



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 4 Week 1

Friday 25th February 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 Justice and Hope.



Justice and Hope

Week 1:

Rules and laws are important to keep our communities safe and fair. Have a look at our Golden Rules. Which do you think is the most / least important? Why? Can you think of any laws or commandments that Jesus teaches about? Share your ideas on post-it notes.

Attendance

Whole school: week: 95.6%

year: 92.4%

Maple: 89.6% Willow: 98.9%

Cherry: 93.3% Lilac: 97.8%

Less than 94.9% - Red 96.5 to 99.9% - Green

95 to 96.4% - Amber 100% - Gold

Well done, Willow Class!



Top Tips

Letters and emails this week:

Lilac Class: Lymley Wood, Wilderness Wood

Willow Class: Cuckmere Haven

All: World Book Day - 3rd March

- PTFA Jumble Sale: Saturday 26th March
- PTFA Disco: Thursday 3rd March



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:

Rother: 1,546 minutes Cuckmere: 1,265 minutes

Teise: 732 minutes Medway: 4,942 minutes

Well done, Medway!



Playground Equipment

Please remain vigilant of your children in the playground at the beginning and end of each day. Once the teacher has passed your children to you, they are then your responsibility in respect of supervision on playground equipment. Please also supervise siblings who use the equipment as the potential of injury is always present.

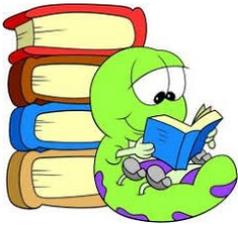


Thank you.

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St Mary's Rewards

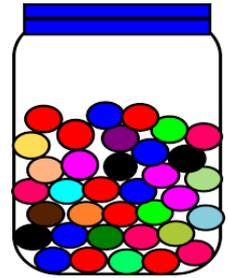


From Term 4, we are changing the way that we count reading miles each week. Instead of this being counted in classes, we will count reading miles in houses.

Please continue to read regularly with your children and put the minutes in their reading records.

From the beginning of Term 4, we will no longer use house points.

Instead, each class will have their own rewards system (such as collecting marbles in a jar) which, once completed, will result in a class treat as decided by each class.



As part of our therapeutic thinking approach to behaviour, these rewards are not conditional on a behaviour (e.g. 'if you line up nicely, then you will get a marble') but used

as a reward (e.g. 'You lined up so beautifully, you have earned a marble') as this helps to build intrinsic motivation for the children to keep to our Golden Rules.



We still have 'Star Work' and 'Headteachers' Awards' to reward exceptional work and progress, as well as Mr D's weekly Sports Award and the Love, Strength and Faith certificates given by Pupil Governors during Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child(ren)'s class teacher if you have any questions.



Headteacher's Award

We have one Headteacher award this week to:



Joe: for fantastic work and contribution to class discussions during literacy lessons.

Well done Joe!



Dates for your Diary

March

- 1st: Swimming - Willow Class
- 3rd: World Book Day
- 3rd: Forest School - Cherry Class
- 3rd: PTFA Disco
- 8th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 8th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 10th: Forest School - Willow Class
- 10th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 15th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 16th: Cuckmere Haven - Willow Class
- 22nd: Swimming - Willow Class
- 28th: FGB Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm, East Hoathly
- 29th: Wilderness Wood - Lilac Class
- 29th: Swimming - Willow Class
- 31st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm



Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Lottie: for excellent partner work, passing the ball with increased precision and control.

Cece: for great focus and attention whilst developing hand to eye co-ordination during Tennis.

Nicco: for fantastic sequences during Gymnastic.

Eva: for excellent focus and much improved dribbling technique during Hockey.



Well done to you all!



April

- 1st: Easter Service - 2:30pm in Church
- 1st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm

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Wildlife Explorers: Wednesday 23rd February

This week the Wildlife Explorers joined in with the climate coalition February week, 'Show the Love' for our planet and climate.

