



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 6 Week 4

Friday 1st July 2022

### Truthfulness



#### School Value and Weekly Reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class. This term, we are looking at **Truthfulness** and we share this with you weekly so you can discuss the reflection at home, if you wish. This week:

Jonah ran away from God's instruction and the truth that he was commanded to share.

Are there times where you have been afraid to do something you know is right?

Think of examples of things you are struggling with then think of something you are really successful at. Next week, look back and see whether you have managed to overcome the 'struggles!'

#### St Mary's Star Skills

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

**Isla:** has shown fabulous **listening skills** this week, listening to her 'talk partners' and building well on their ideas

**Dylan:** has been demonstrating his **Creativity** this week, with one friend commenting on how Dylan 'created a lovely picture of a horse with a Norman on it!'

**J-Jay:** has been extremely **positive** this week, even when his tooth fell out while he was eating a pear!

**Well done to you all!**

Next week we will be looking at how Hugo, Phoebe, Rory and Isaac develop their skills.



#### Headteacher Awards

We have four Headteacher awards for this week:



**Jacob H:** for his amazing acting in play rehearsals.



**Esrah:** for her fantastic 'can do' attitude!



**Cece:** for fantastic progress in maths, using class resources comparing two-digit numbers!



**Lottie:** for fantastic independent writing, using a sound mat, all about Pirates!



**Well done to you all!**

#### Top Tips

• Letters and emails home this week:

##### Whole School

- ◇ End of Term Events
- ◇ Chicken Pox Awareness
- ◇ Sports Day - House colours

##### Lilac Class

- ◇ Costume list

##### SEND Group

- ◇ Questionnaire

Please remember to return your 'picnic letters' by Wednesday 6th July.



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## Attendance

Whole school: week: **93.4%**  
year: **93.4%**

Maple: **98.3%** Willow: **92.1%**

Cherry: **87.0%** Lilac: **95.2%**

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

95 to 96.4% - Amber 100% - Gold

**Well done, Maple Class!**

Every school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development so it is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts their progress.

**Please support us and your child to ensure that their attendance is a priority.**



## Dates for your Diary

### July

- 4th: Transition afternoon - all children
- 4th: Meet your new teacher - parents Cherry 2:45pm
- 4th: Meet your new teacher - parents Willow 3pm
- 4th: Meet your new teacher - parents Lilac 3:15pm
- 5th: Governors' Meeting
- 8th: Sports Day
- 8th: PTFA Summer Social
- 11th: Dogs Trust Workshops - whole school
- 12th: End of Summer Production - 2pm Lilac Class
- 12th: End of Summer Production - 6pm Lilac Class
- 15th: Sports Day 'back up'
- 15th: Summer Social 'back up'
- 15th: Reports
- 19th: Report Queries - 3:15pm, appointments to be made through school office
- 20th: Last Day School for pupils
- 20th: Leavers' Service - Church 11am
- 20th: Whole school picnic lunch
- 20th: PTFA Disco
- 21st: Inset Day



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## Sports Award

This week, our Sports Awards go to:

**Chloe:** for great all round performance and teamwork.

**Elodie:** for great focus, self control and concentration during Sports Day practice!

**Jacob L-B:** for excellent straight line running during Sports Day practice!

**Well done to you all!**



### September

- 1st: Inset Day
- 2nd: Inset Day
- 5th: Start of term for pupils Y1 - Y6
- 5th: EYFS home visits
- 6th: EYFS home visits
- 7th: Maple Class - 8:40am - 12.00pm
- 8th: Maple Class - 8:40am - 12.00pm
- 9th: Maple Class - 8:40am - 1.00pm (including lunch)
- 12th: Maple Class - full time

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## **Forest School - Lilac Class - Thursday 23rd June 2022**

On the way to the woods, some of the class found some grasshoppers in the flower meadows.

Once there, to start the final session of the year, Lilac Class discussed what they had enjoyed about the sessions throughout the year and filled in some group evaluation sheets.

### **IMPACT:**

**Question:** Has forest school affected how you feel about yourself and your well-being- If so how?

*"It's affected us by being calm outdoors...It has given me confidence...It makes me calm... It makes us feel relaxed to learn outside..."*

**Question:** Has forest school affected how you feel about nature – if so how?

*"Forest school makes you notice nature more...we feel more confident and comfortable in nature...It has made me be in nature more and learn about more animals...we like nature already, so it is great to do Forest School... it is relaxing and peaceful in nature"*

**Question:** What skills did you learn or develop this year at Forest School?

*"How to put up a hammock...how to make a make shift stretcher for first aid...Learning to make stretchers...fire lighting"*



Some of Lilac Class built and lit a small fire as it was their last session in the woods. They independently used fire strikers and transferred their burning cotton wool onto the fire. They then wrote a wish for their future on some paper and put it on the fire. There was some torch making and then the year 6 children jumped over the fire as their final Forest School activity.

