



# St Mary the Virgin Church of England CE Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 6

Friday 14th October

## 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 Generosity, mingled with our school values and this week we are looking at:



Week 6  
Generosity

Can you think of a challenge that you could achieve together that would benefit others. Ideas could include a sponsored event, a 'helping weekend' or anything else you can think of. Choose one and go for it!

## Attendance



The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising 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: **95.7%**

Maple: **98.2%**

Cherry: **97.8%**

Willow: **98.3%**

Lilac: **96.1%**

**Less than 94.9% - Red**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber**

**96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**100% - Gold**

**Well done to Willow Class!**

## Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

### Whole School

- ◇ Parent Coffee Mornings
- ◇ Lunch Swap
- ◇ Flu Vaccinations
- ◇ Coffee with Sian Leahy (SENDCo)
- ◇ Amaze Workshop  
- 18th October

### Lilac Class

- ◇ Stormbreaker Film - reminder

### Maple Class, Selected Cherry Class

- ◇ Little Wandle



## Headteacher Award.

We have our first Headteacher Award of this academic year:



**Riley:** for the amazing idea he put into his 'Elodie and the Box Cat' story.

Well done, Riley!

## ParentPay

With the end of Term 1 coming up next week, please pop onto Parentpay and update any outstanding balances. Thank you.

## Thank you

To everyone who has helped in school this term. From weekly volunteers and those who have assisted with trips, to parents who have helped keep the school safe and tidy and those who have donated items requested. We appreciate you all!

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.

**Freddie:** demonstrates amazing **Positivity**, having a brilliant attitude and always seeing the positive in any situation.

**Scarlett:** has displayed truly impressive **Problem Solving** in calculation when exchanging 10's, 100's and 1000's in both addition and subtraction.

**Lois:** is developing excellent **Creativity**, carefully using primary colours to make secondary colours for her background scene.

**Tuppence:** has shown fabulous **Listening** skills, she is always brilliant at hearing instructions for the class and listening to conversations with her friends.

**Well done to you all!**

Next week, we will be looking at how Ellamy, Scarlet, Jacob and Oliver develop their skills.

### Sports Award

This week, sports awards go to **Noah:** for excellent pacing rhythm and control during Cross Country practice.

**Dexter:** technique during Speed Bounce and the Standing Long Jump.

**Liv:** for great rhythm, bouncing and control during Speed Bounce.

**Ruby:** for great special awareness, movement and participation during PE.

**Well done, to you all.**



### October

18th: Phonics Reading workshop

20th: Lilac Class Spy Day

20th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

20th: PTFA Mufti Day and Disco

21st: Helping Children with Anxiety 9:00am

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

21st: Last Day of Term 1

31st: First day Term 2

### November

3rd: Maple Class Forest School

3rd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

4th: Flu Vaccine

5th: Open Morning - Prospective Parents  
10:00am - 12noon

17th: School Christmas Fair

### December

7th: Nativity Performance 10:00am and 2:00pm

16th: End of Term Service - 2:30pm

### Opportunity

Don't forget to have your say on the **East Sussex draft SEND Strategy 2022-2025**.

The Local Authority need your views, via [this survey](#) to help get the shared priorities across education, health and social care right for the SEND community in East Sussex.

Please note, the survey closes on **24 October 2022**.

### 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:** 673 minutes

**Teise:** 701 minutes

**Cuckmere:** 714 minutes

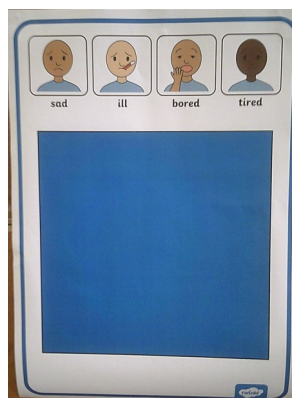
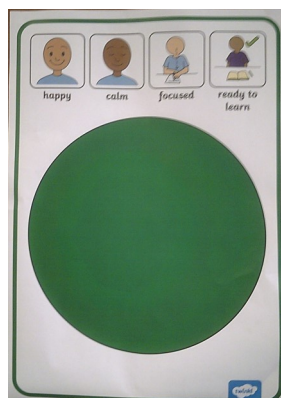
**Medway:** 748 minutes

