



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 6 Week 5

Friday 9th July

### Sports Day

Our wonderful Mr D organised and ran a fantastic Sports Day on Friday.

A huge well done to the winning house: Cuckmere! We are so proud of all the children for their efforts - they are true St Mary's stars!

An enormous thank you to the incredible PTFA for all their work and for organising the Summer Social.

What a special afternoon to enjoy being all together as a community.



### Headteacher Award

**Ollie:** for super reading and making brilliant progress with blending sounds.

### Attendance

Whole school: week: **96.5%**  
year: **97.1%**

**Maple: 93.2%**  
Willow: 98.6%

**Cherry: 96.2%**  
Lilac: 98.5%



**Less than 94.9% - Red**  
**96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber**  
**100% - Gold**

### 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 Respect.



## Respect

#### **Week 5:**

St Mary's church is a special place in our village and school community. Draw a picture of your special place and write words to explain why this is your special place.

### Top Tips

- **Letters and emails home**  
**Whole School:**
  - ◇ Risk Assessments, Sports Day and PTFA Summer Social
  - ◇ Wellbeing feedback
  - ◇ Year 6 Leaver's Service
  - ◇ Start time on Monday
- **Crackers / Cheese Biscuits for East Grinstead Food Bank by Monday 12th July please.**
- **Please remember to book lunches on ParentPay before 8:00am each day.**



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.

### Sports Award

This week, the awards go to:

**Phoebe:** for excellent skill, precision and control demonstrated during Sports Day practice.

**Eva:** for great focus and co-ordination during Sports Day practice.

**Lukas:** for much improved co-ordination and control whilst bouncing, during Sports Day practice

**Ollie:** for excellent co-ordination and control during Sport's Day practice.



### Wildlife Explorers

This week the explorers started by adding information to their folders to get their wildlife and leadership awards.

Then they went out on a wildflower survey and found an amazing number of flowers around the edge of the car park. So pollinators have lots of food and can move pollen easily.

Once the survey was done the members did the difficult job of drawing flowers they had observed. These were so good they have been put up on the eco-school noticeboard and everyone was awarded a well-done sticker!



### Dates for your Diary

#### July

13th: Starfish Malawi visiting

13th: Willow Class Swimming (last one)

14th: Amazing Me Assemblies

16th: Sports Day (back up)

16th: End of Year Reports

20th: Librarian Visiting

20th: Transition Afternoon

20th: Parent Consultations - report queries only

21st: End of Year Production 10am and 2pm

22nd: Leavers' Service 11:00am

22nd: Last day of Term 6







### Benny

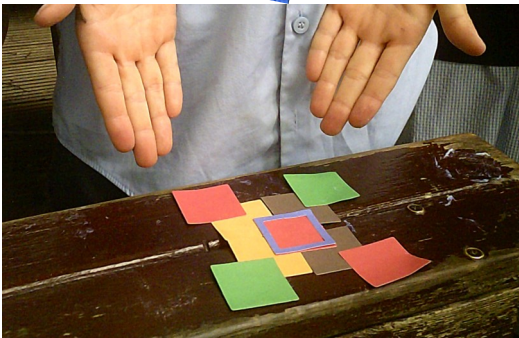
Benny has been having some early mornings this week, helping Miss Jane with Breakfast Club.



### Art Group

Every Thursday, Kay Carpenter, our Mental Health First Aider, is available in the quiet area for children to relax with art and focus on their wellbeing.

This week, they used their imagination and squares!





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## **Pirate Day in Maple Class, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Inspired by our book 'The Night Pirates', we have gone pirate mad this week. We had lots of pirate fun. We all dressed up as pirates and enjoyed talking to each other about different features of our outfits. We had eye patches, treasure, cutlasses, headscarves and stripy shirts galore!



We played a game of 'Port, Starboard, Bow, Stern', following the verbal and visual clues to move (as fast as possible) to different places in the gym. We also had to respond with particular actions when we heard 'man overboard', or 'land ahoy' or 'scrub the decks.'



We then had a treasure hunt! We had to listen carefully to the clues before deciding where to look for the treasure the pirates had left for us. They had hidden some chocolate treats for us in the outside house! We enjoyed eating them in the sunshine.



Finally, we danced to some sea shanties and played musical statues and musical bumps!



## Willow Class Forest School Thursday 17th June 2021

After the searing heat of earlier in the week, Willow Class Forest School started in the drizzling rain!