The rest of the class spent time on the swings, hammocks and by the stream. Some created some small sculptures on the woodland floor and some made pictures with dried flower petals.

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



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## Pioneer Football Tournament

On Friday 24th July, a team from Lilac Class represented the school in the Pioneer Federation Football Tournament.

The team had an amazing time and were placed 2nd in the tournament!

The organisers then chose a fabulous goal by Brax as 'goal of the tournament!' Congratulations, Brax!



Congratulations go to the team from Chiddingly School who were placed first.



St Mary's team: we are all so proud of the way you played; you are a credit to the school!

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## Earth World Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Lilac Class was invited to go and join Bede's Senior School in Upper Dicker to attempt a World Record for the largest number of people in a photo creating a picture of the world! Along with Year 5 and 6 children from East Hoathly, Chiddingly and Park Mead, we spent the morning at Bede's and heard a speech by Peter Milne, who has over 25 years of experience as a teacher, trainer and consultant with an in-depth knowledge of Education for Sustainability Development and Global Citizenship.

His talk inspired us all to make small changes to help protect the environment and some of the children were brave enough to go up to the front of the hall (with about 350 other children in it!) and share their ideas on how to be better citizens.

We then went up onto the golf course and attempted the world record! The children were very patient as it took quite a while to get everybody in position! The image has been submitted to the Guinness World Records, which is very exciting! It may take a number of months before we formally hear back from them that our attempt has been successful but there were 816 people in the photo and the previous record was 479 so we are hopeful!

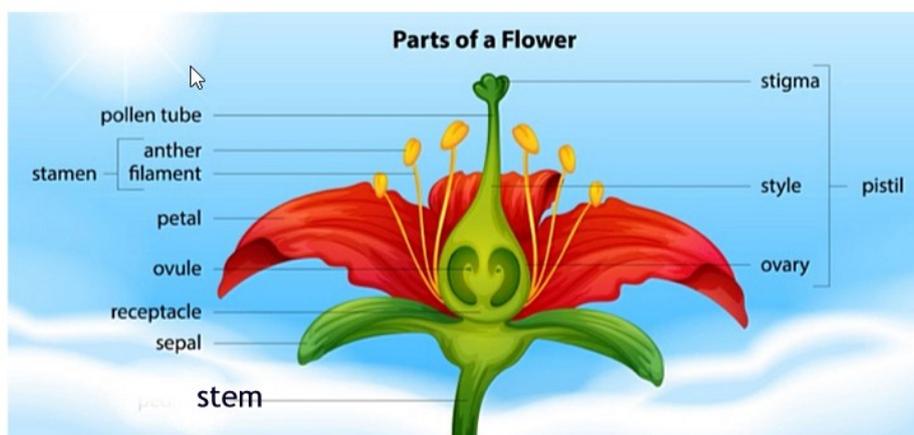


## Wildlife Explorers

The Wildlife Explorers club continued their theme of flowers this week. Members learned what the different parts of a flower were by dissecting one into its parts. They discovered the pollen part of the flower and how the pollen from one flower is transferred to another flower and fertilises its eggs. These will then grow into seeds.

The club made displays to share this information with other pupils.

Thank you again to the Club young leaders who did an excellent job of supporting their teams.



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### **Benny**

This week, Benny shared an adventure with some of Lilac Class!



### **Sunflowers**

The Maple Class topic last term was 'how things grow' and the children each took a sunflower seed home to grow. William has taken such good care of his it has grown enormous!



### **Wildlife Update**

The garden snake who had been keeping warm in Rory and Scarlet's compost has moved on. As a 'thank you' he left the children a gift of his old skin to inspect and they were amazed to find it is longer than Scarlet!



### **Diocese Leavers' Service**

On Thursday 30th June, our Year 6s attended a Leavers' Service at All Saints Church in Crowborough led by The Bishop of Chichester.

The service is arranged to give thanks for the children and the time they have had in Primary School and to look forward and pray for the experiences they will have in their new secondary schools.

Reflecting on the afternoon, the children shared:

'The Bishop was very snazzy, dressed in purple. His hat was jaunty!'

'He was fun and the service kept us amused.'

'We enjoyed the songs.'

'He said prayers for the future.'

'He encouraged us to think of our best memories of school.'



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## St Mary 's PTFA

### Upcoming Events

8th July: Summer Social (back up 15th July)

20th July: End of school disco

St Mary's 



The PTFA at St Mary's works throughout the year to raise money for all children within the school but they are having difficulties at the moment with volunteer help.

