



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 5 Week 4

Friday 13th May 2022



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Headteacher Awards

We have two Headteacher Awards this week:



Leon: for the fantastic effort he has shown during SATs week.



Oliver: for amazing programming in computing

Well done, to you both!



Welcome



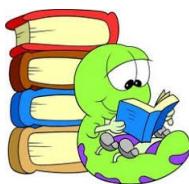
This week, we wish a belated welcome to Lily and congratulations to Miss Bews and Mr Luck.

What a gorgeous addition to the family!



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: 842 minutes **Cuckmere:** 470 minutes
Teise: 330 minutes **Medway:** 382 minutes

Well done, Rother!



St Mary's Star Skills

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

Coco: showed great **leadership skills** this week, being an awesome Play Leader.

Dexter: always demonstrates **aiming high skills** in Maths with 3 star work!

Bea: has shown amazing **positivity** while learning Cherry class dance around the Maypole.

Jacob: has shown amazing **creativity** this week, making a beautiful spiral shell outside with stones, shells and wooden blocks.

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Grace, Noah, Christopher and Lois develop their skills.

Top Tips

Letters and emails home this week:

Willow Class

◊ Trip - Hands on History

Cherry Class

◊ Forest School - 9th June

Maple Class

◊ Trip - Briar's Field Centre

Sports Awards

Amelia: for much improved pacing and excellent sprint technique.



Zlata: for fantastic running and great enthusiasm.

Amelie: for complete focus and much improved sprint start technique.

Scarlet: for great teamwork, running and bouncing in readiness for Sports' Day

Congratulations all!



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

Coming Soon:

27th May: baking competition.
Bring your fabulous cakes in to enter best tasting, best decorated or most healthy categories!

27th May: May Festival

8th July: Summer Social.

20th July: End of school disco



Year 6

A huge thank you to all our year six children who have remained cool and calm throughout SAT week. They have demonstrated just how fabulous they are and how much they have learnt in their time at St Mary's by answering a range of challenging grammar, comprehension, and math's questions. We couldn't be prouder of the hard work and effort they have put in and have really enjoyed spending time with them at the year six breakfast club.



A big shout out to the PTFA for subsidising their hoodies. Thank you!

ParentPay

Please would all families pop onto parent pay to check their balance. There are outstanding payments for lunch, visits and breakfast club.

Thank you.



Attendance

Whole school: week: 95.6%

year: 93.3%

Maple: 96.7% Willow: 98.3%

Cherry: 91.7% Lilac: 97.2%

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

95 to 96.4% - Amber 100% - Gold



Well done, Willow Class!

Dates for your Diary

May

17th: FGB Meeting

19th: Briar's Field Centre - Maple Class

20th: Drusillas - Cherry Class

24th: Mini Residential - Lilac Class to Lymley Wood

25th: Hands on History - willow Class

26th: Jubilee Celebrations and lunch

26th: Lilac Class return back to school

27th: PTFA Baking Competition

27th: May Festival - with PTFA refreshments (pm)

27th: Last Day of Term 5

June

6th: Inset Day

7th: Term 6 starts - children

7th-8th: Phonics Screening

9th: Forest School - Maple Class and Cherry Class



Wildlife Explorers

Our Wildlife Explorers looked at the Bean and Tomato plants we are growing for the May fair and Sports Day. They also learned about saving our British Bluebells and **NO MOW May**; which is a time to leave our lawns uncut so that we help Butterfly and Bee pollinators.

Look out for our native bluebells:

- * narrow leaves (1-1.5cm)
- deep blue, narrow tube like flowers, curled back tips.
- Nodding flowers, mostly on one side of stem.
- Distinct sweet, fruity scent
- Pollen anthers usually cream.



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Lilac Class Trip to London

Lilac class had fantastic trip to London a few weeks ago and were delighted that local MP for Wealden, Nus Ghani, found time to drop in and meet with us while we were on a tour of the House of Commons.

