



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 4

Friday 26th 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 4:

Elijah was able to trust God even when he couldn't see him. He had seen his power through signs God had sent him.

What sort of things can we trust even though we can't see them? How do we know they are there?

Top Tips

- Letters and emails

Lilac Class:

- ◇ Kent Life trip.

Maple Class:

- ◇ Alphabet frieze.



CONSIDERATION

Car Signs and Music

Please would you consider the signs on display in your car windows.

Many of the children in the school are able to read and those practising, often read signs out loud.

We would, therefore, be grateful if you remove any signs that others may find offensive and ensure music is kept at a low volume and appropriate for small ears.



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: 1,472 minutes

Cherry: 594 minutes

Willow: 941 minutes

Lilac: 2,560 minutes

Well done, Lilac Class!

Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Bertie: for much improved listening, following instructions and participation during PE.

Immie: for very being very consistent and controlled while rolling in Gymnastics.

Joshua: for excellent participation and focus during team games.

Evelyn: excellent focus, attitude and determination during 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.

Christmas Events and Activities

It has been difficult to make clear plans regarding our usual Christmas events and activities, following the need to re-introduce bubbles and the uncertainty of when this will be lifted.

We will be writing to you next week to confirm the Christmas arrangements. We are sorry this will give short notice for some preparations; we are grateful for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.



Dates for your Diary

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
- 15th: School Christmas Lunch
- 16th: Church Street Community Café - 2-4pm
- 17th: End of Term Service in Church - 2:30pm
- 17th: Last day Term 2

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.



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 Worships 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.

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

Mufti Day and PTFA Disco postponed.

December

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

Saturday 11th: Christmas Fair

Friday 17th December: Bingo Ball draw



Open for Parents

'Open for Parents', offer help and support directly to parents, free of charge, as part of East Sussex's Early Help 0-19 Services provision. They provide a variety of online parenting courses, each with specific tips to help deal with the most common behaviour problems.

This service is all run online, so parents and carers can join in from the comfort of their own home. All they need is a laptop, tablet or phone and internet access.

If you would like a copy of their new guide which outlines all the programmes now available to support parents and carers please contact the office: 01892 770221

The guide contains all the course information, dates and how to book.



Church Street Community Cafe

Thursday 2nd December
2-4pm

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy home made cakes (with a Christmas Theme,) coffee and tea.

We will be making Christmas Decorations around the tables.



We look forward to seeing you.

Rev Julie and the Team

Celebrations

Megan has shared a delightful photograph of her dance performance. The graceful poise is testament to all of the hard work that went into the preparation for this.

Well done, Megan!



PTFA Bingo Balls

On the last Friday of each month, the winning number for the PTFA Bingo Ball competition will be drawn during Celebration Assembly.

The number picked was **5**, so congratulations to the winner! £50 will be finding its way to you, enjoy your prize.

