



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 6

Friday 15th October

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 Thankfulness.



Thankfulness

Week 6:

This week, we learnt about the true meaning of Halloween and how it is a time to be thankful for all of those who we love, especially remembering those who we have lost.

Who is really special to you? Why are they special? Write or draw all the things you love about your chosen special person.

Fidget Toys

Please do not allow your children to bring in fidget toys or gadgets, unless there is



specific agreement in conjunction with Mrs Leahy or the class teacher. Thank you.



Top Tips

• Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- ◇ Forest School - 5th November
- ◇ Celebration Assembly
- ◇ School Photos

Specific

- ◇ Willow Class: Hever Castle trip
- ◇ Lilac Class: Kent Life trip



Exciting News

Our lovely Mrs Hill has given birth to a gorgeous baby boy: Max. He was born on 28th September, weighing 8lbs1oz. All is well with both!



Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home and please add additional comments in the reading records if required.

Reading Records are checked each Thursday and minutes counted for the class total.

This week's results:

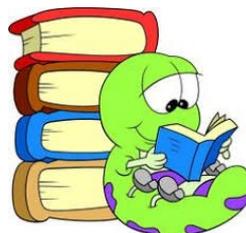
Maple: 1,794 minutes

Cherry: 536 minutes

Willow: 1,060 minutes

Lilac: 2,518 minutes

Well done, Lilac Class!



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, our sports awards go to:

Jacob: for brilliant listening, following instructions and controlled running during PE.

Jax: for excellent teamwork, focus and support during PE.

Riley: for much improved focus, effort and participation during PE.

Layla: for much improved running technique and control during Cross Country practice.

Well done to you all!



Parent Prayer Group

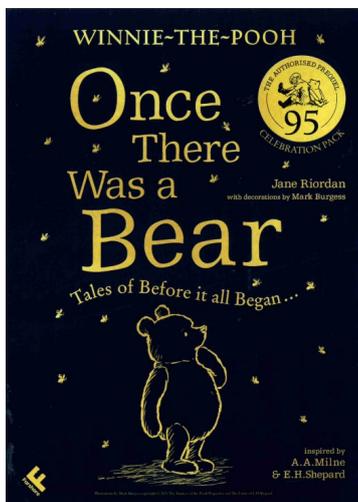
There will be a time of prayer at the church on Monday 1st November between 2.45pm and 3:15pm, to pray for the school community.

Please come along if you are free or call the office if you would like to know more: 01892 770221

Winne the Pooh

We have been very fortunate this week to be given a copy of the new book published to celebrate 95 years of Winnie the Pooh.

Our thanks go to James of Pooh Corner in Hartfield for always thinking of our school and for donating this fabulous new book.



Dates for your Diary

October

- 19th: FGB Meeting - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 21st: Community Café - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 21st: Lilac Bake Sale
- 21st: PTFA AGM - 2:45pm
- 22nd: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am
- 22nd: Lilac Bake Sale
- 22nd: Last Day of Term 1

November

- 1st: First Day of Term 2
- 3rd: Flu Vaccine
- 4th: PTFA Mufti Day
- 4th: Maple Class Forest School
- 4th: School Disco - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- 5th: Whole School Forest School - am
- 11th: Remembrance Service
- 11th: Cherry Class Forest School
- 16th: Open Afternoon - 1:30pm - 3pm
- 16th: Parent Consultations
- 18th: Willow Class Forest School
- 18th: Parent Consultations
- 25th: Lilac Class Forest School

St Mary's



There are a lot of events coming up. Please add them to your calendar.

October

- Thursday 21st, after school: Lilac Class Bake Sale
- Friday 22nd, after school: Lilac Class Bake Sale
- Friday 22nd, 2:45pm - 3:15pm: PTFA AGM in school hall

November

- Thursday 4th: Mufti Day (£1 donation to wear non school uniform)
- Thursday 4th, afterschool: PTFA Disco

December

- Friday 10th: Mufti Day (tombola donation to wear non school uniform)
- Saturday 11th: Christmas Fair



Forest School: Thursday 7th October, Lilac Class Forest School with Buddies

Last week, Lilac Class went on an outdoor adventure with their Buddies!

Lilac's topic this term is 'World War II'. They had learned about rationing and how people had to grow as much of their own food as possible. So with this in mind, we found out that rosehip syrup was full of vitamin C and was made during WWII from foraged rose hips. They learned how to identify rose hips and picked them carefully in amongst the thorns.



The children were given some small leather pouches (made by last year's Lilac Class) and cotton bags to collect their autumn hedgerow finds. They were brilliant at working together with their younger buddies to support the picking identifying and helped them supportively over the stiles along the way.