They collected lots of plants and flowers along the journey, looking closely at the shapes of leaves and number of petals each plant had. Once in the woods, some children used their plants to create a print, by banging them with hammers to release the juice which they used to create some lovely symmetrical patterns.



Willow Class had been learning the Greek Myth story of Arachne, who was turned into a weaving spider, so they enjoyed doing their own weaving with some of the plants they had found.



Some of the class collected rabbit droppings along the way. They had schemed on planting some of the fruit they had brought. Once in the woods they found a Willow sapling and moved it to their 'farm', planting it with the fruit seeds and rabbit droppings to fertilise it, then watered it in well!

Along the way, some of the children collected rubbish, armed with gloves, bags and a litter picker. They were so committed and enthusiastic about it. They showed great care and concern for their environment, along with great organisational skills, to organise themselves with turn taking and ensuring they were aware of litter on both sides of the track.

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## Lilac Class Forest School Thursday 24th June 2021

In the week of midsummers day, we have had rain, cold and now summer sunshine!

Lilac Class took along the litter pickers to collect rubbish on their way to the woods again today. It is great to see that it is an innate part of their journey and expectations of citizens of their community, that they want to care for it each week.



This week the class used tools to develop their creative design and technology skills. They started by using peelers to demonstrate their skill and control, and then moved onto using knives to carve, sharpen and create with. There were tridents, pears and a bow and arrow.



A group of children had decided to collect natural resources on the way to the woods and set about creating their own 'small world' in the woods. They used secateurs and palm drills to make holes in wooden bases and fitted cut wood into them, before creating sculpted clay animals to sit in their mini world.



The hammock was as ever popular with the children, as was the slack line. The children challenging themselves to balance along its length with the help of sticks. The perseverance seen was fantastic!



The children also spent time collecting logs for East Hoathly School, of our Pioneer School Federation, to improve their Forest School Fire circle. Armed with gloves and a trolley the children selected, lifted and transported logs, which were then driven to East Hoathly School. Brilliant strength and teamwork Lilac Class!



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We would like to send a huge thank you to all of our volunteers for all of their support with Forest School throughout the year!



## Well Being - Feedback

At St Mary's, we are always highlighting the importance of looking after our wellbeing, as well as that of our children. Following on from feedback and discussions with staff, pupils & parents, we have created a wellbeing support email address for members of the school community to reach out if they need any help or advice regarding mental health, whether it be for them or a pupil.

The email address is [wellbeingsupport@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeingsupport@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk) and will be monitored by Kay Carpenter, our Mental Health First Aider, who will support those who make contact to get the help they need, whether that simply be to talk or referred on further. We hope this will provide another avenue for all to make positive mental health and wellbeing a priority across our school community!

**YOUR  
MIND  
MATTERS**



# 10 WAYS TO BOOST YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



## CHALLENGE THOUGHTS

Challenge negative thoughts that come into your mind. Learn how to problem solve effectively



## SHARE THINGS

Don't be afraid to share things with your family or friends.



## WORK ON YOURSELF

Make sure that you take some time to work on your own well being



## SET GOALS

Set goals that you want to achieve. Be proud of yourself when you achieve your goals



## HEALTHY BODY

Look after your body as well as your mind. Nutrition plays a large role within this



## EXERCISE

Exercise is great for helping to boost mood, increase well being and reduce stress and anxiety



## MANAGE STRESS

Take time to learn some coping strategies that can help you to deal with stress



## RELAX

Find time to relax. Make sure that you dedicate some time each week for yourself. Meditate, try yoga or practice deep breathing



## TALK TO SOMEONE

Don't be afraid to talk to someone about any issues that you might be experiencing. Make sure that you seek the right advice



## SLEEP

Make sure that you are getting a good amount of sleep. Get into a regular pattern

## Well Being Poster

This week's wellbeing poster looks at 10 ways to boost your Mental Health.





## East Grinstead Food Bank

East Grinstead Foodbank are planning to send out fun bags of picnic-style items this Summer and as they do not hold many of the items in stock, are hoping that schools, churches, community groups and businesses can help by providing lots of one item. We have chosen cheese biscuits/crackers. To give us time to get the donations to the foodbank we would ask for your contribution by **Monday 12th July** please.



# Summer Picnic Bag Appeal 2021



We thank you for the donation of these items by 12th July



Pringles

Peperami

Breakfast Bars

Cupcake mix

Cheese biscuits / crackers



Breadsticks / cheese twists

Raisin snack boxes

Pots of jelly

Lunchbox drinks

Pocket tissues / hand wipes

## Thank you for your support!



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