



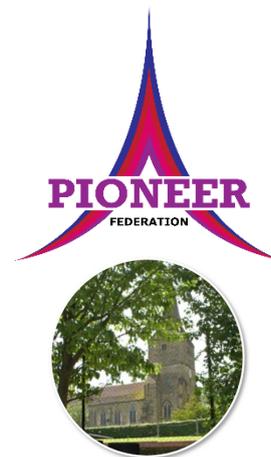
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Term 3 Week 1

Friday 7th January 2022

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 Perseverance.



Perseverance

Week 1:

Perseverance is all about never giving up. What challenges did you face in 2021 that you had to keep working at until you succeeded? Write a challenge for yourself to complete this year – what skills will you need to persevere?

Attendance

Whole school: week: **93.8%**

year: **93.4%**

Maple: **97.2%**

Cherry: **91.1%**

Willow: **95.3%**

Lilac: **94.0%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done Maple 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: 1,250 minutes

Cherry: 1,469 minutes

Willow: 1,248 minutes

Lilac: 1,814 minutes

Well done, Lilac Class!

Top Tips

- Emails this week

Whole School:

- ◇ Return to School, Covid-19 update
- ◇ Staffing catch up

Lilac Class:

- ◇ Parent Consultation

Willow Class:

- ◇ Swimming - individuals

Year 4

- ◇ Times Table Meeting - postponed

- Lilac Class

- ◇ Parent Consultations



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If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Willow Class

This term, Our Topic in Willow this term is Awesome Authors.

We decided to go on a book hunt around the school identifying awesome authors all around us.

We absolutely loved it!



Maple Class



This week Maple Class built levers using different materials outside.

We poured water into different containers and then looked at whether or not it had frozen the next day.

We talked about why it had frozen and how we could melt it.



Lois was amazed to discover that our bulbs are already showing signs of growth. We talked about what bulbs need to thrive and grow.

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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.

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!**

Dates for your Diary

December

17th: Last day Term 2

January

10th: Red Butler 'Percussion' resumes

10th: Parent Prayer Meeting in Church - 2:45pm

10th: Mixed Football resumes

11th: Swimming - Willow Class

13th: Forest School - Cherry Class

17th: Parent Consultations Lilac Class

18th: Swimming - Willow Class

19th: Parent Consultations - Lilac Class

20th: Forest School - Willow Class

25th: Swimming - Willow Class

27th: Forest School - Lilac Class

February

1st: Swimming - Willow Class

8th: Swimming - Willow Class

10th: Bake Sale - Willow Class: 3:15pm

11th: Mufti Day - £1 donation to PTFA

11th: Bake Sale - Willow Class: 3:15pm

11th: Last Day - Term 3

21st: First Day Term 4

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**

Opportunity

i-go is a FREE leisure discount card for 0-25s with special educational needs and disabilities, living or studying in East Sussex.

By telling people about i-go you will be helping them benefit from great discounts and carer goes free offers, these can be for leisure centres, activities like Go Ape, entertainment, shopping and lots more. Pupils with any of the following; Education Health and Care Plan, Blue Badge, Concessionary Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) can get a card.

