



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 3

Friday 23rd 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 so this week we are looking at:



Generosity

Think about how generous you are with your time and talents. How are you sowing seeds for the future? Write your ideas on an apple diagram to create your own family apple tree!

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: 94.5%
year: 96.8%**

Maple: 93.8%

Cherry: 93.5%

Willow: 94.8%

Lilac: 95.5%

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done to Lilac Class!

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- ◇ Inter-House Cross Country
- ◇ Harvest Festival

Lilac Class

- ◇ Spy Day

Willow Class

- ◇ Class trip

Cherry Class

- ◇ Spellings



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please support our MacMillan Coffee morning next week, Wednesday 28th September. Many of our community neighbours have also been invited, so cake donations welcomed!

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: 268 minutes

Teise: 166 minutes

Cuckmere: 546 minutes

Medway: 196 minutes

Well done, Cuckmere!

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.



St Mary's Star Skills

"Skills for learning, skills for life"



Each week, one pupil from each class is identified for their 'star skills' development. Staff and other pupils share the skills they have noticed through the week, which are then recognised in Celebration Assembly each Friday.

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

Amelia: has shown amazing **Leadership skills**, in helping her buddy to settle into school.

Albie: has demonstrated excellent **Problem Solving skills**, overcoming lots of challenges when building a prototype of a flying skateboard in DT.

Cece: has displayed amazing **Listening skills**, always listening beautifully and using the information heard to support her in her learning.

Sami: has shown fabulous **Speaking skills** telling his teachers and friends about all of the things he had chosen for his treasure box in lots of fantastic detail.

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Alfred, Liv, Amelia and Joe develop their skills.

September

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

29th: Willow Class Forest School

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

30th: Inter-House Cross Country - pm

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 Workshops

12th: Willow Class Trip - Herstmonceux

12th: Open Morning - 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

31st: First day Term 2

November

3rd: Maple Class Forest School

4th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

4th: Flu Vaccine

St Mary's Star Skills:

Listening:	This skill is about being able to receive information effectively.
Speaking:	This skill is about orally communicating ideas or information.
Problem Solving:	This skill is about using your ability to find a solution to a problem.
Creativity:	This skill is about generating new imagination and using your ideas.
Staying Positive:	This skill is about staying motivated despite setbacks.
Aiming High:	This skill is about trying hard and achieving your goal.
Leadership:	This skill is about supporting, encouraging, and developing others to achieve a shared goal.
Teamwork:	This skill is about co-operating and collaborating with others and achieving a shared goal.

Forest School - Thursday 22nd September

Cherry Class talked about the season of autumn and were fantastic at talking about how to stay safe by not picking and eating anything which they were unfamiliar with- particularly fungi. The children were great at spotting and collecting acorns from the oak trees and found two different types of oak galls on the leaves.



The class played a great game of 'beetle tag' in the meadow, taking it in turns to be birds tagging beetles and worms. They were very good at pretending to be beetles on their backs when they were tagged!

Once in the woods, the class took it in turns to make up and lead some rhythm pattern songs by tapping their sticks and creating movement actions for a song independently.



Using palm drills to create holes, some of the class made bracelets and necklaces with acorns, acorn cups and string.



Some of the children created mandala patterns on the woodland floor with the acorns, leaves, oak galls and sticks they had found



The children explored their own interests in the woods, exploring the site, swinging on the hammock or the rope swings and going to see if there was any water in the stream and digging with tools on the clay rich mud.



St Mary the Virgin Church



I want the parents and school to know how proud I was of Noah, Eva, Ryah-Rose and Reece who came up to help with the community café last week. They were polite and welcoming and they listened and talked to those who attended. The highlight was the serving of cakes and being allowed to partake of the chocolate brownies!

Everyone commented on how lovely it was to see them and they were such a credit to the school.

I know this initiative is to continue on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 2.15pm -3pm and I hope other families and children will come up before and after to enjoy the café and meet their friends.

Kate Dillingham our new children and youth worker is now coming to the café to chat with the children and organise games.

Thank you!

Rev Julie

What's on?

@ St Mary's Church, Hartfield



From ages 3-6
and 7-11 years
old

& Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays 9.30 am



2nd & 4th Sundays 9.30am



Church Street
Community Café

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 2-4pm
Kate will be there, so this will
be a chance to chat and
play games with her.



