



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 1st April

Dear St Mary's Families,

On behalf of all of the staff here at St Mary's, I would like to thank you all for your support, kindness and fantastic community spirit as the children returned to school. We are so incredibly proud of them; they have experienced such a disrupted 12 months yet continue to be the brilliant and shining stars we've always known them to be. The determination, enthusiasm and love, strength and faith they have shown in themselves, and to each other, has been a privilege to see.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your families and enjoy the simple pleasures that the relaxation of lockdown is bringing.

We look forward to seeing you again in a couple of weeks.

Becca Hare

Head of School



Attendance

Whole school: week: 92.4%

year: 96.8%

Maple: 90.8% Cherry: 95.6%

Willow: 88.8% Lilac: 93.8%

Less than 94.9% 95 to 96.4%

96.5 to 99.9% 100%



Car Park

Please may we remind parents of Key Stage 1 Bubble children to ensure their children are playing safely whilst waiting for Key Stage 2 siblings to come out of school, especially near the car park.

Thank you.



Diary Dates:

April

19th: First day Term 5

19th: Forest School After School Monday start

19th: Mixed Football Club starts

19th: Need to book school lunches from home

20th: Forest School After School Tuesday starts

20th: Willow Class Swimming

21st: Netball Club starts

22nd: Forest School - Maple Class

23rd: Mr D's Multi Sports starts

Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Federation with Park Mead; contact with school - Covid-19
- **ParentPay:** Please make sure your balance is up to date.
- **School Lunches:** From the beginning of next term, please remember to book your lunch on line.
- **Lilac Class:** Please remember to return your Bikeability forms.



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.

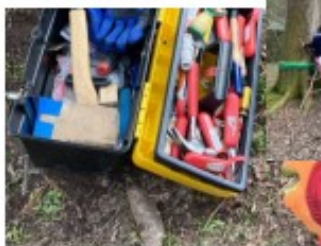
If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Willow Class Forest School

Thursday 25th March 2021

As the Spring Equinox has just passed, the children talked about the advent of spring and played some games in our newly planted tree circle; familiarising themselves with the North, South, East and West. They talked about where the sun rose and set.

Then they played a game of 'Fox and Rabbit' as a whole class; the fox trying to catch the rabbit, as they darted to safety in their burrows.



The impact of Forest School 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.

Willow Class reflected on their recent learning about the layers of the rainforests and related their knowledge to the woodland they were in. They looked at forest floor plants; delicate celandines, violets and waving wood anemones and then they looked up into the lower canopy at the willow tree blossom.



Then it was onto drawing, stream play, and tree climbing and also challenging themselves to walk the slack line without a guide rope.

Some children got out the tools to try to adapt a piece of wood into a tool with a flint ending. They ended up creating a wooden instrument! Others used the chalks they have been engaged in drawing with at school, to draw and create on pieces of wood under the shelter.



Wellbeing Poster

Each week we share a well being poster with you. This week's poster gives information on how you can attend a 'virtual clinic' to speak with a school nurse.



Speak to a school nurse in person.
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm
Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
07507 332473 anytime.

Aged 11 to 19?
Or parent/carer of a child or young person aged 5 to 19 years old?



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A Message from you PTFA

We would like to thank everyone who placed an order for our Easter activity bags, we hope you all enjoy them. Please remember there is competitions for the colouring, word search, spot the difference and scavenger hunt. So please make sure these forms are returned on the first day back of the new term. Please put your full name and class on the top of each page. The winners will be drawn at random in assembly by Miss Hare and a prize will be given. Just a reminder that the scavenger hunt prize is being donated by Pooh Corner, they are reopening 14th April for outside seating and you can book a table for 1 hour via there website. It might be nice to tie the scavenger hunt in with that.

If anyone is in need of uniform for the summer term, please let us know and we will arrange a date for the rail to be brought out.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and we're see you in the new term.

Travel to Malawi

The Federation did it! We travelled from East Hoathly to Malawi!