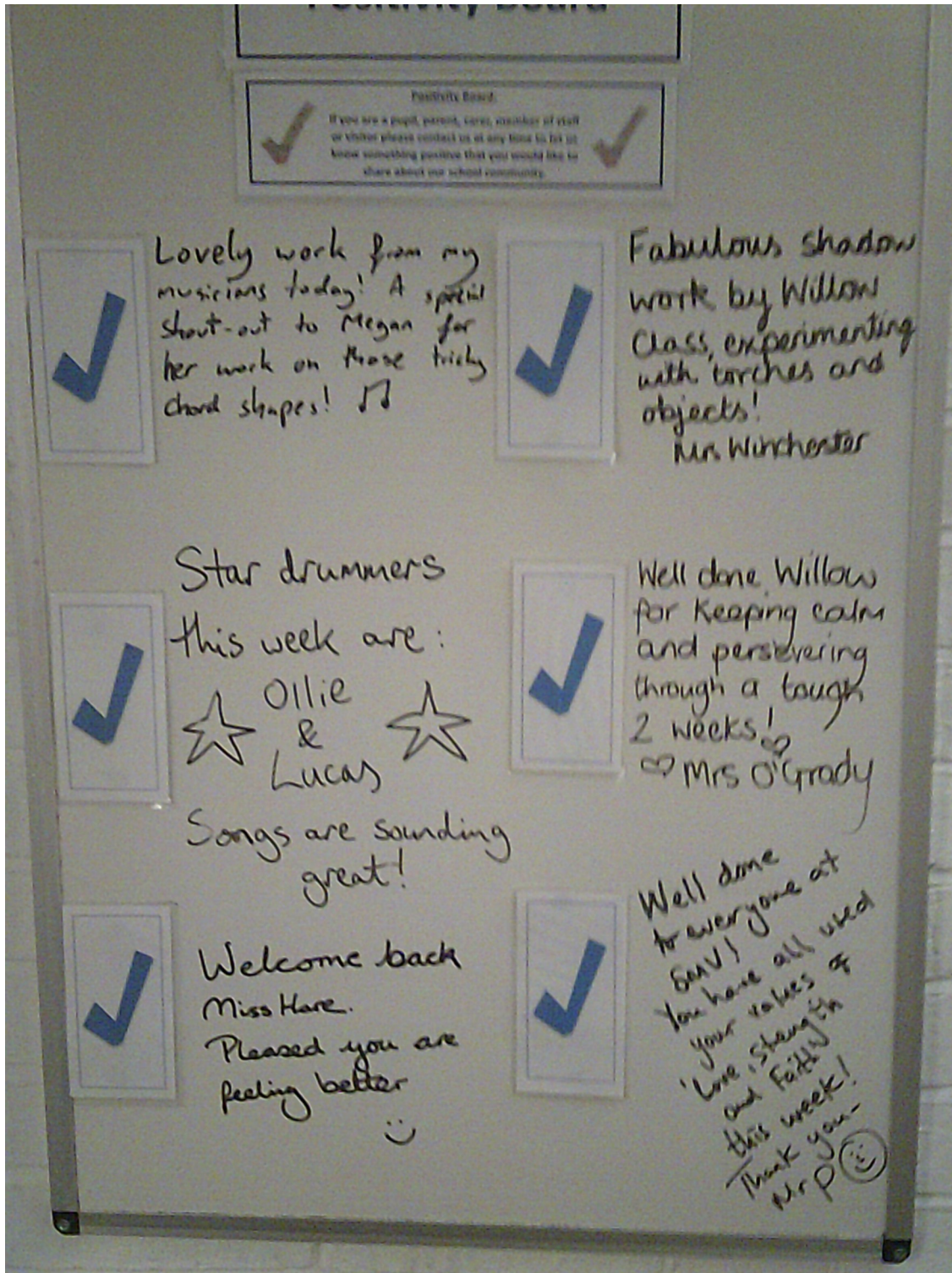
There are still some balls available if you would like to join this money raising venture for the school.



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

This week our wellbeing poster gives 9 tips for listening to music when exercising, which are also worth reading for tips about listening to music at any time.

9 TIPS FOR LISTENING TO MUSIC WHEN EXERCISING



Listen to music that evokes positive thoughts, emotions and images

Listen to music with uplifting melodies and harmonies

Find a range of tracks that influence your arousal levels

Listen to music that motivates you

Choose songs with different tempo to link to your training intensity

Listen to songs that contain lyrics with positive affirmations of movement

Know your arousal levels. Do you want your playlist to relax you or pump you up?

The last song on your playlist should be the most motivating

Listen to music with inspirational lyrics

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PTFA Bingo Balls



£2 per ball per month. £22 for the remainder of year.

10 months + extra draw at Christmas.
£50 cash prize every month. Number to be drawn in final Friday school assembly.
August to be drawn via Facebook video. 44 balls sold so far. Any balls now purchased will follow on from that number. You keep the same number all year. 100 balls up for grabs.

PIC•COLLAGE

So far we have had two winners of the PTFA Bingo Ball competition, each winning £50.

The balls are drawn in Celebration Assembly on the last Friday of the month (December will be on Friday 17th).

Your support to our fabulous PTFA is always appreciated as it raises money that helps towards school events and activities.

Thank you.



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 15h December we will be having our school Christmas Dinner. The poster below gives details of options available. All being well the form will be sent home on Monday and please return promptly as the catering staff need to place their order on Thursday. Thank you.



The poster is titled 'FESTIVE MENU!' in large, bold, white letters on a red circular background. In the top right corner, the Chartwells logo is displayed with the tagline 'So much more than fantastic food'. The background is a festive blue with white snowflakes and a large orange circle. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus, and on the left, a snowman. The menu is divided into two sections: 'MAINS' and 'DESSERTS'. The 'MAINS' section features a price tag of '£2.15' in a red circle, followed by the options 'Roast Turkey with a Mini Pork Sausage or Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice (v)'. Below this, it states 'Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy'. The 'DESSERTS' section offers 'Festive Chocolate Orange Brownie or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt'. At the bottom, a brown banner contains the text 'DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.' and 'PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!'.

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

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