This week the sale of the original Pooh Bridge was on the news, so taking advantage of the connection Hartfield has to Pooh Bridge, the group made it to the river and with their collected fir cones and sticks had some games of 'Pooh Sticks'.

They then listened to a story about apples and how they have a star in their centre, looking inside lots of the crab apples they had found.

There was time for a game of 'fox and rabbit' before heading home with a whole pot of rosehips, which are now covered in sugar. Lilac will have to wait and observe the process of how they turn to syrup.

Many thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make our Forest School possible.



Wildlife Explorers

Wildlife Explorers have been learning about being 'citizen scientists' and are starting to prepare for an assembly to let the rest of the school know how.

Members also put up a display giving details of "What's under our feet", showing the invertebrates we found under our feet when we investigated last week.

Happily it seems we have enough to feed many birds which live around school!



Thrush



House Martin



Starling

Sadly we also learnt that some bird numbers have fallen drastically, including thrushes, starlings, cuckoos, little owls and house martins so after half term the club will be looking at ways to help feed and attract birds.

We will also be looking at more ways to support our planet and slow down climate change.



House Sparrow



Little Owl



Cuckoo

Science and Rocks - Willow Class

This week, Willow Class were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Hinton, who brought lots of different rocks into class for our science topic. We learnt so much about igneous rocks from her experiences and knowledge as a geography teacher. It was great to have such a selection of large, interesting rocks to study.



We learnt why there are small holes in some rocks and why others are formed over a long period of time, under the surface of the earth. Under supervision, we cracked a rock into many pieces so we could see what it looked like inside!

Thanks so much to Mrs Hinton for a really great extra science session!



Inter-School Cross Country at Beacon

Well done to our runners who ran a fabulous race at the inter-school cross country. A special well done to Chloe who came 6th in her race and has been invited to the Beacon finals next month.

The children did St Mary's proud and were fantastic sports.

One Run Global Schools Day, Friday 15th October



Today we took part in the One Run Global Schools Day.

One Run for Good are helping to support children get active all around the world, wanting to put a bit of good back in the world and on Friday 15th October, teachers and pupils from all over the world have been running, walking and moving for 15+ minutes to unite the globe.



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St Mary the Virgin PTFA

Bingo Ball Game

Next week is the first draw for our new bingo ball game. It would be great if as many of you, your family or friends could support this venture as all proceeds go straight to the schools wish list for all of our children and we still have some numbers remaining. It costs £24 for the year, and if anyone who would like to pay in smaller amounts, please let us know. Numbers will be allocated towards the end of the week and you will be notified directly if your number is drawn. Good Luck!

Mufti Day

Friday 22nd October is mufti day, £1 donation to wear non school uniform will be greatly appreciated by the PTFA.

AGM

Thursday 21st October is the PTFA's AGM which will be held in the school hall at 2.45pm. This year is slightly different as sadly we have some long serving committee members stepping down. We say goodbye to Rachel Reid, Frances Brunsdon and Anita Emery who have all done an amazing job arranging events and raising a lot of money over a number of years.

In light of this, however, we need new volunteers to come forward and join the team as we need 8 people on the committee so if there are another 3 of you out there, with some occasional free time, who would like to make a difference to your child's school please get in touch for a chat.

For those of you that are new to the school, or we haven't personally met, I'd like to introduce the remaining committee members:



In addition, Louise Munn is our teacher representative.

As a member of the PTFA

We have 1 main meeting each term to catch up and discuss plans, finance and new ideas, usually in the Anchor over a casual drink. If that would prove difficult for childcare, we can change this to a zoom meeting, which proved just as successful during lockdowns. There is also the AGM.

Sub committees are formed when an event is coming up. As not everyone has to be involved in every event so if you are busy at a particular time of year, please do not worry. We also have the casual volunteers to help with each event so please don't feel there is a pressure to be present for everything.

If any of this appeals to you, we welcome fresh faces, new ideas and need 3 new committee members to continue. I personally feel that joining the team has really helped me to meet new people within the school and make new friends. Before my son started school, being new to the village, I hardly knew anyone but I was made to feel very welcome and it has been fun getting involved with everything we've organised.

If you'd like to join the committee please get in touch with one of us, we look forward to hearing from you. We also hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM next week as when appointing new members we have to vote them in, so please spare the time to join us at 2.45pm on Thursday 21st in the school hall.

Kindest Regards

Kerry Powell
PTFA Chair

School Clubs

We plan to continue all of our extra curricular clubs within school after half term.

All registers re-start at the beginning of each short term so you will need to re-book and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Breakfast Club will be start from the first day back (Monday 1st November) and run from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day.