**Well done, Medway!**

## World Mental Health Day - Monday 10th October

We started the day with a whole school assembly where we looked at 'Zones of Regulation', the method we use throughout school to encourage emotional awareness, the impact emotions can have on us and how we can move through the colours independently or with support from others.

### Zones of Regulation



Each class took their own focus to address this important subject.

**Lilac Class** focused on having a positive view of ourselves and wrote about what we CAN do, what skills we HAVE and the characteristics that we ARE. We also wrote our dreams for the future and discussed the things we'd need to be able to achieve them. Finally, we talked about which zone various emotions would fit into and how we deal best with being in the red zone to ensure our actions didn't impact negatively on us or on others.

**Maple Class** shared the book 'Different is a Great Thing to Be.' We talked about the characters in the book and how different they all looked from each other. We then played the Fruit Salad game and the children took it in turns to give each other verbal cues. We had some fantastic suggestions, such as 'please swap places if you love sloths' from Ellamy, and 'please swap places if you like black panthers' from Sami. It was lovely discovering that we have lots of things in common but that there are also lots of differences between us!



**Cherry Class** read 'The Colour Monster' book and learned about the zones of regulation by playing games and discussing ways that could help us to work within the zones.

**Willow Class** observed World Mental Health Day, by learning about our emotions and identifying how we feel in different situations. We recognised that we may experience the same situation in different ways.

We then took time to compliment each other and to reflect on qualities we like in ourselves. We recognised it is important to be kind to ourselves as well as other people!





## **Beacon Cross Country - Lilac Class**

Thank you to our 'roving reporters', Braxton, Noah and Lucas, who prepared the following:

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, some children from Lilac Class represented the school at the Cross Country at Beacon Academy in Crowborough. This event was very challenging and pushed St Mary's to their limits. 12 children from our school Braxton, Harrison, Lucas, Noah, Will, Luca, Megan, Amelia, Layla, Isla, Freddie and Esrah were selected because of our Inter-House Cross Country results. All of the students pushed through and got exceeding positions in the race from, 35<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> place. This is amazing because there was a whopping amount of people in each race (going up to 70 plus people in each race). One of our students (the super Braxton) pushed through to make it into the next round as one of the representatives of East Sussex.



Quotes that were giving by cross country runners.

. "This event was very challenging but the crowd kept us going." Megan and Amelia

. "It was very hard but I enjoyed it." Will

. "That everybody cheered us on so we could make a sprint finish." Isla

. "I am very proud of my performance as I tried my best and pushed myself to my limits." Braxton

. "I am very happy that I had someone to accompany me during the run." Freddie

. "I enjoyed that the team was really supportive and was happy all the way through even when somethings went wrong." Noah

. "I was very happy to be selected for this event as all of the schools were good sportsman." Lucas

. "It was a fun time and every one was supportive." Layla

. "I was injured near the start so my buddy Braxton continued the race for me."

Harrison

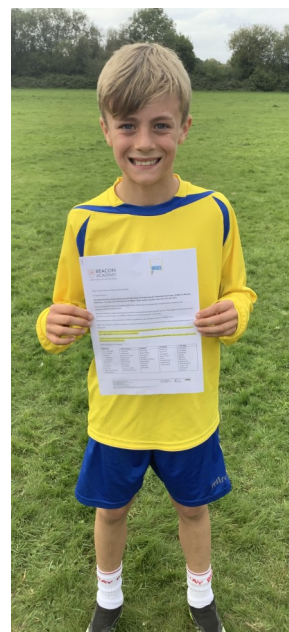
"I really liked the running and everything else." Esrah

### **Before the event**

Everyone was buzzing, confident and nervous ready for their exciting race, when they heard they were selected for this event. Mr D, our P.E teacher, prepared us incredibly well for races by reminding us of the correct running style and pushing us to the best we can be by practising with all of us and giving us encouraging advice.

