



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 2

Friday 16th September

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 looking at Generosity, interspersed with our school values. This week we are looking at:



Reflecting on the story of The Good Samaritan, consider how can we show love to others?

Go to the Courageous Advocacy display in the hall and add your ideas to this term's question, 'How and why should we give our time to others?'

Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognizing that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.



Please support us and your child by ensuring their attendance is a priority.

Whole school: week: 97.4%

year: 79.5%

Maple: 100%

Cherry: 98.5%

Willow: 93.8%

Lilac: 98.6%

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done to our Maple Class, another 100%!

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- ◇ Mice
- ◇ MacMillan Coffee Morning
- ◇ School Closure

Year 6

- ◇ Beacon Academy Open Day

Willow Class

- ◇ Staffing

Maple Class

- ◇ ParentMail information

Consent Slips - Forest School

Please check book bags and any return any outstanding consent slips.

Open for Parents:

[What's on:](#) Support and Training for parents



Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home. Please add additional comments in the reading records if required. Reading Records are checked each week and minutes counted for the House total.



This week's results:

Rother: 817 minutes

Teise: 347 minutes

Cuckmere: 993 minutes

Medway: 1,238 minutes

Well done, Medway!

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:

Megan: for brilliant pacing and running technique during Cross Country practice. So effortless and fluid!

Scarlett: excellent modelling of an endurance technique, demonstrating excellent pacing and control throughout.

Cece: for much improved relaxed and controlled running technique during Cross Country practice.

Bo: for great listening and special awareness during PE.

Well done to you all!



Donation Required

Lilac Class will be making marble runs in design and technology this

term. If you have any used kitchen roll tubes you would be happy to donate for this project, please bring them into school.

Thank you.



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 pop us onto any re-orders for **Stikins** labels!

The PTFA is always open to **new volunteers** so if you have a bit of spare time and would be happy to join them, please get in touch.



September

22nd: MHEW Coffee Morning - Anxiety
9:00am -10:00am

22nd: Cherry Class Forest School

23rd: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

28th: MacMillan Coffee Morning
10:00am - 11:00am

29th: Willow Class Forest School

30th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

October

4th: Tempest Photography

6th: Harvest Festival Service in Church
9:15am - 10:00am

6th: Lilac Class Forest School

6th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

9th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

11th: Dogs Trust Workshop

12th: Willow Class Trip - Herstmonceux

12th: Open Day - Prospective Parents
10:00am - 11:00am

13th: Maple Class Forest School

14th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

17th: FGB Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm

20th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

21st: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

21st: Last Day of Term 1

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help within school so if you have a spare half hour, half day, half week, please consider joining us to help with reading, Forest School, in lessons or at clubs. Whatever your skill, we are sure it could be useful in school!

We are holding a meeting on **Wednesday 21st September at 9:00am** to get together with current volunteers and anyone who feels they may be able to join this fabulous group would be welcome.



Lilac Class Art

Lilac Class had a fantastic time on Friday afternoon creating their own art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. They could only use natural materials they found on the playground but they were so incredibly creative with their structures.



Jared decided to try and create a football stadium.



Will created a little house.



Layla had a go at copying Mrs Hill's tattoo!



Goldsworthy's style means that we had to let nature takes its course with our art so unfortunately it didn't last very long, but we had a wonderful time designing and being inventive.



Forest School - Thursday 15th September

Maple Class talked about how to be safe when walking to the woods and that we shouldn't ever put anything we pick in our mouths, because it might make us ill, or poison us, especially fungi. They were so brilliantly observant and curious and managed to spot a huge variety of fungi along the way along with acorns and hawthorn berries.



The children pretended to be the goats in the Billy Goats Gruff story 'trip, trapping over the bridge' and even heard a troll!

The children learned that the 'Wellingtonia'



Tree showed us the way to go. They learned that they could identify it by looking at the skyline and finding the triangle shaped tree.

There was great excitement watching two tractors cross the railway line! And there was some great puddle jumping

The children learned how to think of their safety and that of others when we were on the old railway line.

The children learned to shout 'Pedal Power' to others to warn each other of oncoming cyclists, so they can be safely to the side as the cyclists pass.

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



This impact can be seen through the skills developed, tools used, art and craft activities, 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.

The children had a go at painting and mark making with blackberry elderflower and charcoal paint, made from the mushed up fruit.

The equipment we used today was the handwashing canister. We learned to wash our hands in the woods after playing in the woods.



As they explored the woodland, Maple Class found the slack line and challenged themselves with being brave, climbing and taking turns with their friends.