Places need to be pre-booked and pre-paid through the office so please call: **01892 770221**



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



Mr D's Mixed Football Club (Y1-6) will re-convene on Mondays, please email the office to book: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk

After School Forest School (Y1 to Y6) with Miss Munn.

To book email: sawpitwoods@gmail.com



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Wednesday lunch time. We need to ensure that a clear register is provided to Mr and Mrs Rowberry so if you would like to arrange attendance please email the school office.

Mr D's Multi Sports Club will return on Fridays (Y1 to Y6). Please email the office if you would like a place: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Riccardo Simonetti Vocal Coaching is a new opportunity being offered to the children through the school day. Sessions are £10 per 30minutes and Riccardo offers both singing and keyboard lessons. Please contact on 7753329946 or email:

simonetti40@gmail.com for further information and let the school office know if you are interested.

Collection

Forest School Club, collection from the Farm at 5pm.

All other after school clubs, collection from school at 4:30pm



National Children's Bureau, Wellbeing Award for Schools

Following all of the hard work throughout the school (and especially Mrs Hill) the school was awarded the National Children's Bureau Wellbeing Award for Schools and the certificate has arrived this week.

As part of the work undertaken in school to promote wellbeing, The Wellbeing Art club is held every Thursday on the playground (weather permitting).

It is a free drop in club where Mrs Carpenter provides simple arts and crafts activities for all ages to allow children to explore their creativity and take some time to chill out whilst making some fun art projects.

Pioneer Governing Board

Alan Brundle has been elected chair of the Pioneer Governing Board and he has written a short introduction for us to share across all four schools.

For those of you that do not know me I live in Hailsham, am married (to a teacher) and have one child.

I am a partially retired Civil Servant and relax by playing, umpiring, and coaching hockey for Hailsham. I also have an allotment, though I am struggling to find enough day light hours to do it justice.

I seem to get roped into running for good causes – even though I really am not that keen on running! If someone highlights a good cause, I appear to be easily persuaded and over the last few years have completed the London Marathon and the Brighton and Eastbourne half marathons, not to mention the Mince pie run in December that Mr Procter has successfully convinced me to run several times. I mistakenly thought I would get a mince pie at each water stop.....apparently, they expect you to finish before they give you a mince pie!

I started as a Governor of Chiddingly School over 20 years ago when my child was a pupil. During that time, I have served as Chair at Chiddingly for approximately 11 years, Vice Chair of the Federation and now Chair. It is an extremely rewarding role while at the same time being sometimes quite challenging.

As Governors we are responsible for influencing the strategic direction of the schools. Working with the senior leadership team (SLT) we are responsible for the schools/federation's performance and direction but have to get the balance right so that we allow the SLT to manage on a day-to-day basis without interfering. We have to learn to fulfil the "critical friend" role.

I have seen many ups and downs over the years but the most exciting was the move to the Federation where I have been amazed by the progress each school has then made. The results and the Ofsted judgements have been so good to see and the benefits of schools and professionals working together cannot be underestimated and the evidence speaks for itself.

There is, of course, still work to be done and areas where we can improve, but I think the foundations have been laid and we have a good team of professionals in the Pioneer Federation who will drive us all forward for the most important aspect, the children.

