



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 3
Friday 19th November

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 Trust and Peace.



Trust and Peace

Week 3:

Trust is an important part of any friendship or in any family.

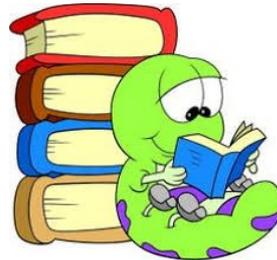
Write an acrostic poem using the letters T R U S T to demonstrate how you can show trust in someone.

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:** 1,114 minutes
 - Cherry:** 515 minutes
 - Willow:** 341 minutes
 - Lilac:** 1,830minutes
- Well done, Lilac Class!**

Top Tips

- Letters and emails

Whole School:

- ◇ Covid-19 Outbreak
- ◇ By WhatsApp: PTFA Disco and Mufti Day for Thursday 25th November, postponed.

Lilac Class:

- ◇ Teaching.

Maple Class:

- ◇ Clothing.
- Please let the office know if you have yet to have a Parent Consultation meeting: 01892 770221.
- Wildlife Explorers is currently on hold. As soon as Mr and Mrs Rowberry are back in school the club will recommence.



Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Scarlet: for always being positive during Tails and showing great awareness and positioning.

Albie: for excellent balancing, concentration and control during Gymnastics.

Scarlett: for excellent focus, concentration and improved technique during Football.

Troy: for much improved passing technique and demonstrating excellent control through Football.

Well done to you all!



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.

Open the Book - help needed!

We used to have a group of volunteers from St Mary's church come in each term to



lead our worship and act/teach a bible story with the children, using the Open The Book resources from The Bible Society. This group also lead our end of term service back in Christmas 2019 and was such a popular collective worship that the children absolutely loved getting involved in. The organiser of this group is no longer able to take part so we are looking for a parent volunteer who would be willing to have some training and organise a group of volunteers to come and lead worship with us once a term. For more information, please speak to Miss Hare or visit www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/

Dates for your Diary

November

25th: Lilac Class Forest School

December

2nd: Willow Class Forest School

2nd: Church Street Community Café - 2-4pm

9th: School Nativity - 10:00am and 2:00pm

10th: Mufti Day - bottle or chocolates - PTFA

11th: PTFA Christmas fair

15th: Christingle - 9:30am in Church

16th: Church Street Community Café - 2-4pm

17th: Last day Term 2

Ethos Committee



Miss Hare, Mr Procter, Rev. Julie, Lorna Duggeby (Vice Chair of Governors) and Mandy Watson (Governor) meet every term as part of an Ethos Committee which focuses on

the church school, spiritual, moral, cultural and social side of St Mary's school. We would love some parents to join us to be part of this committee, as we plan events linked with the church, focus on the R.E. lessons, Collective Worship and how to ensure we are a shining light in the community, being proud of our church school status.

If you have some time to offer and would like to be involved in this aspect of St Mary's school, please do speak with Miss Hare for more information.

Mince Pie Run

Our intrepid Mince Pie runners are practicing ready for the 10 mile race in December. They



hope to raise money

for each of the Pioneer International linked schools for which a [just giving](#) page has now been created. Your support is appreciated.

St Mary's



Our lovely PTFA continue their work behind the scenes so don't forget to have the School on your **Amazon Smile** account, be signed up to **'Easy Fund Raising'**, add any **clothes** to our collection bin, or to join in with the new **Bingo Balls!**

There are also a lot of events coming up for you to add to your calendar:

November

Friday 26th: Bingo Ball draw

Mufti Day and PTFA Disco postponed.

December

Friday 10th: Mufti Day (tombola donation to wear non school uniform)

Saturday 11th: Christmas Fair



Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been focusing on raising awareness around anti-bullying. Our theme has been 'One Kind Word' and creating 'One Kind Word' chains each morning (words chains work by one child starting off with a kind word about the person next to them and working your way around the classroom.)



