 98.6% **Cherry:** 97.1%

**Willow:** 92.6% **Lilac:** 99.1%

**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:

**Ashleigh:** for brilliant racing and outstanding technique during shuttle runs!

**Troy:** great improvement in his running and excellent contribution in class discussions!

**Jacob H:** for great effort and improved confidence during PE!

**Lilly-Mae:** for excellent listening and following instructions during running games.



**Well done to you all!**

### Headteacher Award

**Oliver J** has received a Headteacher Award this week for outstanding progress in writing, there has been a real transformation!



**Well done, Oliver!**

### British Citizen Award

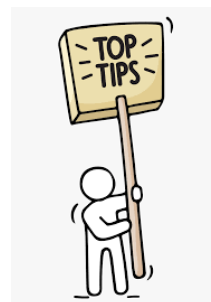
**Rory:** for supporting other children when they are feeling upset and cheering them up.

**Well done, Rory!**



### Top Tips

- **Letters of week:** Google Classroom Passwords and usernames, Library Hero information, new Winter Menu from Chartwells, Cross Country, Remembrance Day, KS1 Red Butler Music, Maple Bubble letter.
- **ParentPay:** Please go onto ParentPay and update your accounts ready for a fresh start next term.
- **PTFA:** Needs a volunteer to be the Chair - **it can not run without one!**
- **School Clubs:** later in Newsletter.
- **Letters home:** from next term, we will not be routinely sending hard copies of letters home; we will continue to send them by email. If you need a hard copy, please let us know.



**Have a well deserved and happy half term!**

### Learning Powers Certificate

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

**Maple:** Reece **Cherry:** Lucas W

**Willow:** Braxton **Lilac:** Coco

**Well done to all!**



Linking Lemur



Brave Bee



Curious Cat



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile

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.

## **PTFA**

We need your help!!

St Mary's



**The PTFA raises thousands of pounds every year**

**for the school.** All the money raised is ploughed directly back into the school and **benefits every single child** at St Mary's.

On Wednesday 4th November, at 8.00pm, we are having our AGM (via Zoom) and **Rachel, the current Chair** of the PTFA, is **stepping down**.

**We cannot continue without a Chair** and so **we need someone** (or two people as Joint-Chairs) to **take on this role**.

Rachel will remain on the PTFA Committee as Vice Chair and give a **detailed handover and support** the Chair/s in their role **for as long as they need or want it!**

The **key responsibilities** are:

- chairing meetings
- coordinating the amazing PTFA team
- overseeing the fundraising, and
- linking with the school's teaching team.

**You do not need any experience, just an enthusiastic attitude** to raising money for the school!

If you are good at organising people and delegating tasks this is an added bonus!

If you would like to know more, please contact Rachel on 07971 979115 before the AGM.



## **Dates for your diary**

### **October**

23rd: Last day of Term 1

24th: Last Day as Co-op Community Fund Recipients

### **November**

2nd: First day of Term 2

4th: PTFA AGM 8pm

5th: Maple Forest School

6th: 'Mufti' Day £1 to wear your own clothes

8th: Remembrance Service at Church 10:45am

9th: Inter-House Cross-Country

11th: Laying of crosses in Church grounds

12th: Cherry Forest School

19th: Willow Forest School

24th: Parent Consultation 3:45pm - 6:00pm

26th: Parent Consultation 3:45pm - 6:00pm

### **December**

3rd: Lilac Forest School

9th: Flu Vaccinations

11th: 'Mufti' Day

16th: FGB Meeting

18th: Last Day Term 2

### **January**

4th: Inset Day

5th: First Day Term 3

## **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:** 513 minutes      **Cherry:** 693 minutes

**Willow:** 1686 minutes      **Lilac: 2,002 minutes**

**Well done, Lilac!**



**Lilac Class - Forest School**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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, 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.  
#naturepremium

The 15th October was Global Hand Wash Day and Lilac Class watched a video on about wash stands in Malawi.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-52898797>

This inspired them to create their own in the woods.

