



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 7
Friday 17th 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 7:

This term, we have thought about what it means to Trust in and have peace with God.

What sort of things do we need to trust God with over the Christmas holidays and how will this help us feel peaceful?

Our Prayer:

That you hold each other close and find peace, strength and love over this holiday season.



Attendance

Whole school: week: **94.8%**
year: **93.4%**

Maple: **91.7%**

Cherry: **91.3%**

Willow: **98.2%**

Lilac: **97.2%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done Willow Class!



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:

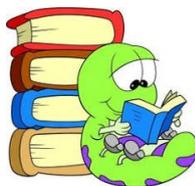
Maple: 1,860 minutes

Cherry: 645 minutes

Willow: 1,614 minutes

Lilac: 1,043 minutes

Well done, Maple Class!



Top Tips

- Emails this week

Whole School:

- ◇ Flu Vaccination

Lilac Class:

- ◇ Parent Consultation

Willow Class:

- ◇ Teaching Arrangements x2

Year 4

- ◇ Multiplication Check

- **School Cubs:** Information inside Newsletter last week, please let the school office know if you wish to sign up for Mixed Football, Multi-Sports or Breakfast Club.

- **Sports Clubs:** are now open to all ages.



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.



Developments around Behaviour and Celebration

We are currently developing our celebration and behaviour policies within school using a 'prosocial' 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 publically. If not, Mrs Funnell will call to explain and the certificate will come home in book bags to enable family celebrations as appropriate.

The Behaviour Policy will be updated early in Term 3 with adaptations integrated into school through Term 3 and Term 4.

Parent forums will be arranged in Term 3, giving opportunities to discuss the prosocial developments and ask any questions but in the interim, 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.

Christmas Tree

Our thanks are extended to Mrs Emery and Sussex Trees in Lindfield for our beautiful Christmas tree.



Dates for your Diary

December

17th: Last day Term 2

January

4th: Inset Day

5th: All children return for Term 3

5th: Breakfast Club resumes

6th: Forest School, Maple Class

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

6th: Red Butler 'Strings' resumes

7th: Multi Sports with Mr D resumes

10th: Red Butler 'Percussion' resumes

10th: Mixed Football resumes

11th: Willow Class - Swimming

13th: Forest School - Cherry Class

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

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 **Bingo Balls!**

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.



Making Christingles - Tuesday 14th December

Under the guidance of Reverend Julie, the whole school learnt about the relevance of the Christingle, then worked together beautifully, supporting and sharing, to make their own ready for the service on Wednesday 15th.

Thank you to those who came to help.



Christingle Service

On Wednesday 15th December, the whole school took part in the Christingle Service in church, led by Reverend Julie.

We learnt about the significance of all aspects to the Christingle concluding with a lighting of the candle to signify the Light of Jesus being there for all who turn to Him.



Christmas Dinner

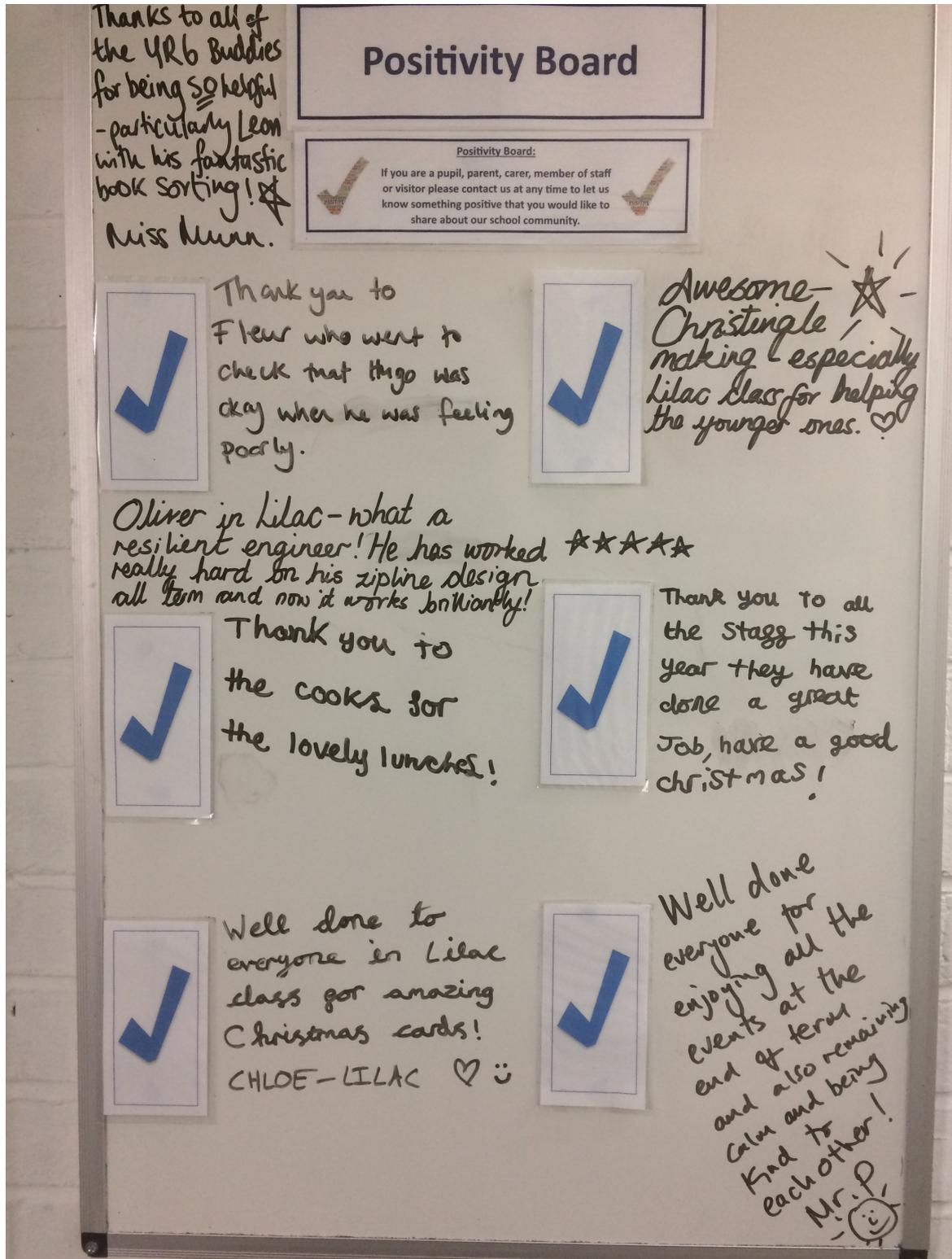
On Wednesday 15th December, the whole school then enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Dinner, at tables that had been beautifully decorated by the PTFA



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 the true meaning of Christmas as it gives us hope for the future, strength through our Lord, and peace and love through Jesus who was sent as a light into this world to save us all.



Holland Litho [tell us](#) :

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

So over this Christmas break, take time to show the family how much you love them, have the strength to slow down the pace to enjoy all that you have, and find peace in the knowledge that God loves us all.

