



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

Executive Headteacher: Mr James Procter

Head of School: Miss Becca Hare

Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Term 3 Week 2

Friday 14th 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 2:

Jesus' story about the persistent widow teaches us to keep asking God for what we need.

Write an acrostic poem as a class using the letters P E R S E V E R A N C E to help you remember to keep going, even when it is difficult.

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: 1,782 minutes **Cherry:** 970 minutes

Willow: 1,532 minutes **Lilac:** 1,326 minutes

Well done, Maple Class!



Headteacher Award

We have one Headteacher award this week:

Eva: for exceptional work in maths!

Well done, Eva!



Top Tips

- Emails this week

Whole School:

- ◇ New Behaviour Policy
- ◇ Changes to Covid-19 isolation periods
- ◇ Risk Assessment for Parent Forum

- Lilac Class: please sign up for Parent Consultation, **Monday 17th January, Wednesday 19th January**

- Parent Forum

Tuesday 18th January, 2pm. Please read the risk assessment and complete a Lateral Flow.

Thank you



Attendance

Whole school: week: **97.9%**

year: **93.7%**

Maple: **100%**

Cherry: **97.6%**

Willow: **97.7%**

Lilac: **97.6%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done Maple 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:

Bella: for great engagement, creativity and fluency during Gymnastics.

Ollie: for excellent focus, concentration and much improved technique during Basketball.

Isla: for excellent rhythm, focus and control, especially leaping, during Gymnastics.

Harrison: for great focus and improved technique in Gymnastics, especially leaps..

Well done to you all!



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!**

Next week, we will have the winners of the Christmas pamphlet competition so watch this space!

The PTFA are always looking for helpers and new ideas for raising money for the school so don't be shy, get in touch!



Wildlife Explorers

This week it was very exciting to welcome Mr and Mrs Rowberry back into school and they wasted no time in getting our explorers busy using the lavender that had been harvested from the school gardens.



Club members chose squares of material and decorative ties to make to make lavender bags to put in drawers and between clothes to give a lovely scent of Spring and Summer, that also filled the classroom! Lavender, as well as being known for its soothing perfume has antiseptic and antibiotic properties, and can deter moths in stored clothing.



Members also started preparations for the "RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch" at the end of the month. They made "Cheerios" feeding hoops for the birds which are a good thing to hang out in gardens when frosty mornings make finding food difficult.

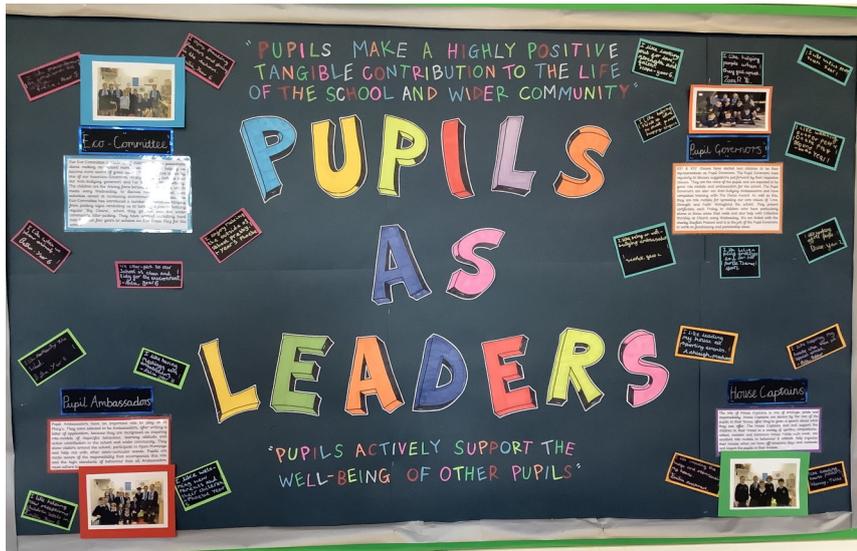
Club members were excited to share news that our bulbs are already showing signs of growth and we talked about what bulbs need to thrive and grow.



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.

Pupils as Leaders



This week we have been reminding our pupils of their role as leaders within the school. Mrs O'Grady has spent time with all of our 'leader groups' exploring plans for the coming term.