They collected a milk bottle from school to use and were amazing in their wood collecting and resourcing, problem solving, construction, knot tying, sawing and completion of a functioning handwashing system in the woods. It won some of them a 'Headteacher's Award'!



Others worked out how to tie up a hammock and tighten the slack line and had a great time swinging and balancing with each other.

Children used clay to sculpt with and decorate trees whilst others children designed their own picture frames and decorated them with fallen leaves. When they ran out of clay, they went off in search of more, by digging it out of the floor and mixing it with water.

Lilac Class shared some of the reasons they are grateful for Forest School

"I like being in nature"

"Having the freedom to explore the woods with my friends"

"I like it that you are learning, but you don't feel like you are learning"



### Cherry Class's Teddies have a day at school!

To conclude our learning for our topic, 'Toys', Cherry Class celebrated all their fabulous learning with a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday Afternoon. But before the picnic could start, we had to make some treats so we spent some of the morning making biscuits and cakes.



"We used flour, sugar and butter to make biscuits. We made them in the shape of Teddies." Amelia

"I liked icing them!" Zach



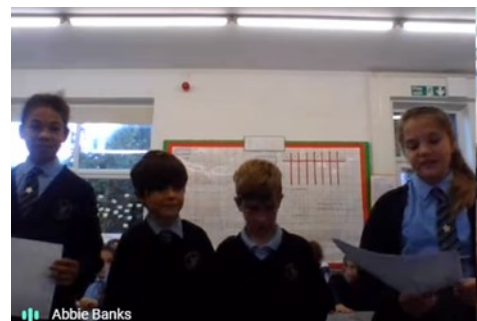
### IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED

Incorporating children's personal toys into their learning celebrates all things wonderful about toys. Bringing our own teddies into school provided great opportunities for talk and discussion. Sharing why they are special to us and thinking about how long we have had them for, drew upon the children's own personal timeline. This helps to embed our understanding of past and present.



## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we have our virtual Celebration assembly as a whole school! It's a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. We celebrate those who have been on Blue or the Star during the week, as well as giving out Learner of the Week, Sports Star, British Citizen and awarding the Reading Cup and Attendance Ted to the winning class. We finish each assembly with cheering a big happy birthday to those who have celebrated birthdays in the week - it's the best way to start a Friday morning.



## Maple Class

We have had a busy week! Here we are planting acorns and listening to brilliant letters from our Buddies!





## Questionnaire - Analysis



### Parent Questionnaire October 2020



30 responses received = 3.3% each

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at this school	79.2%	16.5%			3.3%
2	My child feels safe at this school	82.5%	16.5%			
3	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	62.7%	33%			3.3%
4	My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	3.3%	9.9%			85.8% (N/A or not bullied)
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	42.9%	56.1%			
6	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	59.4%	26.4%			13.2 % N/A
7	My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	52.8%	9.9%			36.3 % (N/A or no SEND)
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	46.2%	46.2%			6.6%
9	My child does well at this school.	56.1%	39.6%			3.3%
10	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	36.3%	46.2%	9.9%		6.6%
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	39.6%	52.8%			6.6%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	46.2%	49.5%	3.3%		
13	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	46.2%	42.9%			9.9%
14	I would recommend this school to another parent	89.1%	9.9%			

*Thank You!*

Thank you for taking time to complete the Questionnaires and returning them to school.

A summary of comments made can be found on the next page.

Summary of Comments	
Please comment on the provision, support and communication you and your child received during the pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasks set were age-appropriate</li> <li>• Skype calls were a great opportunity to chat to friends and teachers but the platform of Skype itself was not ideal.</li> <li>• Communication was excellent – informative and clear about procedures going into place for closure and then reopening</li> <li>• An online learning platform would have been useful (e.g. Google Classrooms) which is now in place</li> <li>• Focus on family wellbeing and pastoral support provided through phone calls and emails was brilliant.</li> </ul>
Please comment on the Recovery Curriculum in place and the support your child has received since returning to school since September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most parents aware of the Recovery Curriculum that was emailed out on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and available on our <a href="#">school website</a>.</li> <li>• Organised and clear about intentions around how to support children transition back in from lockdown and summer holidays.</li> <li>• Children are positive about their new learning, teachers and classrooms</li> <li>• Support being given to those who need it</li> </ul>
Please comment on St Mary's as a Church school – how well do you think the school promotes Christian Values?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links with the church and Rev. Julie are excellent</li> <li>• Values of the school mirror what parents aim to instil in their children</li> <li>• Values and ethos is embedded (from all staff) and the school is a special place</li> <li>• The pastoral care of the children is brilliant</li> <li>• Children enjoy their R.E. learning and speak confidently about the values of Love, Strength and Faith</li> </ul>