Their challenge was to decorate felt hearts to show that we should all be caring and working towards reducing climate change.

Members discussed 'House Vampires' - all the devices we leave on standby which use up energy constantly and cost us and our climate, how we should avoid using plastics, the need to keep to paths in the countryside along with many other sustainable actions.



Members have put together a wonderful display on the Club notice board – if you are visiting school do take time to see it.

Next week we shall be sending some of the hearts to important people like our MP. This will remind them that pupils at St Mary the Virgin School love nature and wildlife and do not want to see it damaged or lost any more than it has been already.

For more information please go to the Climate Coalition [website](#).

PTFA

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



Bingo Ball Winner

The bingo ball was drawn in celebration assembly on Friday 25th February with the winning ball number 26. **Congratulations to this month's £50 winner!**

PTFA Events

The PTFA have been working hard to arrange fund raising events for the coming months.

Saturday 26th February: sees the return of the much loved Jumble Sale, 10:00am - 11:00am in the school hall. If you have any jumble, please bring it in.



Thursday 3rd March: they hope to host the PTFA Disco, 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the school hall.

Saturday 23rd April plans are also in place to hold a Quiz Night, in the school hall with doors opening at **7:30pm**.



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Benny - The School Dog

Bennyour beautiful school dog has been back in action this week, getting some of our Year 6 out into the fresh air and exploring the countryside.



Morrisons: Good to Grow Vouchers

A big thank you to all who collected the 'Good to Grow' vouchers from Morrisons last year.

We have an exciting delivery of goodies ready for us to start planning and growing our vegetable patch this year.



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Forest School Thursday 24th February 2022



Maple Class set off to the woods, in search of signs of Spring. They found crocuses and daffodils and then some small yellow celandines along the Forest Way.

There were also some huge and excitingly splashable puddles!

We stopped for a rest and tried some of the rosehip syrup we had made during the Autumn term.

The children took it from a spoon as if it were medicine, like during WW2 and talked about how it was healthy and unhealthy:

"it is made from plants, but not healthy for your teeth as it is really sugary, it tastes like honey"



The recent storm had blown down some trees and the children investigated the sawn up logs and fallen limbs sharing their thoughts:

"It smells fresh"

"The rings in a tree tell you how old it is"

"This log pile looks like a bench, it is perfect for a rest!"

The children also found some alder cones by the stream and had a go at making bumblebees.

"they like the flowers that are out, they drink them and make honey"

Bringing everything together Maple Class then learned a new song:

Spring is here said the bumble bee, 'how do you know'? Said the old Oak tree

'Because I saw a daffodil, dancing with the fairies on the windy hill.'

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge they gain from the Forest School experience.

This impact can be seen through the skills developed, tools used, art and craft activities undertaken and the developing observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who help make Forest School possible.

Wellbeing Poster

Our wellbeing poster this looks at enjoying Pancake Day, Tuesday 1st March. It is taken from [Second Nature](#), a group who are in partnership with the NHS.



Pancake Day (or Shrove Tuesday) marks the beginning of Lent and the count-down to Easter. It can be a fun time to relax, celebrate, and make pancakes with family or friends.



Of course, the occasional indulgence is part of living a balanced lifestyle. If you choose to indulge on Pancake Day, be sure to

enjoy your pancakes mindfully and [without the guilt](#).