The children explored their own interests in the woods, exploring the site and going to see if there was any water in the stream.

It was great to see the perseverance of the children getting themselves ready, walking all the way to the woods with such enthusiasm and interest in their Autumn environment and their curiosity and teamwork in the woods.

A massive thanks to our volunteers who supported the children with all of their exploring and learning. We can't wait until next time!



St Mary the Virgin Church:

Church Street Café

Church Street Community Café has returned with a new and exciting addition!

The café is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, between 2:00pm and 4:00pm and on the 3rd Thursday, the volunteers who run the event will be ably assisted by our fabulous Lilac Class!



Lilac Class students attended yesterday afternoon for their first session and quickly slotted in to the new role, serving behind the counter and interacting with café visitors.



Come and catch up with friends and enjoy being part of the Hartfield Community. All donations are being split between the upkeep of St Mary's Church and other local charities and our main aim is to bring all ages of our community together.

Thank you to those of you who have already supported us and we would love to see new faces either before or after pick up. There are activities for the children, lots of cake and a healthy eating bowl.

Please check 'dates for your diary' for upcoming dates and we look forward to seeing you there.



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Every Day Hero

We are extremely proud of Chloe who was awarded the Every Day Hero Award from the National Fostering Agency (NFA).

The NFA present the award to children to thank them for sharing their families and in recognition of all they have done to support children who have come into their home.

Congratulations, Chloe!



The School Grounds

While we look for a new Site Manager, we have been looking at ways to keep the grounds of the school tidy.

On Wednesday 14th September, Alan Brundle (our Chair of Governors) and James Procter (our Executive Headteacher), donned suitable clothing and gloves and set to work on the front of the school clearing the fallen leaves and weeds and cutting back brambles and shrubs. Many thanks are extended to them both for improving the front of the school.



They are planning to come back next Wednesday, 21st September between 3:15pm and 4:15pm, so sweep the playground and the rear of the school, so if you are able to come along and be part of an impromptu 'ground force' team, please grab your wellies and bring a broom. Photos are not compulsory and we look forward to seeing you there!

Well Done:



Well done to Amelia and Cece for winning first prize at the Hartfield fete this year, making a crown for a queen and drawing a picture of a queen. The fete was held before the sad loss of our beloved Queen, but their celebrations seem poignant for our newsletter today.



Sunflowers:

Earlier in the year, our PTFA gave out sunflower seeds with the Easter activities.

We have two intrepid gardeners who have carefully tended their seeds and grown enormous sunflowers. Congratulations Noah and Cece on your gardening success.



School Clubs

We currently have spaces in both our after school Tennis Club (Wednesday 3:20pm to 4:20pm) and our after school Mixed Football Club (Monday 3:20pm - 4:30pm).

Mr D (who runs the **Mixed Football Club**) writes:

Are you the next budding Chloe Kelly?

Do you remember the excitement back in the summer when England's Lionesses won the Women's Euro Football Championship – our first major trophy in almost 60 years? It took the nation by storm and has given us a great platform to develop grass roots football and encourage and inspire more girls to take up the game.

Here at St. Mary's, not only is Football part of our PE curriculum, Mr D runs a Girls and Boys after School Football Club (Year's 1 -6) and would love to see more girls coming along and getting involved.

The club is designed to support children of all ages and abilities with the aim of developing football skills and confidence in a fun, encouraging and safe manner.



Head Coach: Jon Prenelle
07495 368571
kentandsussextennis@outlook.com

The **Tennis Club** is now being run by Kent and Sussex Tennis, utilising the skills of Jon Prenelle to teach the children. Jon met with the children last term, working with LeTennis and hopes to have a maximum of 12 children in the club each week, building on the existing programme established last year.

If you would like your child to join wither of these clubs please contact the school office on 01892 770221.

Opportunity

📖 An Invitation to hope explored 📖



Who is it for?

This course is being run for anyone who wants to find out more about the Christian faith.

When is it run?

The 3 week course is running on:

- **Mondays** – 19th September,
26th September,
3rd of October,
from 1-2.30pm in St Mary's Church.
- **Tuesdays** – 20th September,
27th September,
4th October,
From 9-10.30am in St Mary's Church.
- **Tuesdays** – 20th September,
27th September,
4th October,
from 7-8.30pm in St Mary's Church.

What will I have to do?

The sessions are relaxed and require no background understanding of the bible. You won't be asked to read or pray out loud or sing. You can ask any question you like or, if you prefer, you can come along and simply listen.

How much does it cost, and do I need to book a space?

There is no cost, but it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are hoping to come.

Who do I contact?