**For information:**

- Parent Consultations will happen in Term 2 (as in previous years) and a letter with further information about this will be sent out early next term.
- Each class sends out a termly newsletter detailing what will be covered in each subject across the term. For further information on this, please see the full curriculum documents on the [school website](#).
- If you have any questions at any time and would like to speak to the class teacher, please email the school office to book either a meeting or a phone call.

## **Remembrance**

### **In the Village**



### **POPPY APPEAL 2020**

This year we celebrate the 99th Poppy Appeal, but due to the cloud of Covid, it will be a very different appeal in the Parish of Hartfield. We are allowed to have static collection points in all the usual venues throughout the Parish, though sadly we are not allowed to have any house to house collections this year. We are also being allowed to hold an outdoor table top stall. Once arrangements are in place, this will be publicised on Facebook. Please share this information with anyone who does not have access to the web. Thank you for all your support.

*James Castle -  
Colemans Hatch, Hartfield and Withyham Poppy Appeal Organiser*

### **In School**

Through the week after half term, each class will have a box of poppies to sell. Please send your children in with a donation if they would like one.

We will be having a commemorative assembly in school with the children, co-ordinated with Rev Julie and we will be represented at the Remembrance Service with Church on Sunday 8th November with more information in the next Newsletter about donations toward the crosses that are being left.



FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.*

***We will remember them.***

*O God of truth and justice we hold before you those people who have been injured or who have died in active service.*

*As we honour their courage and cherish their memory may we put our faith in your future;*

***For you are the source of life, peace and hope, now and forever. Amen***

If you are not able to gather with your community this year. I want to invite you write the names of those you remember at this time on a card and place it in your window or in a place special to you.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Please join with us by standing on your doorstep or finding a quiet place to be still for two minutes of silence.

We remember together and we stand together as a community of people.  
*God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble, and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change!*

Please do phone me if you are in any kind of need or just want to talk with me during this difficult time.

As Rector of Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch, I know how hard the past months have been for all of us in different ways. As we head into the Winter and uncertain news, I hope all of us will take this opportunity to remember our neighbours. It is surprising how a small act of kindness can make a big difference.

With my prayers for all of you.

Rev Julie

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020



This special Remembrance Sunday we will be gathering together in Holy Trinity Church in Coleman's Hatch and outdoors at St Mary's. Due to the Coronavirus and Government guidelines we are having to do things differently this year. The Rector's letter on the previous page explains how you can join with us at home to give thanks for those who have given their lives and pray for peace.

The Service on Remembrance Day will be recorded in the morning. It will then be uploaded and available to watch in the afternoon on our church websites.

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLEMAN'S HATCH

A service will be held in church on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

10.30 arrival for a 10.45am start.

The maximum number we can fit into the church is 60. We therefore ask you to book a place on line or phone the Rector if you would like a seat.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST by sending an email to the following email address. Let us know the names and number of those attending with you.**

[remembranceholyltrinity@gmail.com](mailto:remembranceholyltrinity@gmail.com)

Or phone Rev Julie 01892 770436

### ST MARY'S CHURCH HARTFIELD

A service will be held in the churchyard at St Mary's Church.

10.30 gather for a 10.45am start.

A risk assessment has been prepared to enable us all to keep socially distanced. We would ask you to book a place on line or phone the Rector if you would like to come.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST by sending an email to the following email address. Let us know the names and number of those attending with you.**

[remembrancesmary@gmail.com](mailto:remembrancesmary@gmail.com)

There will be two entrances for the service. One at the Lychgate and the school steps. Please keep socially distanced and be patient as the Marshall books you in for track and trace and shows you where to stand.