On Monday our pupil governors visited each class to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week and ways to counteract bullying. They spoke with the classes about plans for an anti-bullying lesson in each class and explained their 'caught you being kind' certificates, which were given out through the week.

On Wednesday, the whole school participated in Odd Sock Day, when the children attended school in odd socks to celebrate difference and individuality.



Thank you to everyone in school for their hard work during the week, and for sharing kind words, offering support to each other and for generally raising awareness through Love, Strength and Faith.

Forest School: Cherry Class Thursday 11th November 2021

This week the children talked about the changes they had seen in the environment.

"Some of the trees look golden!"

"They are so many colours, red and brown and greeny yellow, and the tree trunks look black over there"

Cherry Class are learning about what happens where they live, so have been thinking about the Ashdown Forest, Winnie the Pooh and the village of Hartfield. They spent time looking at maps of the village before they went to the woods and learnt how to identify some features of the maps.



We took maps out with us and learnt about the directions of North, South, East and West.

The **impact** of Forest School for the children is the knowledge they gain from the Forest School experience. The **impact** can be seen through the skills, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons, and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.



The children used some of the natural resources in the woods to create their own maps.



There was also time to explore the ropes and bridges, hammocks and swings, before Cherry Class helped act out a story 'Hike' with actions. They were great at pretending to leek at maps, walk up hills and climb mountains!

