



**St Mary the Virgin Church of England
Primary School**

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Term 4 Week 6

Friday 1st April 2022

Headteacher Awards



Zenny: for incredible reading, sounding out and recognising tricky words. Amazing!



Emily: for a beautiful and very creative drawing of Mole from Wind in the Willows.



Lucas W: for fantastic progress in Maths finding fractions of amounts independently. Wow!



Bea: for amazing progress in Maths this week - super perseverance when it was tricky!



Evalyn: for incredible work in Maths using her times tables.



Ruby-Mae: for brilliant work in Maths, independently finding fractions of amounts!



Teagan: for remarkable work in Maths, using resources to find fractions of amounts!



Immy: for outstanding work in Maths, working out fractions of amounts!



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

This week we learnt about Doubting Thomas. Around a large question mark in your reflection area, share on a post it note the things you are not sure about or struggle to believe or questions you may have for God. He is big enough to take all the doubts and questions we may have!

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

Whole School:

- Lunch options
- Open for Parents
- Tennis Club information

School Clubs

Are expanding next term to include Tennis, Keyboard and Singing.

School Lunches

The cost of lunches is increasing to £2.20 per lunch.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay for outstanding amounts.

Have a thoughtful and peaceful Easter Break.



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Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Bella: for great all round performance and concentration in PE.

Lilly-Mae: for good focus and application, especially when serving with control in Tennis.

Beau: for great attitude and focus, with much improved serving technique in Tennis.

Verity: for spirited Hockey performance, especially the tenacious tackles!!



Well done to you all!



Attendance

Whole school: week: **90.9%**

year: **93.0%**

Maple: 100% **Willow: 89.1%**

Cherry: 89.7% **Lilac: 89.7%**

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

95 to 96.4% - Amber **100% - Gold**

Well done, Maple Class another fabulous 100%!



Dates for your Diary

April

1st: Last Day - Term 4

19th: First Day - Term 5

21st: Forest School - Maple Class

23rd: Mumma's Market - 1pm - 3pm, PTFA



Alleluia
He is
Risen

Please see later in the Newsletter for Easter Services at church.

St Mary's Star Skills

With so many skills developing, we will choose one Star Skill each week to highlight in the Newsletter.

Archie: demonstrated fantastic **problem solving** when creating a shelter and filtering water.

Joshua: displayed great **speaking** skills, sharing wonderful historical and geographical knowledge in class.

Jacob: revealed amazing **teamwork** this week, working well with his partner in PE, and making excellent progress

Zenny: has shown fabulous **listening** skills, being able to recall and name 3-D objects on a shape walk around school.

Well done to you all!

Next term, we will be looking at how Phoebe, Beau, Cece and Scarlet develop their skills.

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 House total.

This week's results:

Rother: 1,090 minutes **Cuckmere:** 966 minutes

Teise: 240 minutes **Medway:** 956 minutes

Well Done, Medway!



Opportunity

Easter Forest School Holiday Club

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, April 2022

9.30-2.30pm @ Sawpit Woods Hartfield

For children Reception- Yr 6 info and booking www.sawpitwoods.co.uk sawpitwoods@gmail.com



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Forest School - Thursday 24th March

On Thursday 24th March, Maple Class took clipboards and pencils to record signs of spring. They played a hiding game of 'Owl Eyes' in the reeds in the meadow, trying to be still and hide without being spotted by the owl.



The children showed how much progress they have made with their gross motor skills, each climbing the styles independently

They then rested on the fallen tree bench, and spent a long time exploring the sandy mud in the field.



The children worked together to explore the soil and made some volcanoes, then measured themselves against some newly planted saplings and looked at the tops of the trees to notice how they are changing.



Maple Class explored the stream, the swings and made rhythms by tapping sticks together in the woods.

Many thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make our Forest School experiences possible for all of the children at St Mary's.



Lilac Class

Lilac have had an exciting week, really experiencing the highs and lows of their topic **Survival**.



On **Tuesday**, they went to Wilderness Wood where they built shelters, filtered water using natural materials, and learnt how to move water across the camp using guttering, bamboo and string.



The children were given the opportunity to get into Clans and create the story of how their clan evolved and took their name. We listened to each clan's story as we assessed how effective their shelter construction had been and watched eagerly as it was tested against the elements – including how waterproof it was!



Using natural materials found in the wood they then learnt how to filter as much debris from the water as possible by packing pinecones, leaves and pine needles as tightly as possible within a

container. This was surprisingly more effective than we were expecting (although none of us were tempted to try drinking any of it).

On **Thursday**, we set off for a Welly Walk to look at how the use of land over the years had shaped the countryside around us. We learnt that the Romans excavated iron ore from the ground and that some of the walkways we still use today were originally created by pig drovers fattening their pigs on the acorns that grew in abundance

within the Weald. When we set out the weather was chilly but fair. However after about an hour we became caught up in a blizzard that seemingly came from nowhere. All of Lilac class showed great positivity during our four mile walk and although cold at times they did not let it dampen their spirits and it was lovely to see them encourage each other throughout the morning.