Mrs Bastin was with us all the way through, cheering us on as we crossed the finish line. Mrs Neville was very supportive, helping us get through the daunting race.

This was definitely one of the best Beacon races St Mary's has ever had and we hope next year is just as good - maybe better with extra training!





### **Willow Class Trip - Herstmonceux Observatory**

Willow Class had an amazing time exploring all of the interactive science exhibits at Herstmonceux Science Centre on Wednesday. We were so fortunate that the weather was glorious and allowed us to discover the site to its fullest!

We were able to get hands-on with all of the exhibits and had enough time to fully investigate the different areas - both inside and out!



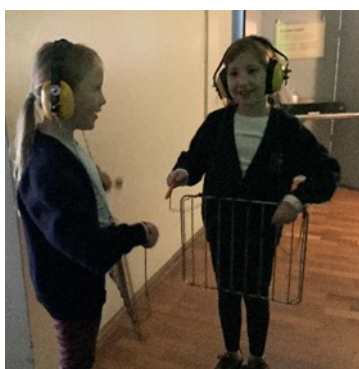
The giant Archimedes Screw was a firm favourite for the children. They enjoyed working as a team to lift the ball by turning the Archimedes Screw so that the ball would rise to the top!



Willow children then displayed their awesome teamwork skills by building two different bridges and were able to walk across the truss bridge they had built.



All of the children enjoyed the practicality 'hands on' aspect of the day, and when Logan was asked what his favourite part of the trip had been, he replied "Everything!" [High Praise!]



It was great to see and be with some of the other Year 3 & 4 classes of The Pioneer Federation. A special thanks must go to our fabulous parent helpers Mrs Waine and Mrs Cox.





## Weekly Peek

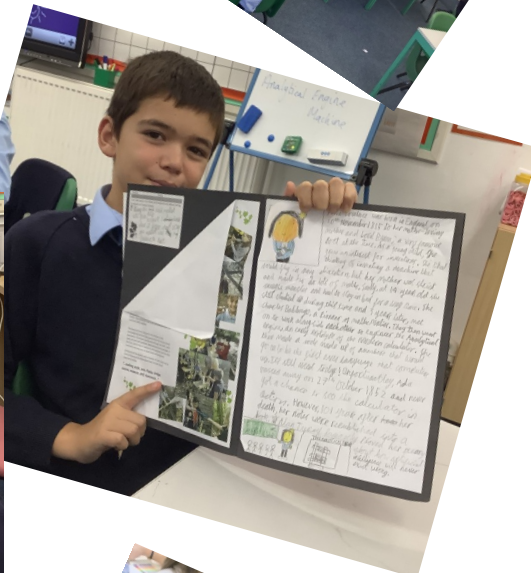
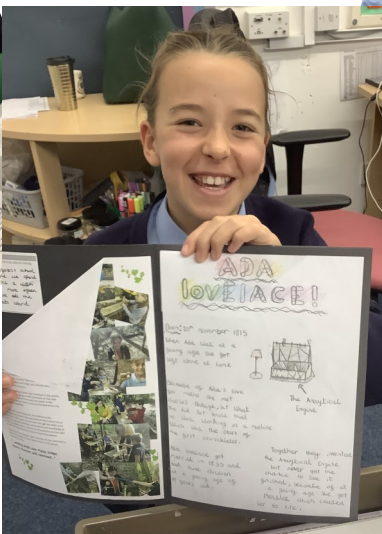
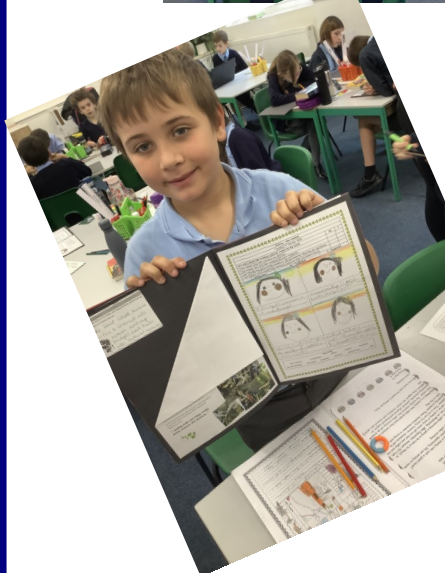
This week we 'take a peek' into Lilac Class.