### **St Mary the Virgin Church**

With the ongoing restriction to services, Rev Julie wanted to share the current pattern of Church Services and how to access them:

### **PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES (Apart from 8<sup>th</sup> November)**

To book, email [smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com)

**St Mary's Church – 9:30am**

1st Sunday Morning Worship

2nd Sunday Morning Worship followed by short communion

3rd Sunday All age Worship

4th Sunday Morning Worship followed by short communion

**Holy Trinity Church - 11am**

1st Sunday Matins followed by short communion

2nd Sunday Matins

3rd Sunday Matins followed by short communion

4th Sunday Matins

5th Sundays will be Morning Worship in each church.

Each week a service is recorded and placed upon our church websites. There is a weekly Rector's letter and resources for children and our families.

**If you would like to watch our services online please go to our church websites. [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org) & [www.coleamanshatchchurch.org](http://www.coleamanshatchchurch.org). This will give you all information about our services and pastoral care. All services and activities are subject to the Government Guidelines and may have to be changed at the last minute.**

If you would like to receive the weekly letter from the Rector with up to date information, please email me on [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com) or phone 01892 770436. This includes any pastoral needs or a chat during this difficult time.

*Rev Julie Sear*



### **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 or broadband) to support this within your home.

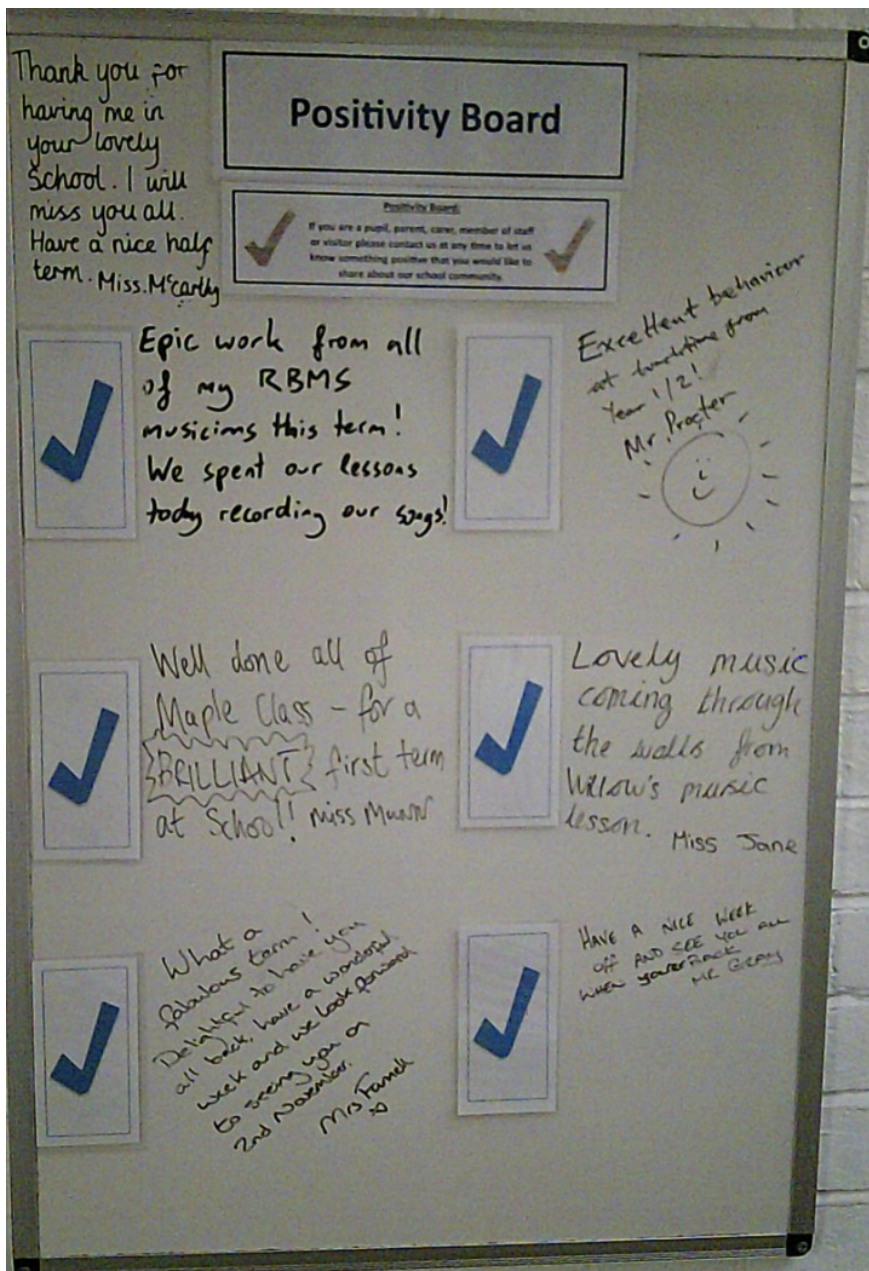
### **Volunteers**

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!





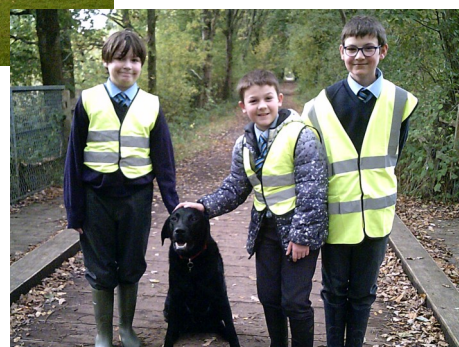


### Positivity Board

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.



### Benny



This week, Benny has kept us busy and enjoyed being outdoors!

As we head into half term, this week's poster looks at how we can inspire creativity!

# HOW TO INSPIRE CREATIVITY IN CHILDREN

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TAKE RISKS



GIVE CHILDREN THE FREEDOM TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS



HELP CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THEIR IDEAS



HELP CHILDREN TO EMBRACE MISTAKES



ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO PROBLEM SOLVE



ALLOW CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN UNSTRUCTURED PLAY



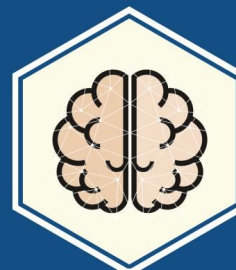
HELP CHILDREN TO PUSH THEMSELVES OUT THEIR COMFORT ZONE



INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO NEW EXPERIENCES



BE A CREATIVE ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR CHILD



ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BE CURIOUS



## School Clubs

After School **Forest School Club** is to continue next term with the same arrangements:

Children will be taken to Forest School from School and need to be collected from Sawpits Wood at 5pm.

It will run for the 7 weeks of the school term: Tuesday 3rd November- Tuesday 15th December.

Follow the link for booking.

<https://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk/event-details/tuesday-in-the-woods-till-dark>



Mr D's **Multi Sports Club** will continue on a Friday after school. As there are limits to numbers places, will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Please be aware there is already a list of those waiting who could not get into the club this term! Collection is at 4:30pm at the front door and the club will commence from **Friday 6th November**

Contact the school office for a form: [office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

New for this term, Mr D is introducing a **Boys and Girls Football Club**. Again, with a limit to numbers, places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Collection will be 4:30pm at the front door and the club will commence on **Monday 9th November**.

Contact the school office for a form: [office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Both clubs will cost £30 for the term and at present, as the children in Maple are still so new to the school, are currently taking from Year 1 to Year 6.



With changing work patterns, the number of people using **Breakfast Club** has changed.

From Term 2, commencing **Monday 2nd November**, Breakfast Club will run on a Monday and a Tuesday only.



This will be subject to ongoing review so please let us know if you need it on a different day as with sufficient numbers, we may be able to expand this.

**We need to know at least 24hours in advance if your child(ren) will be attending.**

Breakfast Club costs £4 per session, paid through ParentPay. Contact the Office to book.