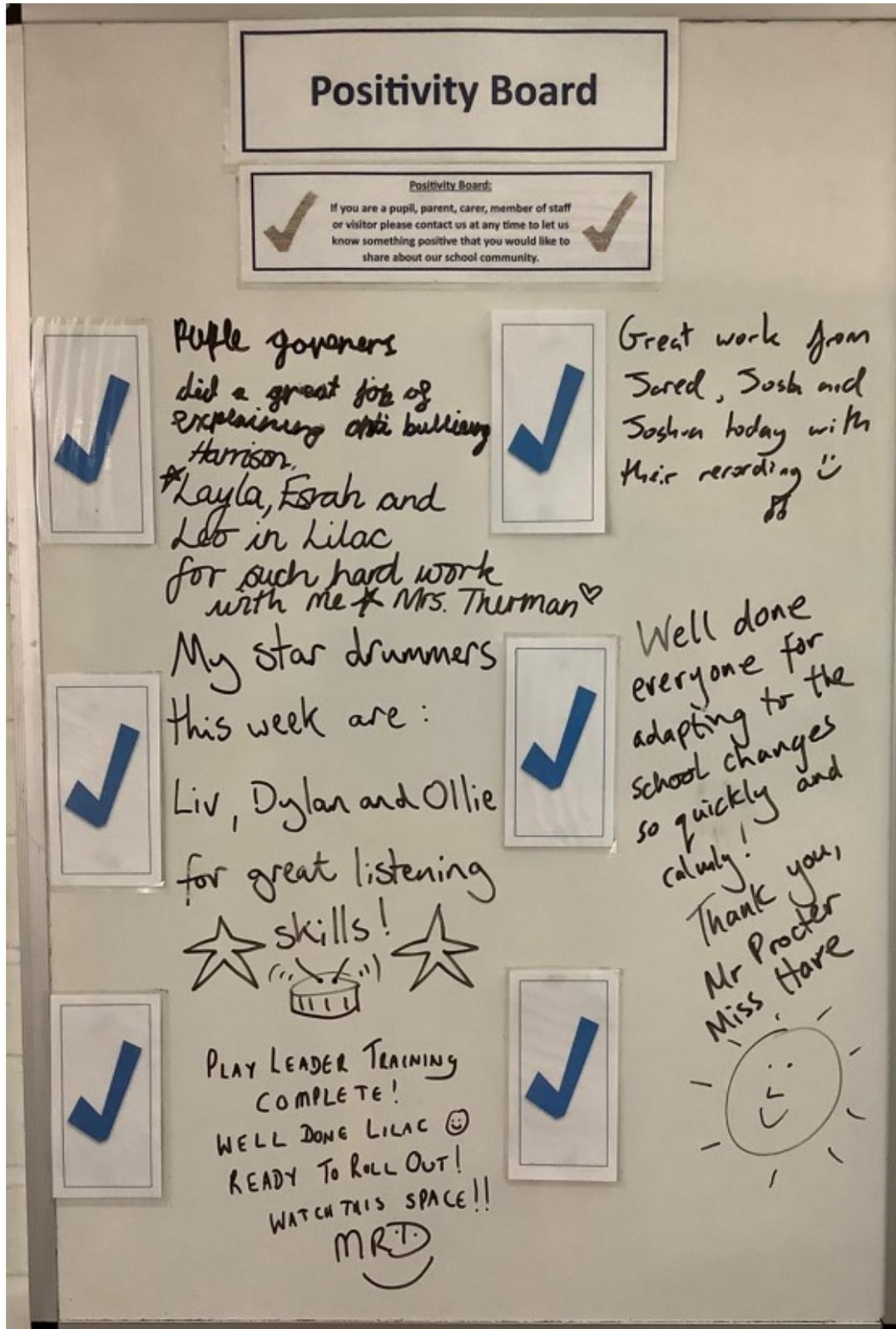
Well done Cherry Class



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.



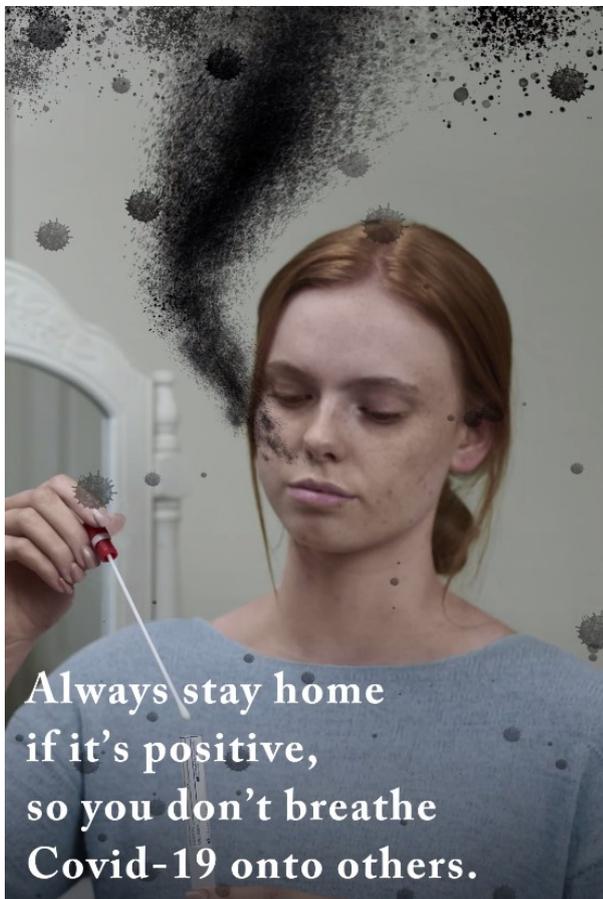
Well Being

Poster

With the changes introduced in school this week it seemed prudent to have a wellbeing poster giving us reminders of actions we



should all be taking in respect of Covid-19. The information is taken from the latest Government campaign.



**OPEN A WINDOW
FOR 10 MINUTES
EVERY NOW AND AGAIN
TO SIGNIFICANTLY
REDUCE THE AMOUNT
OF COVID-19 IN THE AIR**



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 15h December we will be having our school Christmas Dinner. The poster below gives details of options available and next week, a letter will come home asking for your choices as the catering staff need to ensure everything is ordered.

FESTIVE MENU!

Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

MAINS

£2.15 Roast Turkey with a Mini Pork Sausage
or
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice (v)

Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Orange Brownie
or
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

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