



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 4 Week 2

Friday 5th March

Dear St Mary's Families,

It feels fantastic to be writing to you to say that the weeks of remote learning are finally finished! I am sure many of you share in our excitement to be able to have everybody back next week and back into the classroom with their friends and teachers. Thank you and a huge well done for all the support and effort you have put into home-schooling your children. We do not underestimate the huge challenges you have faced, and it has felt like a long time since school closed to majority of pupils. It feels very much like there is hope on the horizon and we are looking forward to what the rest of the school year will bring with (hopefully) the continuation of relaxation of restrictions. The teachers have been spending parts of this week preparing the learning environments and creating beautiful topic displays and engaging outdoor areas ready for the children to use. We are so excited to be able to feel the buzz of the school back in use and seeing all the children's faces.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Becca Hare

Head of School

### Top Tips

- **Clubs spaces remaining:** please see next page.
- **Letters home:** whole school: Easter Service, School Clubs, Forest School. Cherry Class: Great Fire of London. Lilac Class: Leaver's Hoodies.
- **Lateral Flow Tests:** these are now available to families of children in Primary Education. If you are interested please visit: [government website](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lateral-flow-tests-for-covid-19) for more information.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day: Friday 19th March

For Red Nose Day this year, we would like the children to come to school wearing red (outfits can be as wacky as they like, the funnier the better, as long as they're red) and to bring a donation of £1. Class teachers will be running activities in their classrooms on that day, too.



### Diary Dates:

#### **March**

8th: Return to school  
8th: Second Hands Clothes Rail - end of school  
8th: Clubs start  
11th: Forest School - Maple Class  
19th: Comic Relief Red Nose Day  
18th: Forest School - Cherry Class  
22nd: Full Governor Board Meeting  
25th: Forest School - Willow Class

#### **April**

1st: Virtual Easter Service  
1st: Forest School - Lilac Class  
1st: Last Day Term 4  
19th: First day Term 5



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.

## School Clubs Spaces available

Following guidelines received from the DfE and updated Risk Assessments, we plan run all of our extra curricula clubs within school from Monday 8th March. All risks assessments will be on the school website by the beginning of next week.



**Red Butler Music** will come in on Monday and Tuesday. If you are already signed up, they will be calling you. If you would like to sign up (guitar, ukulele or drums), please call them: **01273 805666**



**Mr D's Mixed Football Club (2 spaces available) (Y1-6)** will start on Monday 8th March, please email the office to book: **office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk**

**Netball Club (1 space available) (KS2)** with Miss Roberts  
Will start on Wednesday 10th March.  
To book, email the school office:  
**office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk**



**Breakfast Club** will be available from Tuesday 9th March and runs from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day **if** there are sufficient numbers signed up. Places need to be pre-booked and pre-paid through the office so please call: **01892 770221**



## Vegetable Patch

On Tuesday, Mr Grey, Miss Hare and plenty of willing little hands grabbed their wellies and spent the morning preparing the vegetable beds. They planted parsnips, peas, carrots, parsnips and spring onions ready for a summer harvest. It was lovely to see the children's excitement when discussing the size and differences in the variety of seeds they saw and their amusement to be planting actual peas and potatoes to grow into plants! We are also going to grow tomatoes along with the huge range of gorgeous flowers that Mrs Fry and Cherry Class planted outside their outdoor area. We're all feeling like spring is very much on its way and we can't wait to try some of our home-grown veggies!





## World Book Day

Despite not all being together we had a wonderful celebration for World Book Day.

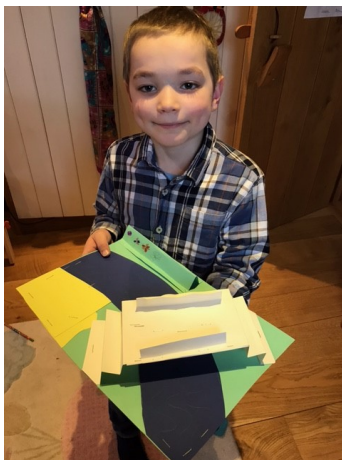
This year we celebrated books by focusing on local author, A.A. Milne and his famous bear. Both at home and at school children engaged in a variety of activities based around the Winnie the Pooh stories. These included: designing bridges to play Pooh Sticks from, creating Winnie the Pooh crafts, making honey biscuits, (Pooh's favourite!), listening to the stories of Winnie the Pooh and so much more! Much of the maths work was Pooh focused as children had to use directions to guide Winnie the Pooh and his friends across 100 Acre Wood.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to Neil Read from Pooh Corner for putting together such a comprehensive video for us. The video really helped us to understand the significance of Ashdown Forest to the Winnie the Pooh stories. The video is available to view on our school website.