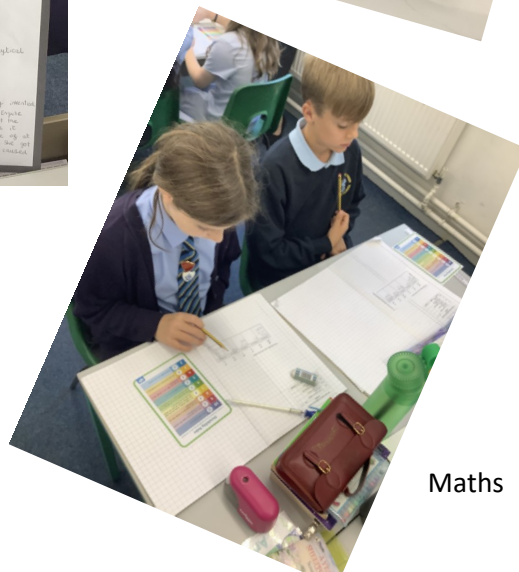
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Dog's Trust



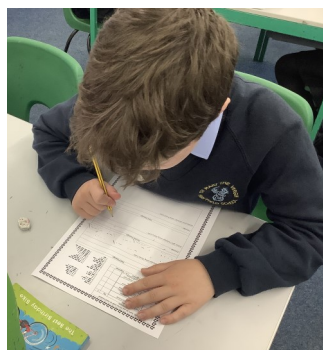
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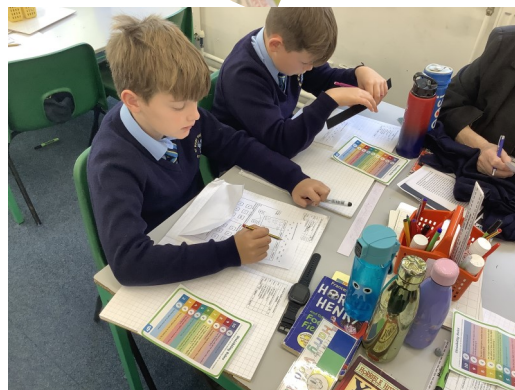
A virtual visit by two authors for  
English



Maths



Music





### Celebrations from Home

Thank you for these and keep sending in your photos!



Albie has been enjoying bringing the beauty of Autumn indoors, creating this glorious Autumn collage. Well done, Albie!

At the weekend, Reece took part in a 1.5k Spartan run which involved about 15 obstacles! Reece completed the race and was awarded a medal. Fantastic perseverance Reece!



### Wildlife Explorers

Over the term, the Wildlife Explorers have been asked how they can help endangered species.

This week, we concentrated on our own garden birds. As winter approaches, members needed to think of how to put food out for them.

One fast and fun way is to string cheerios onto loops and ribbons – they can be made into shapes like hearts and stars and are pretty in our gardens too.

Do look at our results and the birds at risk on our display board in school.



### Opportunity

On **Friday 21st October** between **9am and 10am**, Mrs Leahy (Inclusion Manager) would like to invite you for a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit, to view a webinar covering supporting children with **worries and anxiety**.

You do not need to book into this event and Mrs Leahy looks forward to meeting with you on Friday.