Eco-Committee



Parents Forum

We would like to invite you to our Parent Forum on **Tuesday 18th January at 2:00pm**, where

we will be discussing the new Behaviour Policy and the Therapeutic Thinking Approach. This has been launched with the children today in whole school assembly where they asked extremely pertinent questions which indicated a good understanding of the changes being made. You have received a Risk Assessment for this meeting and would like to emphasise the need to take a Lateral Flow test before coming into school to help us contain the Covid-19 virus.



Children's Choir

After the successful Christmas Choir, Frances Rowberry has agreed to continue teaching the children some songs and music to sing in school, community and church.

Rehearsals: 5-5.45pm in St Mary's Church.

Weds 2nd/9th/23rd February

Weds 2nd/9th/23rd/30th March

Events:

Mothering Sunday, in church on Sunday 27th March at 9.30am

Palm Sunday, outdoors service on Sunday 10th April at 9.30am.

Please let Rev Julie know if your child is interested in being part of the Children's choir and can attend the rehearsals. Parents will need to remain in the church where there will be coffee and tea available.

Reverend Julie:

Revjuliesear1@gmail.com 01892 770436



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.

Lilac Class

This week, Lilac Class have been celebrating their favourite books and authors. They brought in a wide range of books to share with each other, talking about why each book was so good and exciting.



Using imagination and art skills, they then created beautiful book covers now proudly displayed on the wall in their classroom.

Opportunity



NHS
Find healthier swaps for the whole family

Dates for your Diary

January

- 17th: Parent Consultations Lilac Class
- 18th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 18th: Parent Forum - 2pm
- 19th: Parent Consultations - Lilac Class
- 20th: Forest School - Willow Class
- 25th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 27th: Forest School - Lilac Class

February

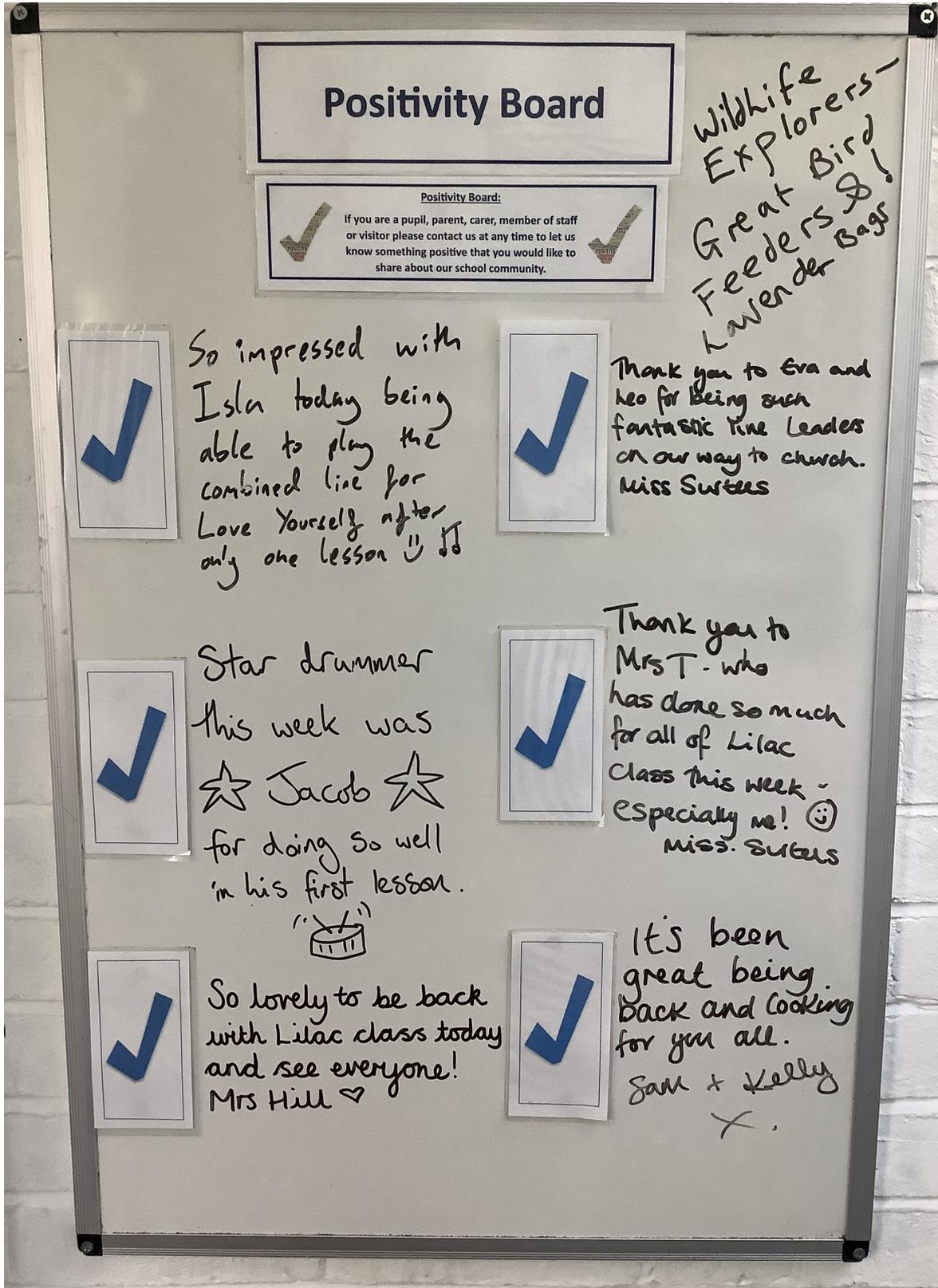
- 1st: Swimming - Willow Class
- 3rd: Ashdown Forest - Lilac Class
- 8th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 10th: Hever Castle - Maple Class
- 10th: Bake Sale - Willow Class: 3:15pm
- 11th: Mufti Day - £1 donation to PTFA
- 11th: Bake Sale - Willow Class: 3:15pm
- 11th: Last Day - Term 3
- 21st: First Day - Term 4