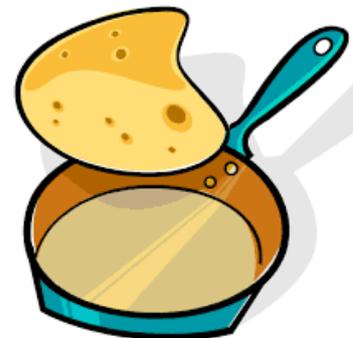
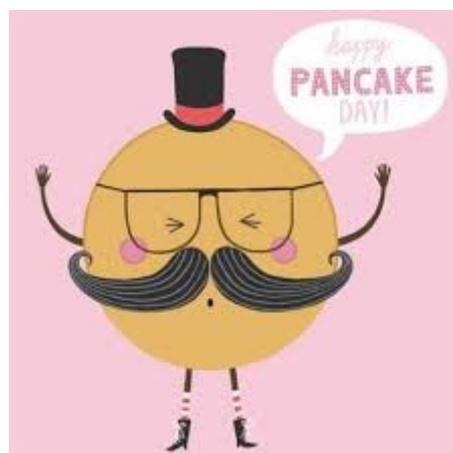
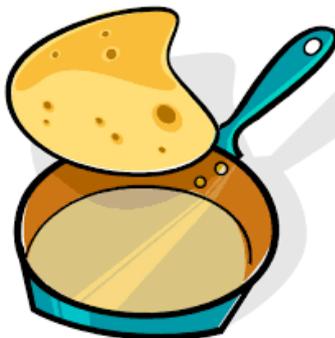
Introducing [healthy habits](#) shouldn't leave you feeling restricted. Instead, they should allow you to enjoy life while just making small changes that, over time, become second nature.

For those of us who have particular health goals, it might seem like we can't join in because we're worried about going off track and then harbouring feelings of guilt.



This is certainly not the case, as it's possible to celebrate and enjoy pancake day without overindulging in sugar or ultra-processed foods. If we don't allow ourselves the flexibility to join in on celebrations and social events, it can mean we feel deprived and start to question whether we want to continue our lifestyle changes in the long run.

If you're looking for a way to join in on Pancake Day with healthier alternatives that are lower in sugar and carbohydrates, this is [definitely possible!](#)



Get Caught Reading

With World Book Day next week, our desire to enhance school-wide reading and our hope to encourage all to read for pleasure, we have planned a competition to run over the next week.

We would like the children to 'Get Caught Reading' in unexpected places and to have photographic evidence to send to the school!

This could be anywhere, so get your thinking caps on and your reading books ready.

Prizes will be awarded in each year group for the location judged 'most creative' with the photos will be used to create a wonderful display in school and where agreed, posted in the weekly Newsletter.

Please send your photographs to the school office before **Monday 7th March**.

We can't wait to see the children's imaginations at work!



Where will you 'Get Caught Reading'?

School Clubs

We are continuing all of our extra curricular clubs within school and please be aware that children in Maple Class can also now attend.

All registers restart at the beginning of each short term so you will need to re-book and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Breakfast Club 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 (R-6) will re-convene on Mondays. Please email the office to book: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk

After School Forest School (R to Y6) with Miss Munn will recommence on Monday and Tuesday after school.

To book email: sawpitwoods@gmail.com



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Wednesday lunch time. We need to ensure that a clear register is provided to Mr and Mrs Rowberry so if you would like to arrange attendance please email the school office.

Mr D's Multi Sports Club will return on Fridays (R to Y6). Please email the office if you would like a place: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



We have been offered sessions in both singing and keyboard, £10 per 30 minutes but are trying to identify sufficient numbers to enable this to happen.

If you would be interested in trialling these sessions, please call the school office.