Without joining the PTFA, you can still be a huge support when events are coming up, such as the preparations for the Summer Social.

### What is needed?

#### Sponsorship

- \* A sponsored 'Bounce' is being arranged for the morning of Sports Day. Each child will be sponsored for their participation in a 20 minute Class Bounce. If you would like to sponsor your child(ren) or have friends and relatives who would, please use the form that will come home in book bags.



#### Teddies

- \* We need more teddies for the tombola. Please could these be left in the prayer hut, deadline Monday 4th.



#### Bottles

- \* Thursday 7th July will be a non-school uniform day, please bring bottles instead of cash donations for our bottle tombola.



#### Volunteers

- \* From 11:30am on Friday 8th July, we need help to set up the stalls and gazebos.
- \* From 1:30pm on Friday 8th July, we need help to run the stalls.

If you can help, please contact a member of the PTFA or the school office for further information.



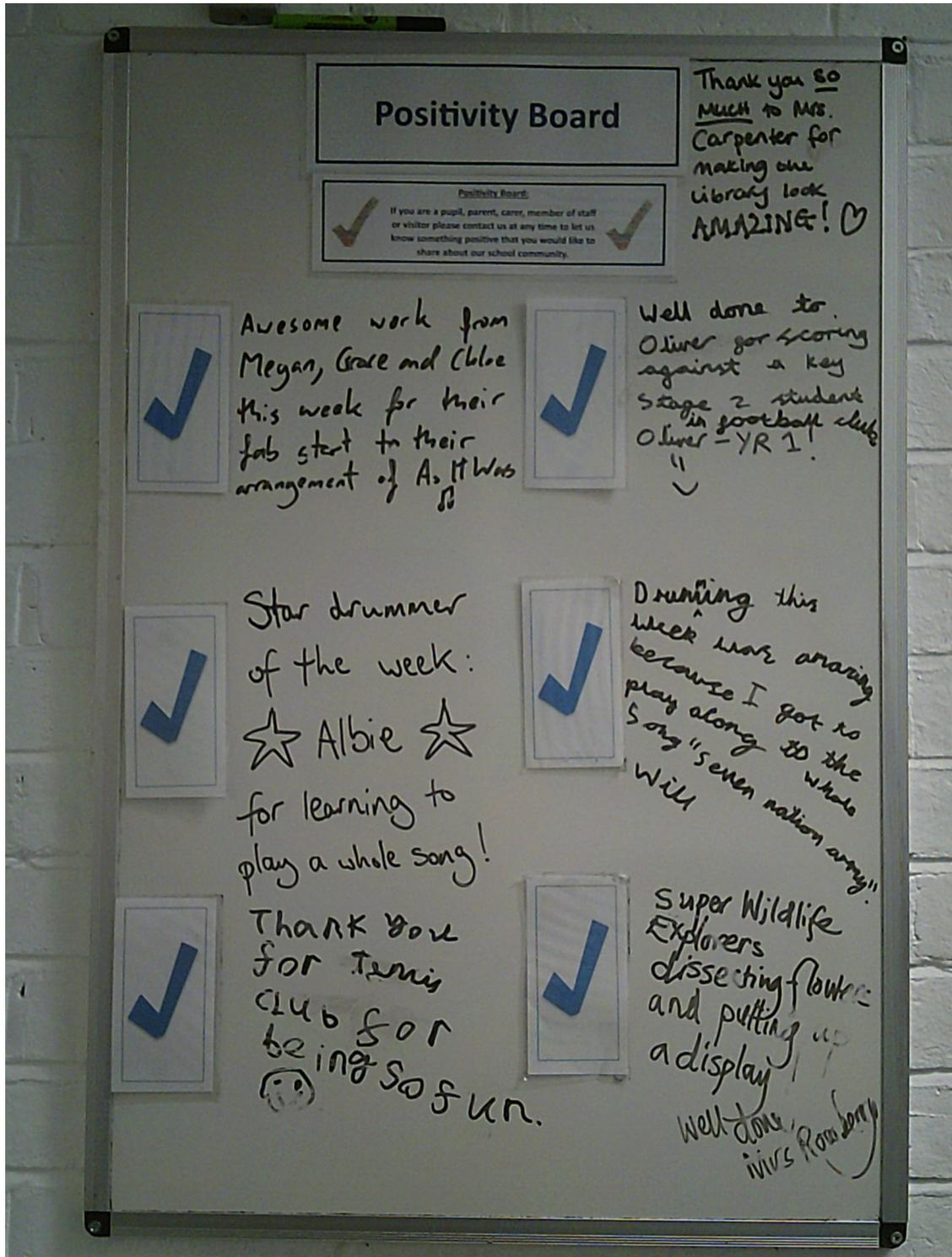
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## Positivity Board

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.