It took us 12 weeks to make the 6555mile journey and up to Tuesday 30th March, we travelled an amazing 6,862 miles!

Well done and thank you to everyone for taking part and getting so active!



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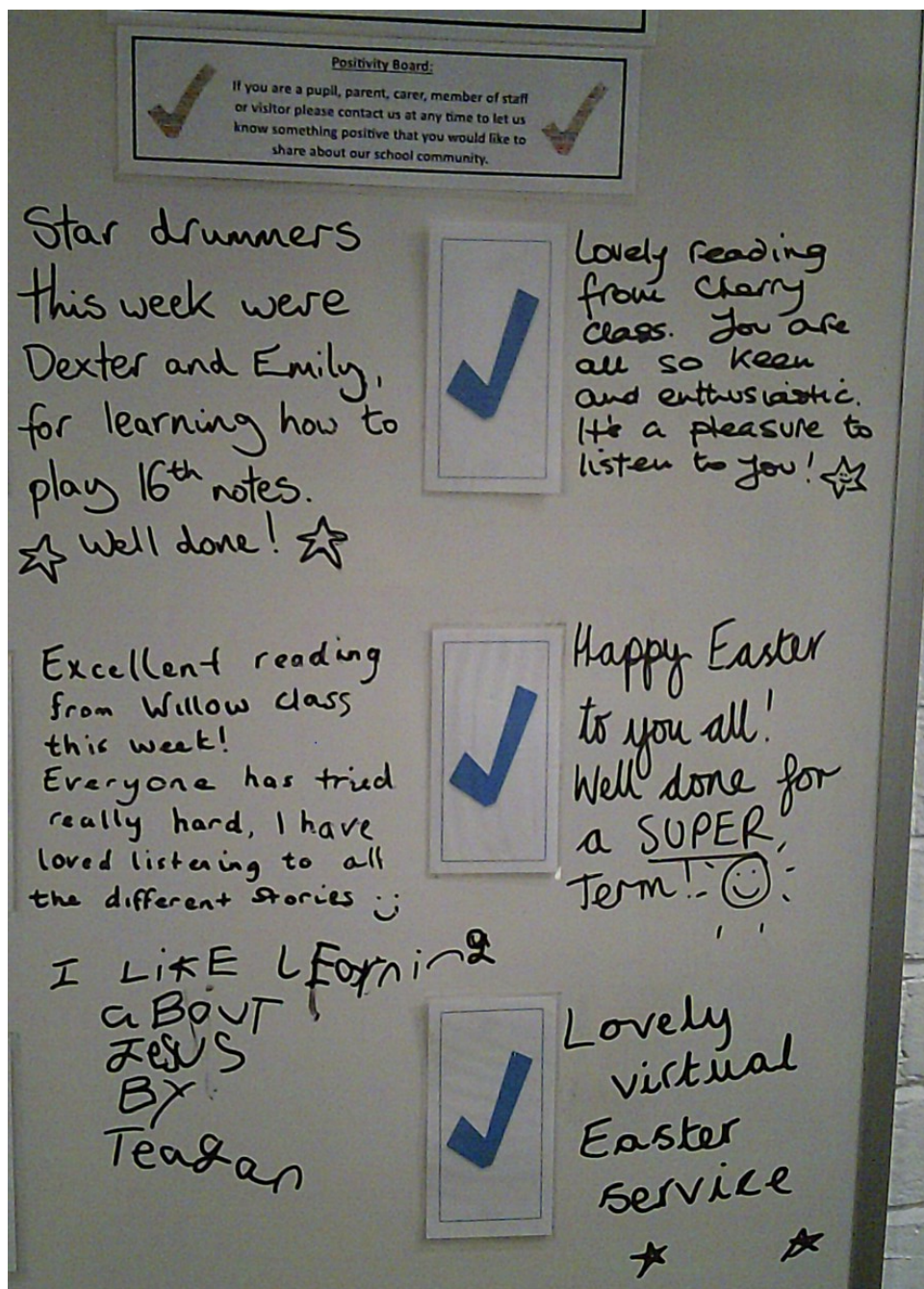