Youth weekend away- Camping, fun, food, and bible talks.
For year 6 and up
Mini Maycamp- 18th November
Maycamp- 26th-29th May



Twice a month @ 5pm
Games, food and bible study
for year 5 and up

Any queries contact Kate Dillingham: katedillingham97@gmail.com or 07526 135436
Or Revd. Julie Sear: revjuliesear@gmail.com or 01892 770436

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 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. Currently searching for a new **TREASURER!**

St Mary's

Vacancy

We are looking for (a) dedicated Site Manager(s) to help keep our East Hoathly, Chiddingly, St Mary's and Park Mead premises looking their best. (East Hoathly, Chiddingly and St Mary's sites from September 2022 and our Park Mead site from January 2023)

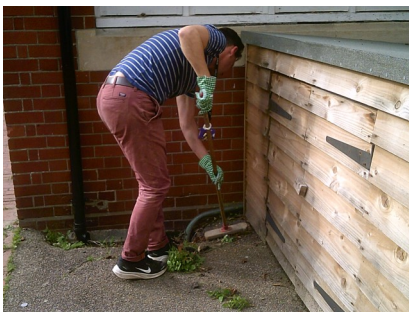
Applicants are welcome to apply for one or more of our schools, approximately 12.5 hrs per week for each school, therefore hours could be part-time or full-time.

For more details please visit the [information tab](#) on our website.



The School Grounds

Once again this week, while we look for a new Site Manager Alan Brundle (our Chair of Governors) and James Procter (our Executive Headteacher), ably assisted by Mr Black (Parent Volunteer) donned suitable clothing and gloves and set to work on the back of the school, clearing more fallen leaves and weeds.



Many thanks are extended to them all for improving the look and safety of the school.

A huge thanks also goes to Mr Waive, who has volunteered to keep the site tidy until the end of Term 1.



Welcome

This week, we have welcomed Mrs Newman to the school. At very short notice, she agreed to come in to give additional support to Willow Class, in the absence of Miss Surtees.

Welcome, and thank you, Mrs Newman, it's so lovely to have you here.



Parenting Guide | East Sussex
What's On – Oct, Nov and Dec 2022

Each 'long term', East Sussex Local Authority, through 'Open for Parents', provide online support to parents.

Open for Parents have a Facebook Page, a Website and offer a variety of Webinars across the term.

Find handy hints on variety of topics by visiting:
<https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/stmarys/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Countywide-Parenting-Guide-OCT-NOV-DEC-2022.pdf>

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Where: St Mary the Virgin CEP School hall

Date: Wednesday 28th September

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am



On Wednesday 28th September, Lilac Class are planning a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The lovely PTFA are going to help with serving (extra volunteers always welcomed) and we are hoping you will once again put into practice your ongoing skill and generosity to produce the fabulous cakes we need. Cakes need to be dropped at the school office at drop-off time on Wednesday 28th, please. If you have any queries, please contact the school office: 01892 770221.



**It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're invited**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

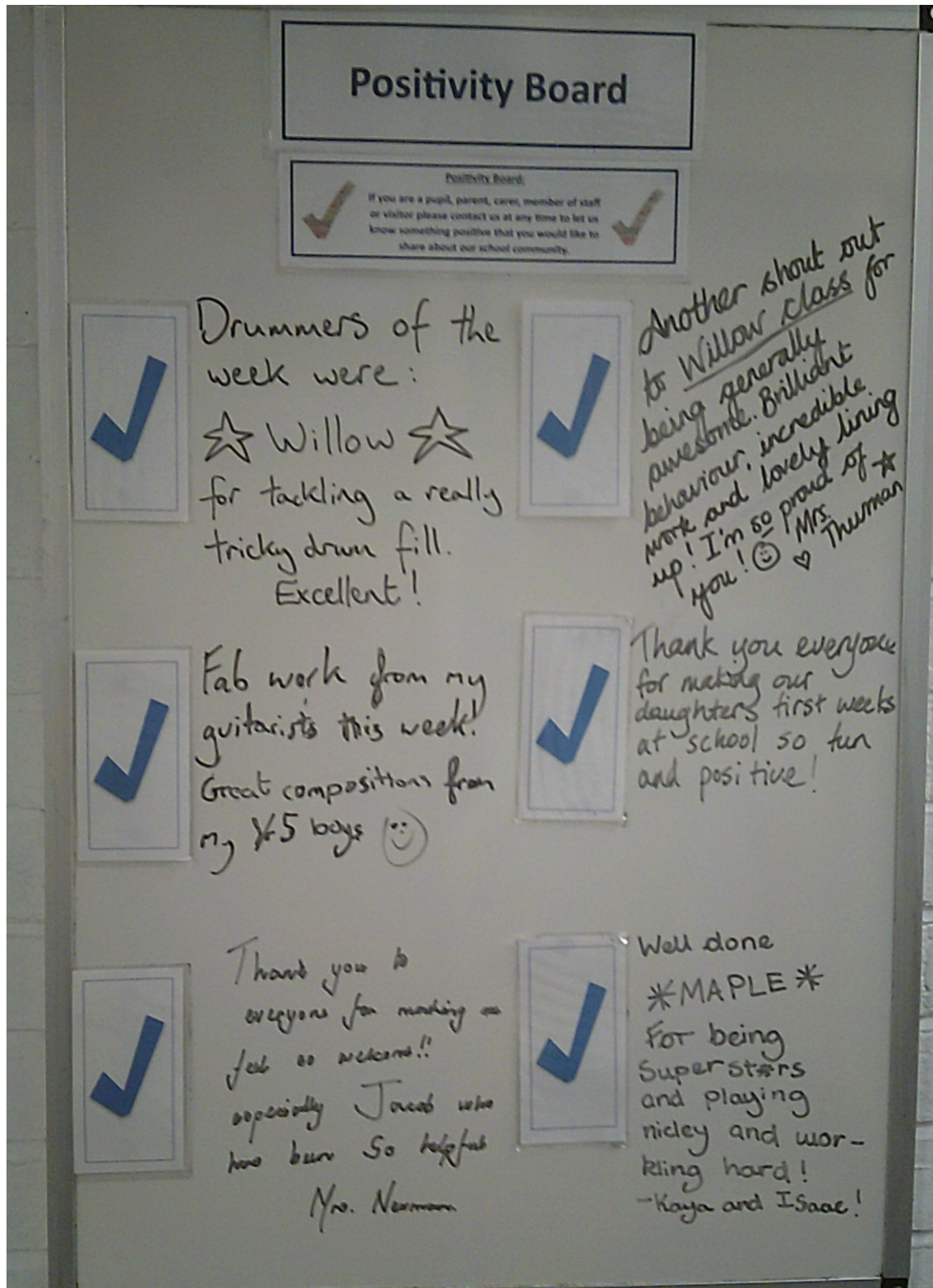
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Positivity Board