Collection

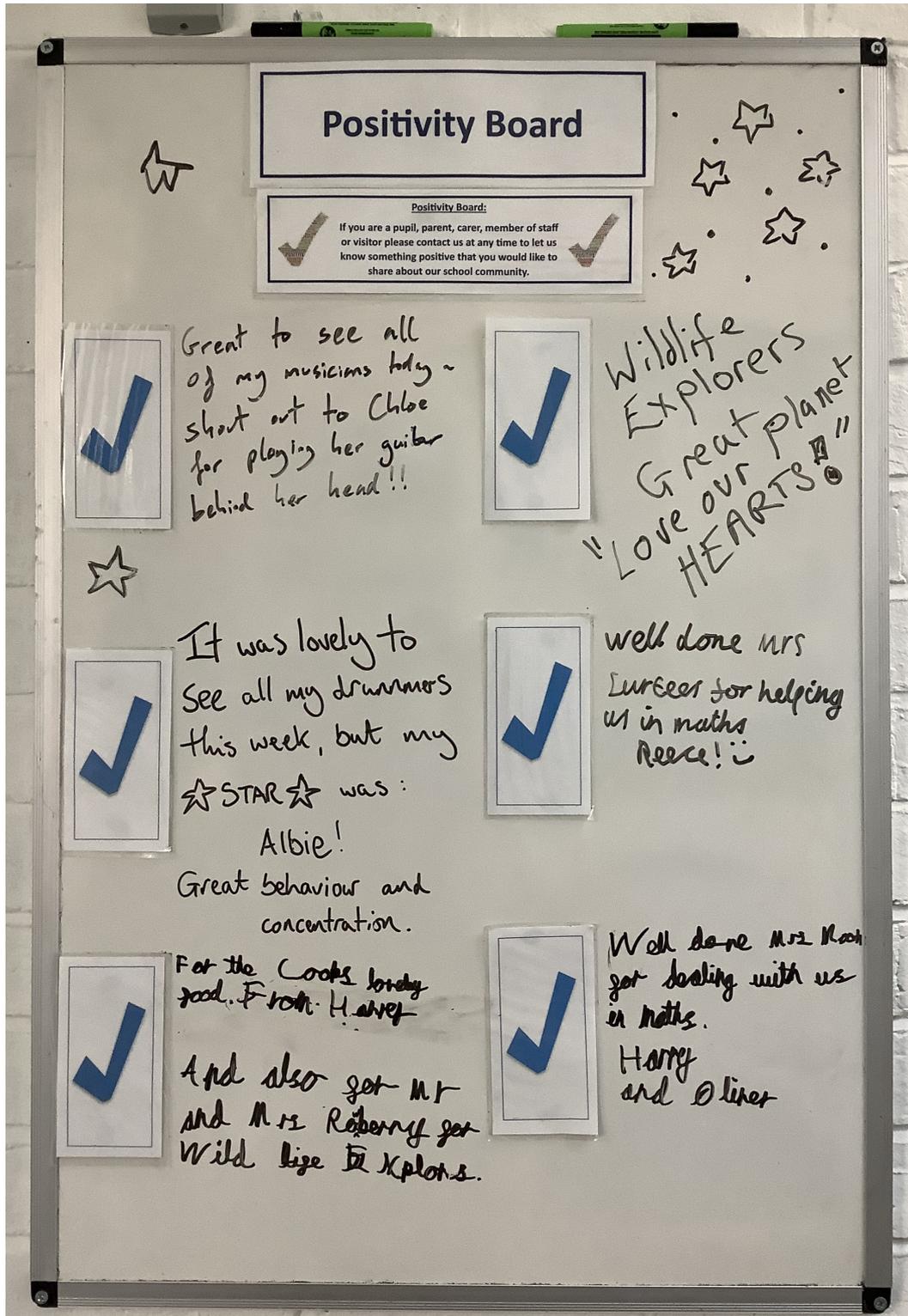
Forest School Club, collection from the Farm at 5pm.

All other after school clubs, collection from school at 4:30pm.

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.



PTFA Jumble Sale

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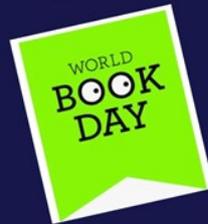
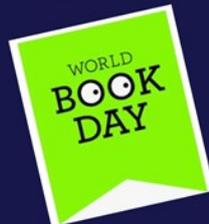
Saturday 26th February 10-11am

£1 adult entry, Cafe on site

Jumble donations welcome Friday 25th
between 9am -4pm

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTFA INVITE YOU TO OUR

DISCO Party



Where? School Hall

When? Thursday **3rd March:** 3.30-5.30pm

Tickets – £5 per ticket booked online in advance (payment must be made by 4th February), £5.50 cash on the door. Ticket includes entrance to the disco, mufti day donation, a hot dog and unlimited squash!