Thanks also to all our families for incredible engagement in the work set.



Pooh Toasties and getting ready for an expedition to One Hundred Acre Wood.



Noah's model of Pooh bridge



Albie's honey biscuits.

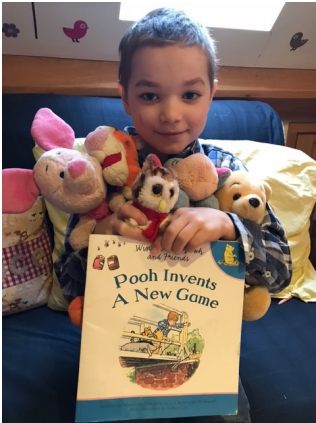


Grace's egg box model of the Winnie the Pooh story read from school and drawing.



## World Book Day

Christopher Robin with his toys and Eeyore.



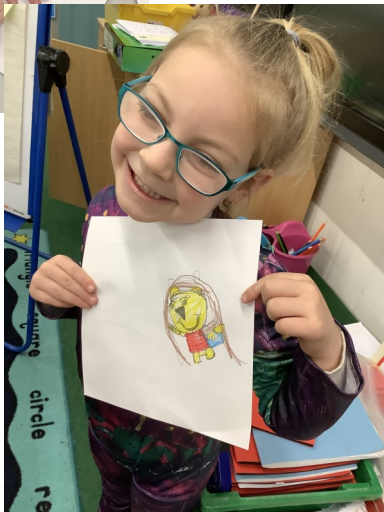
Tigger and Piglet.



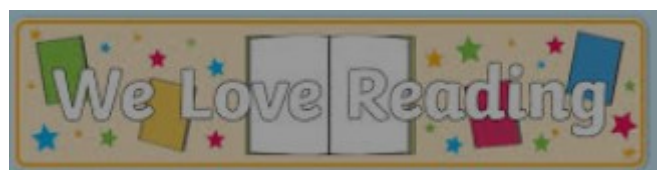
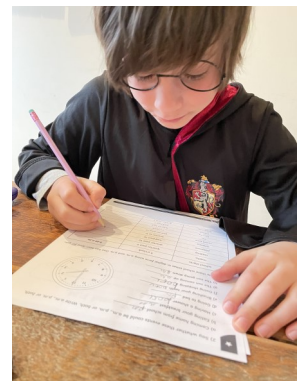
Winnie the Pooh.



Busy in school.



Harry Potter and Hermione Granger working from home



## Opportunity



With many children returning to school from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 we can expect a few teething issues. Changes in routine are one of the key triggers to problem behaviour - join one of our online webinars to learn skills to make this new start as successful as possible.

### **ONLINE PARENTING SUPPORT**

#### **Getting your Child into Bed (and staying there for the night!) (2-8)**

Successful bedtime routines may have been tricky during lockdown, but sleep is VERY important to both children and parents. It ensures that the child can learn and grow. This session Includes information around parent traps, re-establishing bedtime routines and managing problem behaviour.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-8:30pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10-12pm**

#### **Dealing with Disobedience (2-8)**

All children misbehave at times and we all face those moments when children will not do as they are told. This very popular session helps parents to teach their children limits, do as they are told and understand the meaning of the word No.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 12-2pm**

#### **Managing Fighting and Aggression (2-8)**

When children fight there is a risk that somebody could get hurt so teaching your children clear limits and boundaries is important. This session will show you how to encourage your children to play well together, problem solve and solve arguments without parents always needing to be involved.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-8:30pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm**





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### **Challenging Behaviour in Public (Hassle Free Shopping) (2-8)**

Positive parenting strategies are discussed as step by-step suggestions for preventing problems and teaching children how to behave when out and about. Parents develop personalised plans to manage problem behaviour and are encouraged to use them in potentially difficult community situations.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-8:30pm**

### **E-SAFETY (2-10)**

Children are learning more and more about the internet at a young age with 55% 3-4 year olds having access to tablets and the internet. With these rising figures, children are increasingly vulnerable to online dangers.

This session will teach you how to talk to your child about E-Safety, screen time and gives lots of useful tips and tricks on how to keep them safe online.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-8:30pm**

**To book onto any of these sessions**

**email:** [info@openforparents.org.uk](mailto:info@openforparents.org.uk).



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