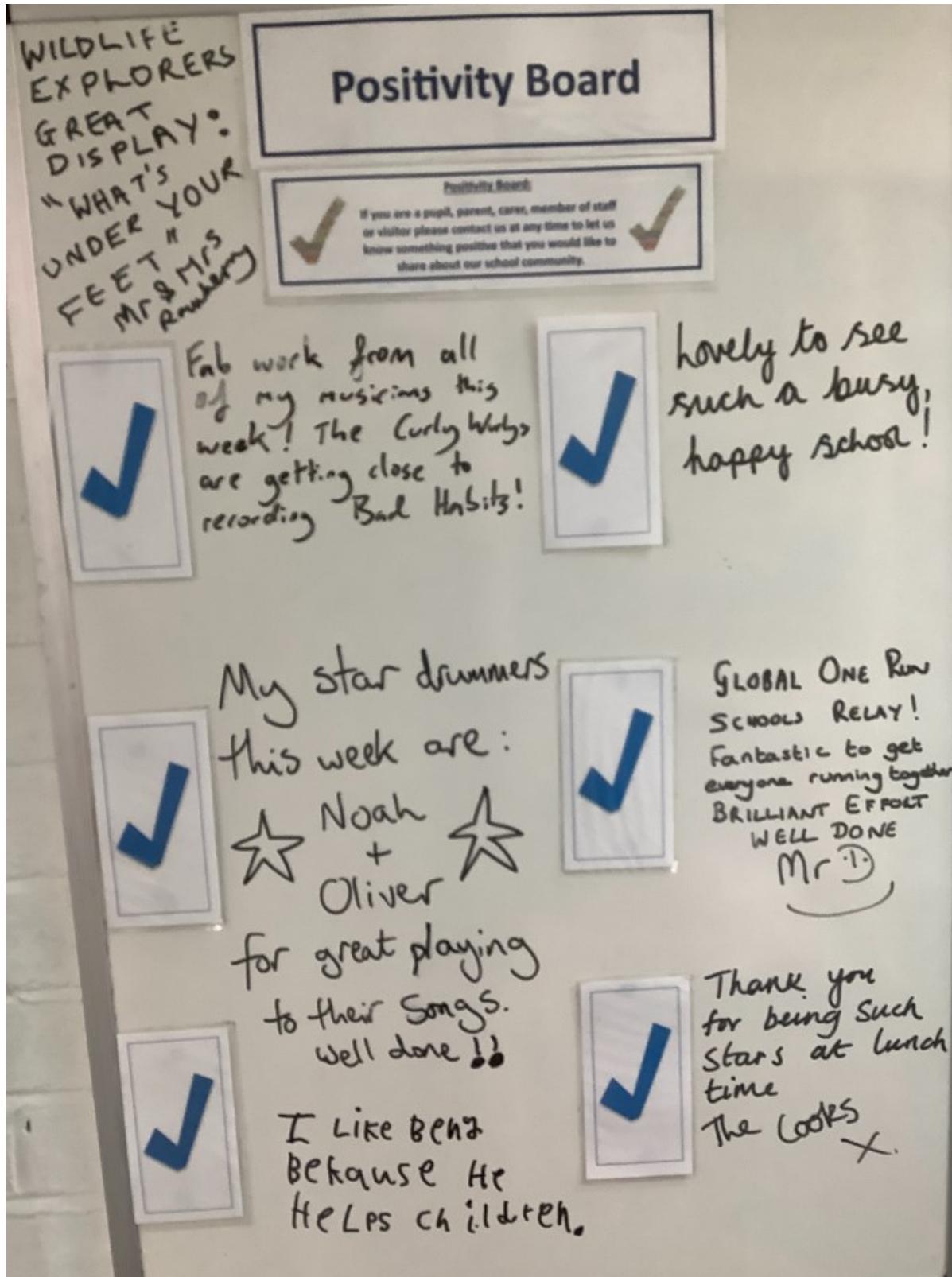
Why have I stayed around for so long? Well, there is no substitute for seeing the excitement on the children's faces and hearing their chatter as they grow and develop. They are always so willing to share what is important to them. Seeing the schools move forward and develop is just so rewarding. I try to get into school either on formal visits for meetings and interviews or more informally just to look round the classrooms and chat with the staff and children. It just puts the day job into perspective! The Governors normally have their badges on when they are in school so if you see any of us by all means stop us, introduce yourselves and have a chat.



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.



Well Being Poster

Linking to our engagement this week to 'one run for schools' and the inter-school cross country, our wellbeing poster looks at 10 habits of successful athletes (although it is good to note that these habits would benefit many aspects of our wellbeing).

10 Habits of Successful Athletes

Here are 10 habits that will help to get you in the right mindset

 @BelievePHQ

Successful athletes are constantly developing and learning. They see their career as a journey in which they are constantly growing



They take time to apply what they have learnt

They manage their physical and mental energy effectively



They learn from their mistakes



They set goals and reflect regularly



They never give up



They are well organised and planned



They make sure they are getting the right amount of sleep



They prioritise what is important



They are creative and take risks

GET READY TO PARTY AT...

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTFA
FIREWORK THEMED DISCO**

Where? School Hall

When? Thursday 4th November 3.30-5.30pm

Tickets – £5 per ticket booked online in advance (payment must be made by 1st November), £5.50 cash on the door.
Ticket includes entrance to the disco, mufti day donation, a hot dog and unlimited squash!

Also available – Bar, tuck shop, ice lollies, crisps, neon tattoos, neon face paints, glow sticks, dance competitions and much more!

All children must be accompanied by a nominated adult (adults go free!).

Please pay online (payment must be made by 1st November) by BACS to:
Hartfield School PTFA
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account Number 00060500

CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY CAFE

We will be open in St Mary's Church from 2 to 4pm on Thursday 21st October, and thereafter on the following Thursdays:

Nov 4th & 18th,
Dec 2nd & 16th.

Come and enjoy home-made cakes, coffee, tea and conversation.

All are welcome, (there is a children's area) and we look forward to seeing you.

For more information, contact Revd Julie Sear on 01892 770436, or revjuliesear1@gmail.com