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

This week's wellbeing poster looks at 7 reasons why children should be more active.

7 REASONS WHY CHILDREN SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE

@BelievePHQ

BENEFITS OF ACTIVE CHILDREN

- 1 INCREASES PRODUCTIVITY**
 - Regular exercise can help children to be more productive at work and in school.
 - When we exercise we increase blood flow to the brain. This helps to increase alertness and will help to boost a child's mental activity.
- 2 INCREASES ENERGY LEVELS**
 - Exercise can help to reduce fatigue levels and increase your child's energy.
 - Exercise will help to increase your child's strength and endurance. Your child will feel stronger, faster, fitter and more confident in their physical capabilities.

TIP Keep your child active. Find fun activities which will motivate and challenge your child.
- 3 EXERCISE IMPROVES WELL BEING**
 - When a child exercises they will be improving their health and body image which can increase their self esteem and confidence.
 - Exercise leads to more positive social interactions with other children (social well being).
 - Exercise can increase a child's autonomy which helps them to feel more confident in the decisions in which they make.

Wellness



4 REDUCES OBESITY

5 REDUCES STRESS LEVELS

6 IMPROVES MOOD

7 IMPROVED BRAIN HEALTH

Opportunity

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS, 9.30AM



From ages 3-6
& 7-11 years
old

Dates of Sunday
Discoverers this term

18th September
2nd October
16th October
6th November
20th November
4th December
18th December

Join us as we learn...



About a lost
coin and lost
son



About the birth
of Jesus!

Opportunity

CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Please come and join us at our community café
on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.
Enjoy delicious homemade cake, coffee and tea.
All ages welcome - Children's area for babies and
toddlers and their carers.

An opportunity to meet old friends
and make new ones.



We look forward to seeing you on
Thursday 6th October for our
Macmillan Cancer Support 'World's
Biggest Coffee Afternoon'
and on Thursday 20th October for our
regular café.

Donations welcome for Macmillan Cancer
Support on 6th October and towards the upkeep of St
Mary's Church on 20th October. We now have a
contactless debit/credit card payment station.
Find us in St Mary's Church at the top of Church
Street.

For more information contact
Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or email
msjoannegriffin@gmail.com



Opportunity

**COME ALONG AND
GIVE IT A
TRY!**

**Rugby for all
kids from 4+**

Sunday 9:45
The Rec, Coombe Field

www.edenbridgerugby.co.uk

Opportunity

Open Events 2022

A chance for students and parents to look around the
school and hear presentations from the Headteacher

Booking is NOT required!

Open Morning Saturday 01 October
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open Evening Thursday 20 October
5:30 - 8:30 pm

Open Evening Only: Free shuttle buses will be provided
by Hams Travel from Sainsbury's car park at half-
hourly interval starting from 05:00 until 08:30 pm.

No parking available on site. Regrettably, we suffer
from traffic congestion in the area and very limited
space. Please make arrangements to park away

Opportunity

To help the local authority understand the
childcare needs of East Sussex families and any
issues faced, we are asking as many parents/carers
as possible to complete an online Childcare
Sufficiency Parental Survey. The survey can be
completed by clicking the link below, and
responses need to be submitted by 10 October
2022.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/csa-parental-survey-2022/>