Also available – Bar, tuck shop, ice lollies, crisps, neon tattoos, neon face paints, glow sticks, dance competitions and much more!

All children must be accompanied by a nominated adult (adults go free!).

Please pay online

(payment must be made by 28th February: by BACS to:

Hartfield School PTFA

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account Number 00060500

Add your child's name as the reference.



Opportunity

Understanding Sleep:

What is it and how can you support your child?

Sleep plays a central role in our learning, emotional regulation, behaviour, and how we interact with others – all of which might help to explain the vital role that sleep plays in our ability to interact and cope with the world around us.

- Me & My Mind provides an **online** 1-hour workshop on understanding sleep and what may cause sleeping difficulties.
- The workshop includes strategies to help Parents and Carers to promote good sleep habits at home.
- Including resources and activities ideas that you can do at home with your family.

Monday 28th March 2022, 4pm to 5pm

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

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or scan the QR code for a short film about our team.



Understanding Anxiety:

What is it and how can you support your child?

Anxiety is a normal and healthy human reaction. When anxiety is mild to moderate, it can often improve performance but sometimes anxiety can become a problem when it interferes with everyday life.

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Tuesday 7th June 2022, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

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Understanding Low Mood:

What is it and how can you support your child?

For many children and young people, low mood and low self-esteem are closely connected, and low mood can impact on a person's sense of self and their self-esteem.

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

Thursday 5th May 2022, 10am to 11am

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

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Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

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Opportunity



Would your daughter like to have fun, make friends, learn new skills, and try new activities in a girl only environment?

If the answer is YES, Girlguiding Crowborough have Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at our Guide Headquarters in Crowborough, Jarvis Brook and Hartfield.

If you or your daughter would like to know more about joining, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or if you would like to find out more please contact our District Commissioner, Angela Reed, who would love to hear from you. Email ggcrowboroughdistrict@gmail.com

or call 07938 007538.

Opportunity



**Make a difference:
VOLUNTEER WITH FAMILIES!**

To volunteer with us we offer a
FREE 6 session online Induction Course
Starting 20TH APRIL 2022!

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about how the Early Help 0-19 Service help local families, together with finding out what it takes to be a volunteer and give something back to your community.

FANCY IT?

CALL: Sam on 07500224873

Anna on 07712407870

OR

Hailsham Childrens Centre

01323 464174

Sidley Community Centre

01424 725995

Opportunities for our volunteers include:

- Youth volunteering
- Buggy Walks
- Running a group for families in their local area
- Supporting staff in crèches
- Supporting Health Visitors during the Child Health Clinics
- Administrative roles
- Gain a Level 1 qualification in employability
- And importantly - have a ton of fun!!

EMAIL: EHCommunityEastbourneHailshamSeaford@eastsussex.gov.uk

LEARN NEW SKILLS * ONGOING SUPPORT * PATHWAY BACK TO WORK * GAIN OPPORTUNITIES



VOLUNTEER INDUCTION COURSE - Session subjects

Please note: All sessions must be completed before you can volunteer with us

DATE	SESSION
Session 1	Introduction to Volunteering
Session 2	Health and Safety in the Workplace
Session 3	Equality and Diversity
Session 4	Safeguarding
Session 5	Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI)
Session 6	Rights & Responsibilities of a Volunteer

NEXT COURSE DATES FOR APRIL 2022-

Session 1– Wednesday 20th April

Session 2– Wednesday 27th April

Session 3– Wednesday 4th May

Session 4– Wednesday 11th May

Session 5– Wednesday 18th May

Session 6– Wednesday 25th May

1-2.30PM



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