Visit: <https://igo.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

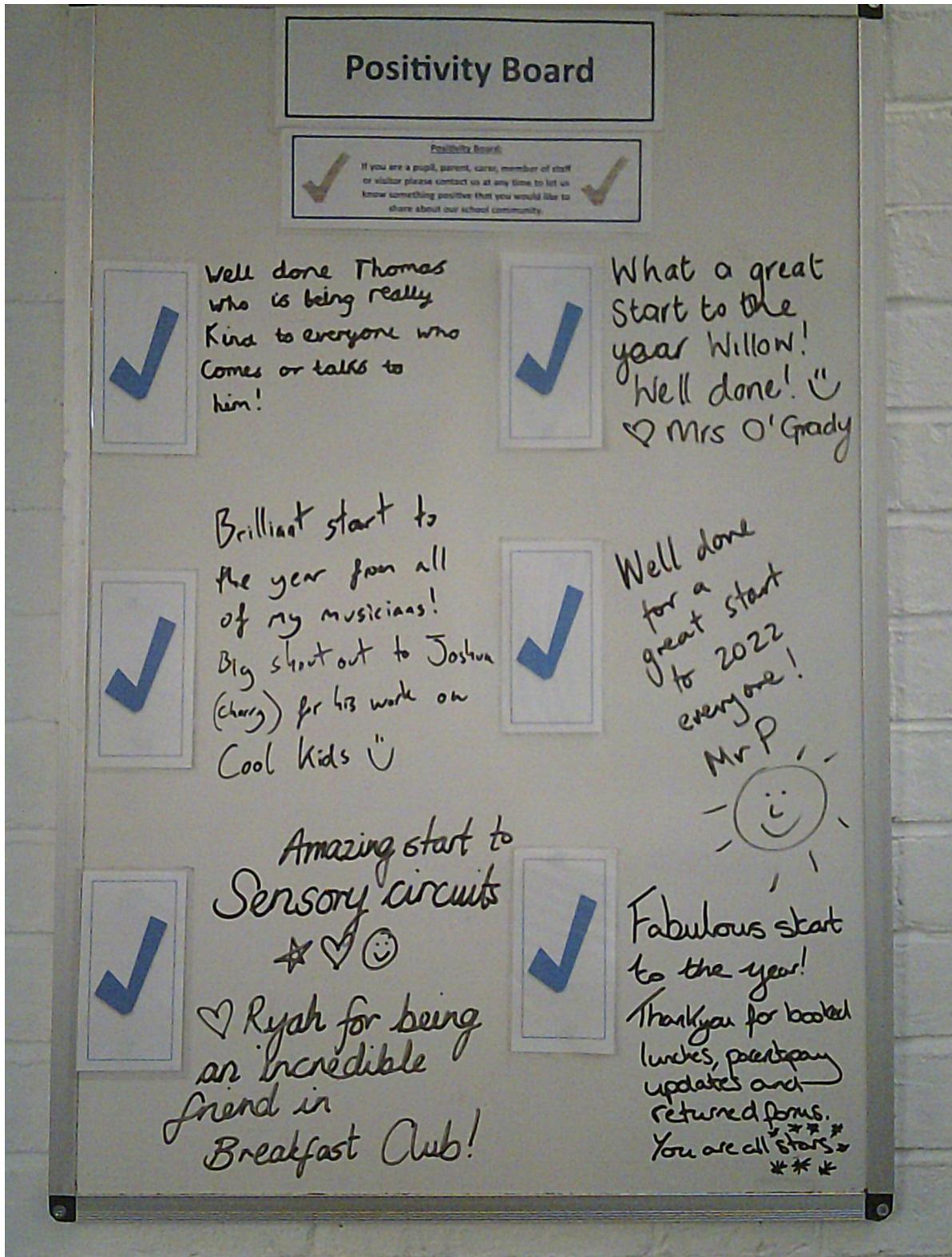
Time of Prayer

There will be a time of prayer at the church on Monday (10th January) at 2.45 to pray for the school community. All are welcome to come along. If you would like to know more, please speak to the office: 01892 770221

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



Well Being Poster

As we move into the New Year and with the ongoing situation around Covid-19, this Well Being Poster this week looks at Mental Health.



[Action Mental Health](#) give the following suggestions for 'Beating the January Blues'

Beat the "January Blues"

At this time of year, we all need to talk more than ever.

It is important for individuals to acknowledge the difficulties during this period and seek professional help with severe 'January blues' when needed. However, staying active and not isolated, reducing alcohol consumption and being aware and mindful of difficult family dynamics can lessen the blues.

There are also a few simple steps that can help minimise the risk of mental health issues arising this January:

- Beware of drinking to excess, remember that alcohol is a depressant and can worsen the symptoms of depression.



- If you are worried about being alone, find out what is going on in your local community or join a local group.

- See whether there is a good time to visit friends or relatives.



- Sharing your feelings with others, such as friends and family members, who can help you identify and work through any emotional challenges you may be experiencing.

- Regular physical activity has been shown to have antidepressant effects in people with mild to moderate depression.



Do not be afraid to seek professional help.

Opportunity

We have received information about the following opportunity for children aged between 7 and 11 years. If you are interested please contact: hello@bridgescentre.org or 01732 868186.



Money Matters with RedSTART

Do you have a child aged between 7 and 11? Would you and your child like to come and join us for some free, fun activities to support your child's understanding of money, budgeting and saving? Then why don't you join our short course?

The sessions will cover the following topics in a fun and interactive way:

- Money and Budgeting, understanding the value of money and the importance of saving.
- Understanding the risks of borrowing and lending money.
- Making decisions about how to save or spend money. Financial needs and wants.

How do I get involved

RedSTART is a financial education initiative which aims to improve the financial literacy of young people and give them the tools they need to take control of their financial future. Over the last 5 years RedSTART have delivered workshops for children aged 7 to 11 in schools, offices and in the community.



Opportunity



Sunday Discoverers
1st and 3rd Sunday's in St Mary's Church during the 9.30am service
Starfish - ages 3-6years
Sparklers - ages 7-11
Join us to explore, learn and pray.
Bible story with craft, songs and time to talk



January 16th. All in God's time.
January 30th. Dare to speak.
February 6th. Fishermen and nets.
14th-20th February Half Term.
6th March Jesus in the wilderness
20th March Craft making for those we love
27th March. Mothering Sunday.
Contact: Kathy Green 01892 770208 Rev Julie 01892 770436



Understanding Children's **Mental Health**

How to identify when your child needs support with their mental health and what you can do

We know that it is sometimes hard to know what to do when your child is experiencing difficulties and to recognise what is normal everyday behaviour for your child as part of growing up or the start of a mental health difficulty.

- Me & My Mind provides a 1-hour workshop on understanding mental health and what mental health difficulties might look like for a child.
- The workshop includes strategies to help Parents and Carers to manage mental health difficulties at home.
- Including resources and activities ideas that you can do at home with your family.

Tuesday 15th February 2022, 4pm to 5pm

[Click here to book](#) or email us

Me & My Mind is a Children's Mental Health service working in your school.

We can be contacted on:

Email: mhst.info@eastsussex.gov.uk

Call: 01273 335585



A helping hand with your mental health
me & my mind
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team