Positivity Board

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



School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in Class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

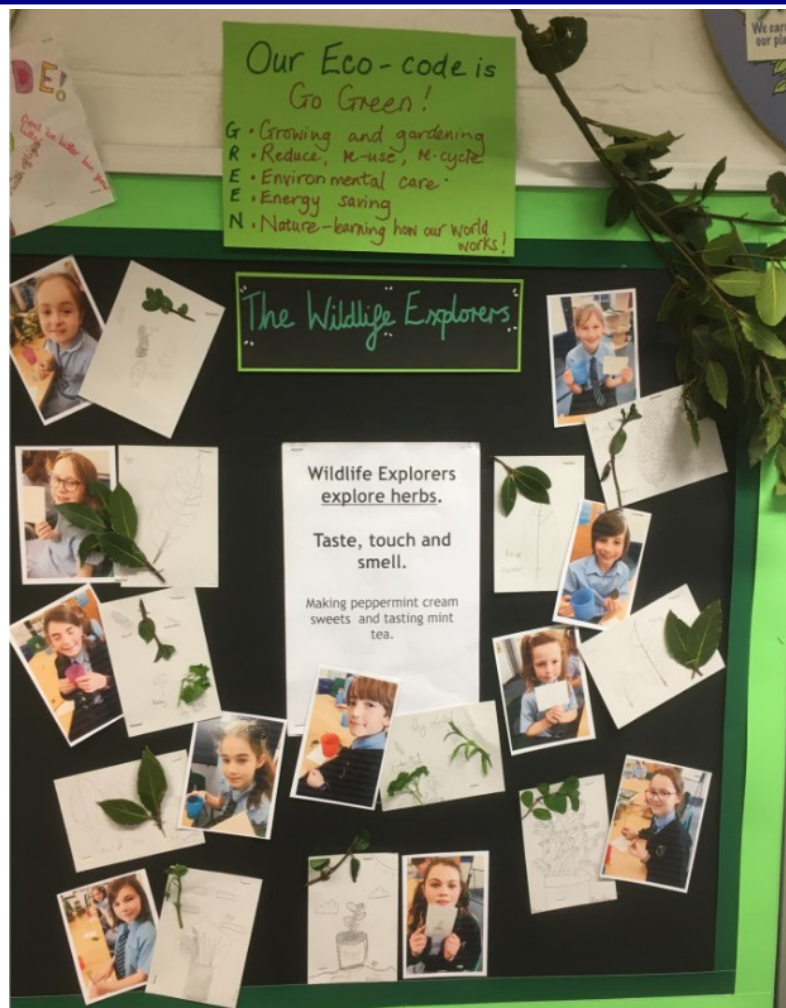
This term we are looking at Forgiveness and Hope.



Forgiveness and Hope

Week 6:

Design your own cross in the style of the Salvador Cross. What parts of your life and beliefs might you include?



Wildlife Explorers

The poster shows our team of explorers with their beautiful drawings of herbs. They have also made peppermint creams and tasted mint tea. We plan to make a herb garden next term.



Below is a list of Wildlife Activities that he club thought you may wish to try over the holiday.



Spring forward with Thrive

#SpringForward

Improve your health and wellbeing this spring with our 28-day journey of gardening and nature-based activities. For more information and activity guides visit www.thrive.org.uk/spring