Elaine at admsmht@gmail.com

or

Rev Julie on Tel: 01892770436, Email: revjuliesear1@gmail.com



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

This week's wellbeing poster looks at how connection with nature benefits our mental health taken from the Mental Health Foundation.

Nature is an important need for many and vital in keeping us emotionally, psychologically and physically healthy.

Our relationship with nature – how much we notice, think about and appreciate our natural surroundings – is critical in supporting good mental health and preventing distress.

Thankfully, Nature has a very wide definition. It can mean green spaces like parks, woodland or forests and blue spaces like rivers, wetlands, beaches or canals. It also includes trees on an urban street, private gardens, verges and even indoor plants or window boxes. Surprisingly, even watching nature documentaries is good for our mental health. This is great news as it means the mental health benefits of nature can be made available to nearly every one of us, no matter where we live.

Research shows that people who are more connected with nature are usually happier in life and more likely to report feeling their lives are worthwhile. Nature can generate many positive emotions, such as calmness, joy, and creativity and can facilitate concentration.

Nature connectedness is also associated with lower levels of poor mental health, particularly lower depression and anxiety.

Perhaps not surprisingly, people with strong nature connectedness are likelier to have pro-environmental behaviours such as recycling items or buying seasonal food. This is likely to lead to further benefits if these pro-environmental activities can lead to natural improvements that we can then go on to enjoy. At a time of devastating environmental threats, developing a stronger, mutually supportive relationship between people and the environment will be critical.

As we move into Autumn, now may be a good time to spend more time with nature to discover connectedness for yourselves.



Opportunity

If you are interested in trying out hockey, you may be interested in the following opportunity:

A promotional poster for Hailsham Hockey Club's Junior Hockey Training. The background is a red-to-white gradient. In the center is a circular photo of a young boy with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a red Hailsham Hockey Club t-shirt and holding a pink hockey stick. The t-shirt features a circular logo with a windmill and the text 'HAILSHAM HOCKEY CLUB' and 'FOUNDED 1902'. In the top left corner is a small logo of a windmill with the text 'Hailsham Hockey Club' and 'Est. 1902'. In the top right, the text 'HAILSHAM HOCKEY CLUB' is in large blue letters, with 'Junior Hockey Training' below it. In the middle right, a blue box contains the text: 'Junior Hockey Training', 'Wednesdays during the school term', 'Years 1 - 6 | 18.00-19.25', and 'Years 7 - 11 | 18.00-19.30'. In the middle left, a blue box contains the text: 'First session FREE', 'FREE HHC T-shirt with', and 'second session', with a white curved arrow pointing from the first session to the second. In the bottom left are social media icons for Instagram and Facebook, with the handle '@hailshamhockey' next to them. In the bottom right, a blue box contains the text 'MAYBUGS' in large yellow letters, with '-GIFTS & HOME-' below it.

First session FREE, FREE HHC T-shirt on the 2nd session*.

Wednesdays at Hailsham Community College (secondary site) @ 6pm for children in year one and up. Sessions take place during term time.

Just come with a gum shield and water. If you have shin pads/ stick then bring these if not we can loan these out.

Normal price: £3 per week, per child. Discount for those bringing siblings. Membership fee of £25 only required for those playing weekend matches for our Millers team.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

*t-shirt stock limited and first come, first served. If we run out of shirts in your child's size we will order more for distribution at a later session.

Helpful Hints

The following gives information to events held within school:

Mufti Day: this is a day when children are encouraged to donate £1 to our PTFA funds in exchange for your child wearing their own clothes to school. There are two mufti days when other donations are requested, but more of that later in the year.



Bake Sale: throughout the year each class is asked to provide cakes for sale after school. We always start with Lilac Class as they know what to expect, then work our way down the school.

On Bake Sale Day

- If it is your Class bake sale, you are asked to provide cakes (home made if possible but **without nuts**) for the children to sell when school finishes.
- If not your Class, you are asked to join in with the sale by purchasing the lovely cakes.
- All money raised goes to the PTFA



Assembly: this assembly is held each Friday morning from 9:15am when we celebrate the successes of the week both in school and at home, so please let us know of any achievements.

Parents are invited to join this assembly to celebrate with the children.

You are always welcome to join us in our Wednesday Worship in church at 9:30am.



Reading Minutes:

Each week the staff in each class total the number of reading minutes achieved by all individuals in that class. These are translated into Reading Miles and there is a map of Britain that the miles are added to giving four challenge routes across Britain.

There is also a weekly competition where the class with the most miles receives the 'Mystery Book Bag' which there are books to share with the class over the following week.