## Wellbeing Poster

Our wellbeing poster this week look at 10 Ways to Build Confident Children:

# 10 WAYS TO BUILD CONFIDENT CHILDREN

**Give praise when it's due**  
Praise your child when they do something correctly.

**Success**  
Create opportunities for your child to experience success

**Feedback**  
Young children rely heavily on adult feedback. Make feedback meaningful and positive

**Constructive Criticism**  
Provide constructive criticism. Don't yell at your child. Help them to be the best they can be

**Develop Autonomy**  
Let your child make their own decisions so they gain confidence in their own judgement

**Accomplishments**  
Allow your child to be proud of their accomplishments

**Be a role model**  
Set an example to your child. Be a role model and react positively to your child

**Don't overcontrol**  
Allow your child to express their creativity. Don't start to control everything they do

**Promote problem solving**  
Help your child to solve their own problems. This will make them feel more confident in their abilities

**Avoid labels**  
Ensure your child has a positive view of themselves

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## **Opportunity**

### **The Pioneer Governing Board are looking for new Foundation Governors**



Incredibly rewarding and important work that could make all the difference to the local church school and community (taken from Chichester Diocese website).

#### **A governance team is a community of people who care.**

If you have a passion for education and improving outcomes for children, then becoming a church school governor could be a perfect fit. Governors are there to ensure that all pupils receive a high standard of education and high-level of support for their well-being, enabling every individual child and young person to reach their full potential.

The role will give you an increased understanding of the challenges young people face today and your actions on a governance team could lead to impactful changes.

#### **Board Role**

The Department of Education identifies three key roles for an effective School Governing Board:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

#### **Foundation Governors (church school governors)**

Officially appointed by the Diocese (but generally identified by the school or church), the Chichester Diocese makes the following observations:

You do not need to be a parent or carer from the school. Being a school governor is about positively contributing to and supporting your school community, making it a role available to anyone.

There are no qualifications needed! Our church schools need governors that have had a wide variety of life and professional experience, rather than specific degrees or qualifications. A wide array of skills are desirable on a governance team, but ultimately your local church school needs someone who cares about its children, staff and future.

Foundation governors make a particular contribution to the effectiveness of our schools through supporting and developing the Christian vision and distinctiveness of the school, building a Growing Partnership with the local Church(es) in the parish as well as offering support and proper challenge to school leaders. Commitment to the church and a Christian faith are therefore, essential.

Age is just a number! You do not need to be a retiree to work on a school governing body. If you are aged 18 or over, you can become a school governor.

There is a wide variety of training available. You don't need to have experience or an understanding of the education system, the diocese Education Team are here to support, offering training, and advice covering a wide range of aspects of governance and leadership in Church schools.

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**For more information:** <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/Church-School-Governors/>  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/925104/Governance\\_Handbook\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/925104/Governance_Handbook_FINAL.pdf)

## Opportunities

### Clubs for Summer

We have been sent a link to the **Club Hub**, which they state is:

*“the UK's largest kids activities directory. Parents and carers can search for kids' activities for new borns to 18 years in the whole of the UK for free.”*

The information given suggests aid to find affordable activities during the summer.

We have not reviewed any of these clubs but are sharing the [link](#) if you would like to investigate for the holidays.



**LE TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS 2022**  
held at Maresfield Lawn Tennis Club

**Tennis Camp**  
Monday 25th to Friday 29th July  
9.45am - 1.15pm  
4-10 years - cost £125

**Tennis & Multi Activity Camp**  
Monday 8th - Friday 12th August  
9.45am - 1.15pm  
4-12 years - cost £125

**Tennis Camp**  
Monday 15th - Friday 19th August  
9.45am - 1.15pm  
4-10 years - cost £125

LIMITED PLACES BOOK EARLY!

Players will be divided into groups based on their age and ability

Search 'LeTennis' on facebook and like our page

To reserve a place or for further information please email: [letennis@btconnect.com](mailto:letennis@btconnect.com)

LeTennis have sent information about tennis camps they are running during the holidays.



**EAST SUSSEX JUNIOR BADMINTON ACADEMY (ESJBA)**

# OPEN DAYS

July 10th, 9.30 - 12.30  
September 11th, 9.30 - 12.30

**SESSIONS ARE FREE!**

Weekly coaching for age groups 8 - 17 yrs on Sundays September - May

ESJBA

**The Freedom Leisure Centre**  
Cade Street, Heathfield, TN21 8RJ

Contact William Brown 07761 283736 or [william@libraudio.co.uk](mailto:william@libraudio.co.uk)

### Club for 'any time'

East Sussex Junior Badminton Academy are offering free taster sessions.