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Seed a photo of a spring flower to a friend (5 mins)	2 Go for a walk in nature with a loved one	3 Change phone background to a nature photo (5 mins)	4 Read our article on preparing for spring (5 mins)	5 Listen to bird song (5 mins)	6 Sow seeds (follow our guide) (15 mins)	7 Give a plant or seeds to a loved one
8 Take inspiration from people's front gardens	9 Take time to notice blossom and tree buds developing	10 'Deadhead' plants (follow our guide) (10 mins)	11 Read our '5 Ways to Wellbeing' article (10 mins)	12 Go for a walk somewhere with a nice view	13 Make a bird feeder (follow our guide) (10 mins)	14 Grow sweet peas/broad beans (follow our guide) (15 mins)
15 Lie under a tree and look at the leaf patterns (5 mins)	16 Draw a plant and share a photo of your drawing (10 mins)	17 Grow a herb (follow our guide) (10 mins)	18 Find 5 plants that feel nice to touch (careful of thorns) (10 mins)	19 Make paper pots (follow our guide) (15 mins)	20 Pot up a plant (follow our guide) (10 mins)	21 Sow microgreens (follow our guide) (15 mins)
22 Go on a walk and observe wildlife	23 Write 3 ways you'd like to connect with nature more (5 mins)	24 Pick a favourite tree on your local walk	25 Smell 5 plants (5 mins)	26 Save your own seeds (follow our guide) (5 mins)	27 Pick out and pot on seedlings (follow our guide) (15 mins)	28 Plant a sunflower (follow our guide) (15 mins)

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Holy Week and Easter Events at St Mary's & Holy Trinity

28th March - Palm Sunday

- 9.30am at St Mary's: all age service with blessing of Palm Crosses
- 11.00am at Holy Trinity: Matins with Holy Communion & blessing of Palm Crosses

1st April - Maundy Thursday

- 7pm at St Mary's: service of Holy Communion around the table, music, reflections and silence.

2nd April - Good Friday

A booklet of readings/reflections and prayers will be available on the website to use in your gardens or out on your walks in the community.

- 10.30am at St Mary's: all age service outdoors (weather permitting) around the Easter Garden.
- 2.00pm at Holy Trinity: meditations at the foot of the cross, music and readings.

4th April - Easter Day

- 8am at St Mary's: BCP Holy Communion.
- 9.30am St Mary's: all age Easter celebrations at the Easter Garden.
- 11.00am Holy Trinity: all age Easter celebrations.

The booking email address is: Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com

Please email your name, number of people attending and which church.

Until the restrictions are lifted. Please wear a mask and we ask you to leave without gathering outside the church.

There will also be a weekly online service and a short youth service.

Both can be found on our websites:

www.hartfieldchurch.org & www.colemanshatchchurch.org

Please do phone me or email if you are worried about anything or are in any kind of need. *With love and prayers for you and your families.*

Rev Julie

St Mary's Church Hartfield & Holy Trinity Colemans Hatch wish you all a very Happy Easter

Dear Friends,

I know lockdown has felt much harder this time round. But Spring is on its way and there are signs of hope on the horizon. I hope you will continue to pray for each other and the wider world. Pray for all who make decisions every day on our behalf. I am sure we are all very thankful for the vaccine and our NHS.

I want to thank the parishes for the amazing ways you have reached out and supported each other. I hope this love and support will continue to help build community in the months ahead. Every small act of kindness has made a huge difference.

The children and Staff of St Mary's School have been a wonderful example of hope and resilience. Thank you! I am pleased to let you know that both our churches are open for public worship. St Mary's 9.30am & Holy Trinity 11am every Sunday

In line with the guidelines we ask you to book if you would like to attend a service. Here is the booking email address Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com Please email your name: number of people attending and which church.

Until the restrictions are lifted. We currently have to ask you to wear a mask to the service but we promise you a very warm welcome

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We would love to see you at any of our services.

As the restrictions lift and new guidelines are given, we hope to open up more of our activities.

HOPE

There are lovely large letters in St Mary's Churchyard that spell out the word HOPE. My hope is that anyone in the villages can come with a prayer or a message of hope and place it in the plastic box in the porch. The prayers and messages will then be laminated and attached to the letters of HOPE over the coming weeks. The edges of the letters are edged with lights. I am hoping a beacon of HOPE will be seen by all who walk past.

The children are coming up from the school to attach their own prayers. There will also be an Easter Garden. Please do phone me or email if you are worried about anything or are in any kind of need.

With love and prayers for you and your families.

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