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.

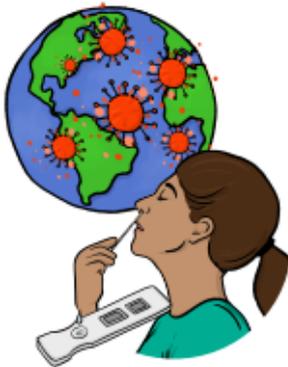


Well Being Poster

With the ongoing news about Covid-19, our well being reflects this. Remember, it is now 5 days isolation with two clear lateral flows (day 5 and day 6 or consecutive thereafter) with no temperature, to be able to return to school.

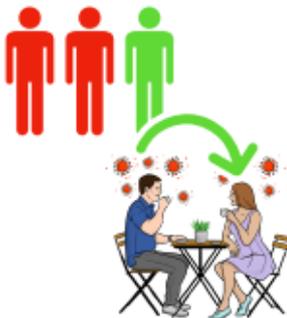
Rapid Covid-19 tests

NHS
Test and Trace



Covid-19 is also called Coronavirus. It is an illness that is spreading around the world. It can affect your lungs and breathing.

A **rapid Covid-19 test** is a quick way to test at home for Covid-19 if you don't feel ill.



Have you caught Covid-19?

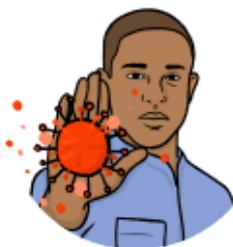
Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't feel ill at all.

They could be spreading the illness without knowing it.



Keep testing regularly

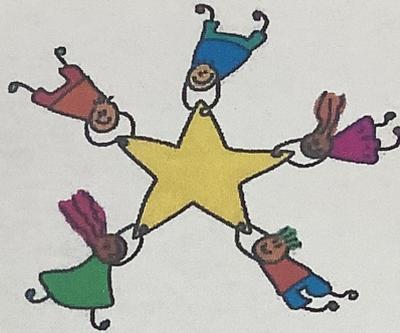
You can find out if you have caught Covid-19 by doing a rapid Covid-19 test at home.



If you find out you have Covid-19 you can stop spreading it.

 Easy Read

Opportunity



**'Little Stars'
Baby and Toddler Group
St Mary's Church Hartfield.**

St Mary's Church welcomes you to their new baby and toddler group.

1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month from 2-3.15pm.

Homemade cake, coffee and tea will be available.

Toys to play with, songs to sing and stories to hear.

A lovely way to meet together in a relaxed atmosphere.

The dates for this term in 2022 are as follows.

20th January

3rd February

17th February

3rd March

17th March

31st March

Contact Jen Black on 07779586460

Or Rev Julie on 01892 770436

Or email revjulieseal@gmail.com

We are following all Covid guidance.

07:01:22