Lilac class were beautifully behaved throughout the trip and asked a range of questions that demonstrated their understanding of the political system in the UK.

A river cruise on the Thames was a particular highlight of the trip and their excellent behaviour was commented upon by several members of the public.



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Forest School - Thursday 5th May



On the way to the woods, Willow Class learned all about dandelions. They learned they are used as tea, their roots make a coffee and since ancient Roman times their leaves and flowers have been used as medicine. We learned their seeds are very special and prolific at reproducing and a dandelion clock can tell you if it is going to rain.



The class learned their other names such as: 'lion's tooth and wet the bed' and some old folklore such as when you blow the seed heads, it will tell you what the time is!

The class then played a running game to practise their knowledge of telling the time and where the numbers and hands on a clock are.

They then all played a game of 'Owl Eyes', hiding very effectively in the reeds in the meadow and found some of the longest dandelion flowers ever!



Once in the woods the children had a go at printing with all of the spring flowers and plants they had found on the way to the woods. They made some beautiful, considered and symmetrical prints onto fabric with hammers.

The bluebells are in full carpet of the woodland and smelled wonderful!



There was also time for some swinging and bouncing on the slackline in the glorious spring sunshine.

Benny

This week, Benny continued to exercise our arm muscles as well as our legs, through playing fetch! It was exciting to find the bridge made last week, still on the Forest Way ready to be played on.



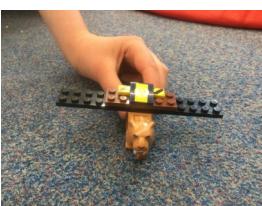
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Lunchtime Lego

The children continue to have fun at the lunchtime
Lego group.





Lunchtime Art

Mrs Carpenter continues to offer the children opportunities at lunchtime to use different art media.



A collage of Art work from the lunch time art group from last week.



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.



Heart Balyn in Cherry helping with our drying up in Breakfast Club!

Positivity Board

If you are a pupil, parent, parent, care, member of staff or visitor please contact us at any time to let us know something positive that you would like to share about our school community.

Awesome work from my musicians today! Big shout out to Will for picking up Despacito so quickly 😊♪

Thank you to year 6 who helped set up the hall at lunchtime you are all Super Stars 😊

Star drummers of the week:
Lucas & Will
For writing their own piece of drum music.
Amazing!

What a week Year 6!
Thank you for keeping in such a positive mood.
Awesome effort from you all! 🌟 Miss Sutcliffe

I hope your new road signs explore XK

Wellbeing Poster

This week is the [Mental Health Foundation's Mental Health Awareness Week](#). The theme this year is 'exploring the impact of loneliness', so our well being poster this week is taken from the Mental Health Foundation [website](#) and looks at how to cope with loneliness and improve your mental health.



Dealing with loneliness can be difficult. But there are things we can all do to cope and prevent some of the negative feelings and mental health problems that can come with it.

1. Try to do some enjoyable things that will keep you busy

This might be a hobby such as a bit of gardening, going to the gym, jigsaws, puzzles, knitting or even sorting out your kitchen cupboards. **Small activities can give you energy and positive feelings.** Be careful about working too hard or watching TV shows simply as a distraction. These will only delay or suppress your feelings and could actually make your mental health worse.

2. Try to do things that stimulate your mind

This can include taking courses or listening to podcasts on topics from comedy to fitness. This can be stimulating and something as simple as listening to the familiar voice of someone you like can help you feel less lonely.



3. Think about doing a physical activity

This can be as simple as having a walk in the park when you're feeling a bit overwhelmed or listening to music and do a bit of dancing around your living room.

4. Try to engage with the people you meet in your daily life.

It can be hard to talk to others when you're feeling lonely. However, **trying to connect with the people you meet as you go about your day can be helpful.** Even catching someone's eye and saying "hi" as you walk along can make you feel better. Or it could be about saying hello to the postwoman or postman or going to the shops and talking to the person at the checkout.

