



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 6
Friday 10th December

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 6:

We had our Nativity this week!
What was your favourite part or song? Why?

Top Tips

- Emails this week

Whole School:

- ◇ Christingle

Lilac Class:

- ◇ PE Kits

Willow Class:

- ◇ Swimming

Christmas Praise - to those who signed up.

- **ParentPay:** Please pop onto ParentPay and clear all outstanding payments before the end of term.
- **School Cubs:** Information inside if you wish to join any school clubs.
- **Christingle preparation:** please send your child with an orange on Tuesday 14th December
- **Christingle Service:** Wednesday 15th December at 9:30am. If you are free to join us, we would love to see you.
- **End of Term Christmas Service:** Friday 17th December at 2:30pm. If you are free to join us, we would love to see you.
- **Parking:** Please consider your parking choices and ensure you are not blocking anyone in.



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!

Attendance

Whole school: week: **95.4%**
year: **93.2%**



Maple: **93.0%**
Cherry: **95.4%**
Willow: **98.2%**
Lilac: **98.3%**

Less than 94.9% - Red **95 to 96.4% - Amber**
96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**

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:

Zenny: for much improved focus, concentration and participation during the Christmas Game.

Eloдие: for great participation, effort, support and teamwork during the Christmas Game

Amelia: excellent focus, concentration and teamwork during Team Games.

Well done to you all!



Dates for your Diary

December

12th: Christmas Praise - 9:30am

15th: Christingle - 9:30am in Church

15th: School Christmas Lunch

17th: End of Term Service in Church - 2:30pm

17th: Last day Term 2

January

4th: Inset Day

5th: All children return for Term 3

6th: Forest School, Maple Class

6th: Church Street Community Café - 2-4pm

Inclusion Fund

At the beginning of December, the PTFA voted to create a new 'inclusion' fund which will be available to all of St Mary's children. The aim is to ensure no child misses the opportunity to engage in the fun activities, events and opportunities organised by the PTFA for reasons of financial constraint.



It is not an unlimited pot but they are hoping to help people across this academic year to opt into their chosen activities i.e. attendance at the school disco, purchase of Christmas fun bag.

Kerry Powell (Chair of the PTFA) will be co-ordinating this and it will be run in complete confidence so please speak to her if the fund would be of benefit to your children.

Developments around Behaviour and Celebration

We are currently developing our celebration and behaviour policies within school using a 'Pro Social' approach. This approach focuses on ensuring everything within school is done for, not to, every child.

With this in mind, we have adapted our Celebration Assembly to check with the children who have won certificates or have a birthday, whether they want this to be shared with the rest of the school. If not, the certificate will still come home but a phone call will be made to families to let them know.

As part of these changes, please would you speak with your children and let the school office know if they would rather not have their photo or name in the weekly newsletters.

St Mary's PTFA

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 **Bingo Balls!**

Mince Pie Run

They did it! 10 miles completed to raise funds for each of the Pioneer International linked schools. There is still time to contribute on our [just giving](#) page and your support is appreciated.



Huge congratulations to Mrs Fry, Mr Procter, Mr Gray and Mr Brundle for completing this.



Cherry Class Trip to Pooh Bridge: Thursday 2nd December

This term Cherry's Class topic is 'What happens where I live?' So far, in their learning the children have immersed themselves in the world of Winnie the Pooh. They have also explored the idea of mapping. On Thursday the 2nd December it was time to use these skills and go and find Pooh and his friends in the Ashdown Forest. Cherry Class wrapped up warm and set out on a 'hike' to find Pooh Bridge.



First, they were given a blank map. They were told to add significant landmarks to their map as we passed them. This included Eeyore's gloomy place, Owl's house, Piglet's house and the Up and Down bench. On our way the children collected sticks, in preparation for their arrival at the Bridge!



Once there the action commenced and Pooh Sticks was enjoyed by all. Upon leaving the bridge we stumbled across Pooh's House. The children looked on in wonder, and were excited to read notes left by other visitors before us.



Lunchtime was a very welcome break from the cold, and we took shelter in the sanctuary of Mr and Mrs Rowbery's. Not only was this a great opportunity to use the toilet and shelter from the wind, but it was also an opportunity to observe trees planted by the children last year and measure how much they had grown.



After lunch it was time to resume our hike. The children followed the footpath to Hartfield village, following signs along our way.

The last part of the day was popping into Pooh Corner for some well-deserved cake and squash, enjoying being part of a café just like the one we have created in our role play area at school.



Nativity

On Thursday 9th December, we performed our whole school Nativity. Thank you to everyone who supported this and a huge WELL DONE to the children who were fabulous and blew us away with their incredible singing!



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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 please to re-book, with places allocated on a first come first served basis. As Wildlife Explorers has not run through Term 2, this register will remain in place for Term 3.

Breakfast Club will start from the first day back (Tuesday 5th January) and runs 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



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Wednesday lunch time.

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 07753329946 or email:

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

Collection

After school clubs, collection from school at 4:30pm.

We are currently looking at new opportunities for after school activities; if you are aware of any, or have ideas, please let us know.

Positivity Board

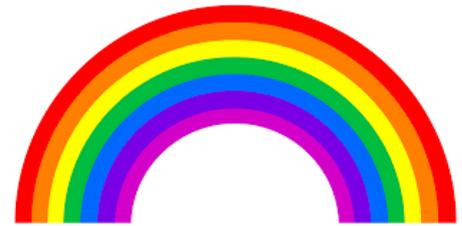
This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

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

As we head towards the Christmas season, our wellbeing poster this week looks at Eating the Rainbow with encouragement to see how many colours you can consume through the Christmas break from school .



The Nutrition Rainbow



Tips: The more naturally colorful your meal is, the more likely it is to have an abundance of cancer-fighting nutrients. Pigments that give fruits and vegetables their bright colors represent a variety of protective compounds. The chart below shows the cancer-fighting and immune-boosting power of different-hued foods.

Colors	Foods	Colorful Protective Substances and Possible Actions
Red	Tomatoes and tomato products, watermelon, guava	Lycopene: antioxidant; cuts prostate cancer risk
Orange	Carrots, yams, sweet potatoes, mangos, pumpkins	Beta-carotene: supports immune system; powerful antioxidant
Yellow-orange	Oranges, lemons, grapefruits, papayas, peaches	Vitamin C, flavonoids: inhibit tumor cell growth, detoxify harmful substances
Green	Spinach, kale, collards, and other greens	Folate: builds healthy cells and genetic material
Green-white	Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower	Indoles, lutein: eliminate excess estrogen and carcinogens
White-green	Garlic, onions, chives, asparagus	Allyl sulfides: destroy cancer cells, reduce cell division, support immune systems
Blue	Blueberries, purple grapes, plums	Anthocyanins: destroy free radicals
Red-purple	Grapes, berries, plums	Resveratrol: may decrease estrogen production
Brown	Whole grains, legumes	Fiber: carcinogen removal

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