## Forest School - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Lilac Class were fantastic observers of the signs of autumn and spent a long time collecting acorns and comparing their sizes and textures.

The class played a great game of 'fox and rabbit'. They took it in turns to be the fox and rabbit, chasing until caught or being safe by linking up with others to be the 'safe rabbit warren'. The class showed great speed, agility and good awareness of turn taking.



Once in the woods, the class had a go at developing their use of tools. All of the class used at least one tool and process, if not more!



There were palm drills to

drill into the acorns and acorn cups they had collected. These were then made into kebabs on feathers or necklaces.



The children learned to safely axe in pairs, using a knife and a mallet. They had to use good communication skills to work together to check they were splitting the wood safely. Some of the children then used their spit wood to make a museum for all of their acorns!



The bow saw was used to work together and pull the saw to cut up some long lengths of wood for the wood store for fires during the colder months. The children showed how they had developed skills with their use of tools over their years of Forest School sessions.



At the end of the session, each member of Lilac Class had to think of one word to share about their Forest School experience today, which included:

***"...walking, knife, saw, Poppy, bridge, acorns, museum, drill, hammock..."***



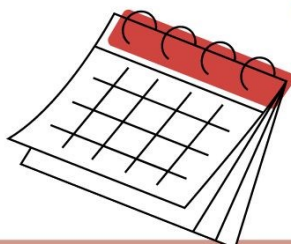


# Welcome

## PARENTS AND CARERS

### PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!



**CONTACT**  
No booking required.  
Any questions, please email:  
Mrs Leahy  
[sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11/10/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Understanding anxiety
- 15/11/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - East Sussex School Health
- 17/11/22 - St Mary's - 9.05 to 10.05 - The Thrive Approach
- 1/12/22 - East Hoathly - 9.15 to 10.15 - The Thrive Approach
- 12/1/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 24/1/23 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 3/3/23 - Chiddingly - 2.15 to 3.15
- 21/3/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 25/4/23 - St Marys - 2 to 3pm - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 16/5/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Adult Mental Health Week
- 15/6/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 4/7/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Enjoying the summer holidays



## Harvest Collection

Following your generosity for our Harvest collection, we have received the below from Crawley Open House



# THANK YOU!



## St Mary The Virgin Primary School, Hartfield

For your wonderful Harvest donation which helps support our work with homeless and disadvantaged people!

*Charlie ☺ - C.E.O*



**CRAWLEY  
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[www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk](http://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk) (01293)447702

Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, and other forms of social exclusion.  
Our support is available to anyone in need.

## Important Dates

Please be aware that applications for children to start Secondary School in September 2023 need to be made by 31st October 2022.



**Children going up to  
Secondary school**  
**Apply by 31 October 2022**

Applications for children to start Primary School in September 2023 need to be made by 15th January 2023.



**Children starting school  
for the first time**  
**(Born between 1 September  
2018 – 31 August 2019)**  
**Apply by 15 January 2023**

To apply on line:

- [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](https://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)

If you need help email:

- [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

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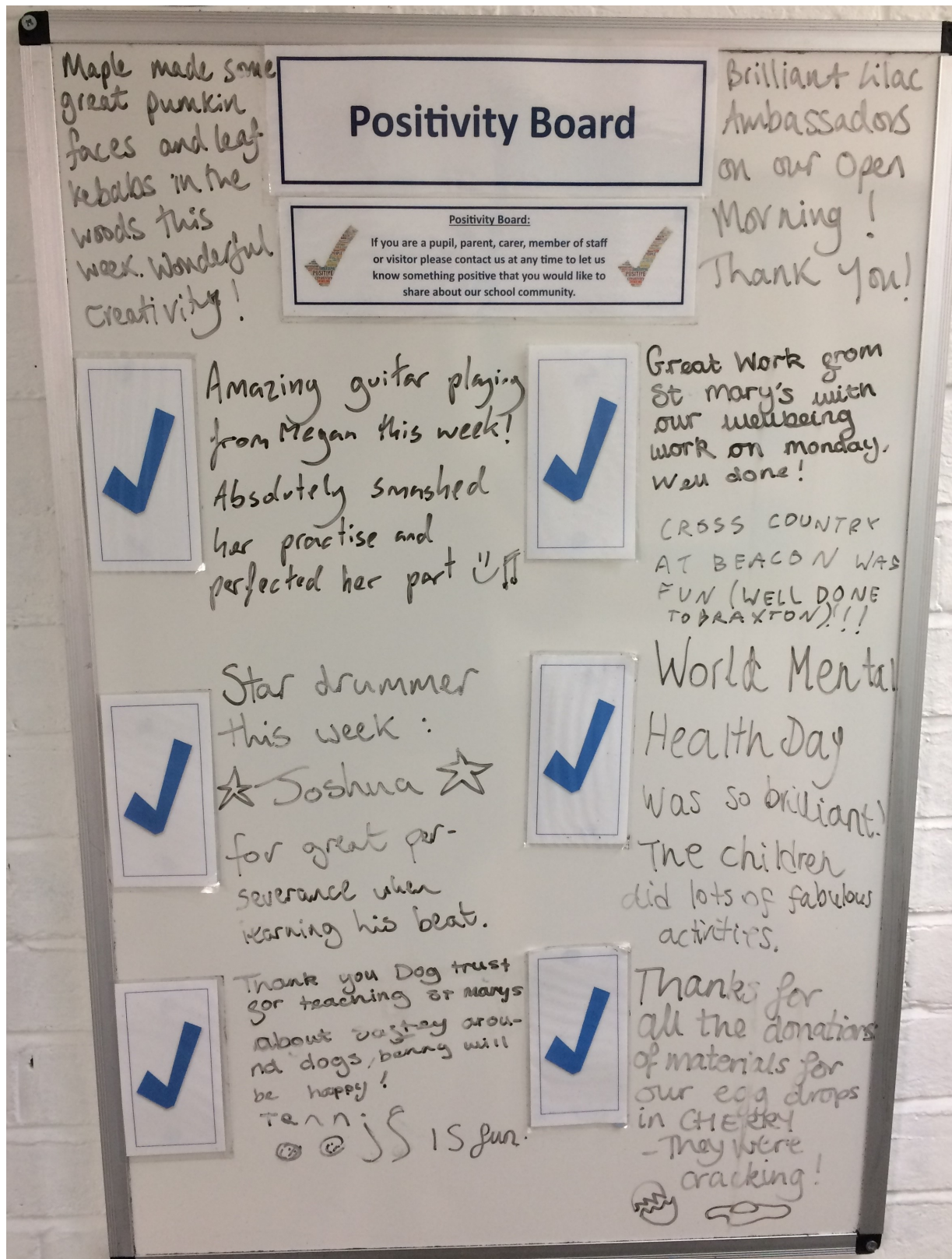
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## Positivity Board

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 gives a reminder of the School Base Influenza Vaccination programme sent home today.

**Immunisation Service**  
Children & Families Clinic  
Brighton General Hospital  
Elm Grove  
Brighton BN2 3EW  
[SC-TR.imms-team@nhs.net](mailto:SC-TR.imms-team@nhs.net)

Dear Parent or Guardian

### School Based Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme 2022-2023

The Influenza nasal spray vaccination is offered annually as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. This academic year the vaccine will be offered to children in all year groups from Reception through to Year 6.

The nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective in helping to protect children against flu.

Flu is caused by the influenza virus, which children can catch and spread easily. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children, which can lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

The vaccination is given as a simple, quick and painless spray into each nostril.

Contained within this letter are some frequently asked questions and useful information about the vaccine, and the virus it protects against.

Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

Please take this opportunity to check that your child's routine vaccinations are up to date. You can check this with your GP Practice. If you have any questions, you can also contact the Immunisation Service or your School Nurse.

#### How do I give consent for this vaccination?

Complete the steps below, before the closing date and time, to consent for your child to have the Influenza nasal spray vaccination.

**Your online consent form closes at 11am 4 working days before your session date, which can be found in the accompanying email from your child's school.**

1. Click on the following link: [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)
2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – *you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. Enter your school code and click 'Find School': School codes are unique to each school and site. Use the code found on this letter, to avoid delays with vaccination: **'SX114553'**
4. Check the school name matches the school your child attends: **'St Mary the Virgin CofE Primary School'**
5. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*

If you are unable to complete the online form, do not want your child to have this vaccination, or wish to change your consent, please read the frequently asked questions for how to proceed.

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about protecting your child and the wider population against this virus, for which vaccinations are readily available.

Yours sincerely

**Immunisation Clinical Service Manager**

Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011

Brighton  
Ext. 3789

Chichester  
Ext. 8100

Crawley  
Ext. 2043

Heathfield  
Ext. 2080

Uckfield  
Ext. 4887

Worthing  
Ext. 8533



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### Opportunity

Last year the PTFA started a new venture, their bingo ball game which proved so popular they are going to run it again this year. In total they had 16 winners across the school year. 12 cash prizes of £50 and 4 extra prizes at Christmas and the summer social draws.

### **How it works:**

There are 90 balls and those who join are given a number for the year. Each month a ball is drawn in celebration assembly and the person with the corresponding number wins £50!

### **To take part:**

An email needs to be sent to the ptfa ([ptfahartfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptfahartfield@gmail.com)) giving your name, contact number and connection with the school. To comply with GDPR, the email also needs to say:

I would like to purchase 1 bingo ball for the duration of the games and I have transferred the payment of £24 to the PTFA bank account. For the purposes of GDPR, I am happy for the PTFA and school to keep my details on file for the purpose of easily identifying the winner for the duration of the game.

Please send all payments to the PTFA bank account quoting 'bingo' as the reference.

CAF Bank                      HARTFIELD SCHOOL PTFA  
Sort Code: 40-52-40      Account: 00060500



£2 per ball per month. £24 for whole year.  
Number will be drawn in final Friday celebration assembly, first draw end of October.

July & August to be drawn live at the summer social.

You keep the same number all year.  
90 balls up for grabs.

£50 cash prize every month, Extra draw in December to make up for missing September.

lottery licence num; LN/000022657 PIC•COLLAGE

## Autumn Holiday Club in the Woods



9.30am-2.30pm

Monday 24th,  
Tuesday 25th and  
Wednesday 26th  
October 2022

@Sawpit Woods  
Hartfield



For children and parents  
[www.sawpitwoods.co.uk](http://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk)  
[sawpitwoods@gmail.com](mailto:sawpitwoods@gmail.com)



### Opportunity

During half term, Miss Munn is offering Autumn Holiday Club in the Woods.

For booking and information please go to: <https://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk/upcoming-events>

**Amaze Face 2 Face**



## **NDP PARENT GROUP**

### **For parents with children on the neurodevelopmental pathway (NDP)**

This Face 2 Face parent support group is for families with children and young people who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for one of these conditions: autism, ADHD, foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), learning disabilities/developmental delay, social communication concerns, sensory processing disorder, tics/Tourette syndrome.

Come along for a cuppa and a chat and meet families with similar experiences from East Sussex.

**Tuesday 18th October from 12:30-2:30pm**

Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham, BN27 3JZ

#### **What is NDP?**

The neurodevelopmental pathway (NDP) describes the different steps that a child or young person goes through from referral to the diagnosis of a neurodevelopmental condition (or conditions). It also includes children and young people who are assessed but do not get a diagnosis.

**To find out more, email  
[ruth@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:ruth@amazesussex.org.uk) or  
call Ruth on 07485 345907**