5. Find people that 'get you'

It can be hard to connect with others when you're feeling lonely. But there are great benefits in finding people who have been through similar experiences to you. **Interacting with others that 'get' you can give you a sense of belonging that may be missing.** Try local groups or social media.



6. Spend time with pets

Not only do animals provide us with unconditional love and support, they also help to give structure to our days and even encourage us to get out and connect with others. Interaction with pets is also shown to help reduce stress levels.

7. Try to use social media in a positive way

Finding digital communities, you share interests and passions with can help but be aware of how you feel when you use social media and focus on topics and activities that work best for you.



8. Talking therapies can help

Talking therapy can be hard to get – but if you can find a professional, it can really be of benefit. It'll provide you with a safe space to work through your feelings and thoughts without judgement. Check out your local resources by visiting [the NHS website](#).

Opportunity



Tiaras and
Coronets
optional

Platinum Jubilee
Bring & Share Lunch
To celebrate this amazing once in a lifetime event, Coleman's Hatch invites you to a "Bring & Share" lunch in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 5th June from 12.30.

Throne Room
Photobooth

Absolutely everyone from surrounding area and villages is welcome with family and friends.

Early booking advised,
tickets are available now from:
Trinity Café
or

Phone: Caroline 07513 290482
Sheila: 01892 770273



Email: events@colemanshatchchurch.org



www.colemanshatchchurch.org

Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

Celebrating 110 years of our church
The 9th Vintage Themed Fete

1pm until 5pm Saturday 14th May 2022

Collectables, Bottle Tombola, Books, Plants and Produce, Raffle, Nearly New, Linens, Bric-a-Brac, Gifts, Children's stall and Raffle.

Come along and join us for a fun day out. Meet up with friends and family, browse and buy from the stalls, enjoy tea and cakes and listen to music by Paul Stanworth

Phone: Caroline 07513 290482
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All proceeds from the fete go towards the upkeep of Trinity Hall and to Special Projects on the Ashdown Forest

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Opportunity

East Hoathly FPTA are organising a family fun run on Sunday 19th June. As a sister school within the Pioneer Federation they have agreed that any monies raised from entrants of St Mary's will go to our own PTFA! So if you are a newbie and want to run 1km, or a veteran able to face 10km, how about a family day out?



EAST HOATHLY FAMILY FUN RUN 2022

Sunday June 19th
East Hoathly Pavilion

1km race at 9:30am

5km and 10km races at 10am

Medal for all finishers

Refreshments including bacon butties and cakes

Bouncy castle (weather permitting)

£8 per adult 5km/10km

£5 per adult 1km

£5 per child 5km/1km

Raising funds for East Hoathly CE School
and Nursery FPTA



Registered charity no. 1089642

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The image shows a woman with long brown hair smiling at the camera. In front of her, a young boy with glasses is holding a white plate with a perforated bottom. On the plate is a serving of mashed potatoes, a piece of corn on the cob, and some meat. The boy is smiling broadly. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a playroom or a similar setting.

Demelza
Hospice Care for Children

Help make memories:
Volunteer with families near you

DIY **Deep Cleaning** **Driving** **Cooking**

Demelza hospice care for children is working with families in your community, providing specialist care and emotional support for children with serious or terminal conditions and their loved ones.

We are actively seeking practical support volunteers in East Sussex. Our practical support volunteers help with day-to-day tasks which frees up time for the families to focus on their care commitments and enjoy the valuable time they have together; making memories.

To find out more about Practical Support Volunteering, please visit: www.demelza.org.uk/support-us/volunteer
email: practicalsupport@demelza.org.uk
or phone: 01795 845299, 07719023624 or 07719043794

"Volunteering has given me purpose again, after retiring I found I had time that needed filling with something meaningful. Volunteering helping families with everyday tasks allows me to see the difference I am making to families using my spare time"

Cath, Practical Support Volunteer

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