School Clubs

We are planning some changes to our extra curricular clubs within school after Easter, with three new opportunities available. The clubs can only run if there is sufficient uptake so if you would like to join in, please let us know. All clubs (exception Wildlife Explorers) are available to all classes and please be aware that **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 will start from the first day back (Tuesday 19th April) and run from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day.

Places need to be pre-booked 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 from 25th April. 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 Mondays only from 25th April.

To book email: sawpitwoods@gmail.com



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Wednesday lunch time for Y1 - Y6. 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 two spaces on Wednesdays during school time, for children to sign up to either **singing** or **keyboard** lessons. Cost £10 per week, with Miss Rowberry.

LeTennis, have offered to run an after school **Tennis Club** on Wednesdays. Again, this will be if sufficient children are interested in joining. 3.20pm - 4.20pm each week, starting 20th April. A flyer has now been sent home for you to sign up directly.



Please email the school office, or contact Red Butler, Miss Munn or LeTennis if you would like to sign up. Thank you.

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!**

St Mary's



Date for your Diary

23rd April: Mumma's Market Place 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Easter Fun

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Easter Fun bags and Cherry Class Bake Sale. The excitement and anticipation as the bingo game progressed was fabulous, a lovely community spirit and definitely an activity to be repeated!



Bingo Ball Draw

The winner of the draw for March: bingo ball number 38.

Congratulations and enjoy your £50 prize!

Date to be agreed:

Plans are being made to hold a Quiz Night, in the school hall so get practicing!



School Terms 2023 - 2024

The Local Authority is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for local authority maintained schools. Foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools and academies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024 and would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers, and other key stakeholders on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published. The consultation opened on 18 March 2022 and will run until 28 April 2022. All comments must be received by this date.



If you would like to comment on this proposal the consultation document can be viewed on:

The consultation can be viewed on the Council's [Consultation Hub](https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024) or at the link <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024>

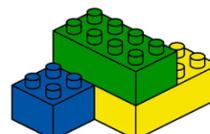


Needed

If you have any pre-loved games or puzzles suitable for Reception and Cherry Class, we would love to re-home them for you!

Please bring with any pre-loved lego (see Newsletter week 4), to the school office.

Thank you.



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Wellbeing Poster

This week our wellbeing poster looks at the promise of Easter. Easter is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the **resurrection of Jesus from the dead**, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary.

Easter is celebrated as the day when the tomb was found to be empty as Jesus had been resurrected, meaning the law of sin and death was broken.

Those who believe in Jesus, therefore, have no reason to fear death. That does not lead to recklessness, or suggest that lives are cheap, but that those little fears that drive daily conflicts have no dominion. Jesus, who was obedient to God even unto death, gives the freedom to decide how to live, in a deliberate and wilful and free way, serving God and the Church. Easter is for rejoicing in the slaying of death and the assurance that the ultimate battle has already been won.



Children's Choir.

St Mary's Church have started an informal children's choir on Wednesday afternoons. It has been lovely watching the children grow in confidence as they learn new songs.

The first rehearsals will be on the following dates 3.15pm – 4pm in St Mary's Church.

Weds 20th April/27th April

Weds 4th May/11th May/25th May

Events:

Sunday 8th May in church for our All Age service;

June 5th Queens Jubilee.

Both these events are 9.30am in church or outdoors depending on the weather, followed by refreshments. There will also be craft and bible stories for the children.

Please could you let me know if your child is interested in being part of the Children's choir and can attend the rehearsals. We will need to print off words and choose the pieces to sing. Parents will need to remain in the church where there will be coffee and tea available. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME OF 3.15PM. It is helpful if your child can read as we learn new songs together.**

If you don't attend St Mary's School but would like to know more, please give me a ring.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Reverend Julie. Revjuliesear1@gmail.com or call: 01892 770436



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.



Easter Services

Holy week and Easter Services
St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch



Holy Week

Compline night prayer with short reflection

Monday 11th at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th at St Mary's Church

7.00pm-7.45pm

Maundy Thursday 14th April St Mary's Church 7pm

A service of quiet reflection with music, readings and Holy Communion

Good Friday 15th April

10.30am All Age service at St Mary's in church and grounds.

Prayer stations and making of Easter Garden.

Hot cross buns to follow with coffee.

2.00pm Service of choral meditations at the cross at Holy Trinity Church. A service with music and readings.

Easter Day 17th April

8am St Mary's BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's All Age Easter celebration with Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity All Age Easter Celebration with Holy Communion.

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 2.00-3.15pm.

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.

7th April

21st April

5th May

19th May

2nd June

Contact Jen Black on 07779586460

Or Rev Julie on 01892 770436