



St Mary the Virgin Church of England CE Primary School

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Term 2 Week 5

Friday 2nd December

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 Compassion and Peace.

Week Four:



Peace

This week, we have heard about Jesus calming the storm from Luke 8: 22-2 and the peace that he brought to a scary situation.

We each then created a paper boat and wrote an idea, reflection or response about the peace that was found in the story heard.

Top Tips

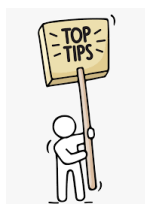
Please would you check in book bags over the weekend.

We have a number of forms yet to be returned:

- Swimming
- Nativity permissions
- Christmas Lunch requests

School Nativity

The songs for our school nativity are now available on the [website](#). While we practice these within school, it would be great if you would also spend time listening and singing at home. Thank you.



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: **94.2%**
year: **95.0%**

Maple: 87.3%	Cherry: 94.8%
Willow: 94.6%	Lilac: 96.1%
Less than 94.9% - Red	95 to 96.4% - Amber
96.5 to 99.9% - Green	100% - Gold

Well done, Lilac Class!

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:	717 minutes
Teise:	728 minutes
Cuckmere:	1,059 minutes
Medway:	761 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 their observations of the week, which are then recognised in Celebration Assembly on Fridays.

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

Megan: is always **Aiming High**, not matter what the task and become more confident by the day to give everything a go. Superb!

Max: has shown great **Problem Solving skills**, working hard during a maths investigation into the 3 and 6 times tables.

Lottie: has demonstrated amazing **Creativity** in DT, carefully thinking about the design brief when designing her sightseeing bus.

Isaac: has shown fantastic **Listening Skills** this week, listening brilliantly when building with blocks!

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Joshua, Bea, Jacob (Y1) and William develop their skills.

December

7th: Nativity Performance

10:00am and 2:00pm

8th: Maple Class and Cherry Class Forest School

9th: Health Screening - Maple Class and Y6

9th: Hartfield Live Nativity - 6pm The Croft

11th: Christmas Praise in Church - 9:30am

12th: Christingle Making

14th: Christingle Service in Church - 9:30am

14th: Full Governor Board Meeting

15th: Christmas Lunch

15th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

16th: Last Day Term 2

January

3rd: INSET Day

4th: 1st Day, Term 3

5th: Maple Class - Forest School

5th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm



Sports Award

This week, sports awards go to **Lucas W:** for excellent range of movement and skill demonstrated during football.

Lottie: for great awareness, movement and much improved dribbling technique.

Bo: for great listening, participation and teamwork during PE.



Well done to you all!



Celebration from Home

Tuppence has been working hard to learn how to swim and has achieved a fantastic 5m award.



Well done, Tuppence!

Forest School: Thursday 1st December

The rain has made the journey through the meadow too muddy, so the children took the route along the Forest Way via the old station. There was lots of challenge and enjoyment, working out how fast they could run down the slope by the bridge and thinking about other ways to travel down the slope, such as rolling and sliding.

Lilac Class continued their use of tools this week, in the woods. They used secateurs, saws and

loppers to cut some hazel lengths. The wood they collected will be used for making Christmas decorations for their 'BAGS OF HOPE', which they are making for the village community. The children will finish these when they are back in school.

The class collected ever green foliage from the woodland, identifying holly and ivy and weaving and wrapping their wreaths to decorate them.



The children used long sticks to help themselves balance along the slack line.

The children also explored their own interests in the woods, exploring the site, swinging on the swing. The group showed good problem solving, working out how to make the swing high enough to swing properly, as it had been used for much younger, smaller children prior to them being



there. There was lots of interest in where the water flowed at the end of the stream. Lilac spent a long time working out how to successfully dam the stream and noticing what effect it would have on children building a dam downstream. They thought about different materials such as wood, logs, planks and mud, to create a structure that could hold the water back effectively; even creating their own hammers to bang pieces of wood into the bottom of the stream to hold the water effectively.



Many thanks to our volunteers who got fantastically involved with creating wreaths with the children!



Wildlife Explorers

If you thought taking cuttings was difficult, think again! It is easy to obtain a possible a new shoot from many shrubs, climbers and houseplants using a simple technique carried out on side shoots that have been produced during the year.



This week, our Wildlife Explorers found that this method of making a new plant is generally considered the most reliable of any type of stem cutting, as young shoots will produce roots more readily than older material. All we needed to succeed was a pair of scissors!

Suitable plants for softwood cuttings include buddleia, hydrangea, lavender, and many other shrubs.

This method is also suitable for many houseplants, including coleus and tradescantia so if you have a plant that produces lots of side-shoots, it's worth giving it a go!

Our Explorers concentrated on rosemary shoots.



Wildlife Explorers - Awards

There were also certificates to give out to the Explorers this week:



Congratulations to Reece, Joe and Isaac who received their silver awards.



Congratulations to Noah, Lucas and Esrah who received their Youth Leadership awards.

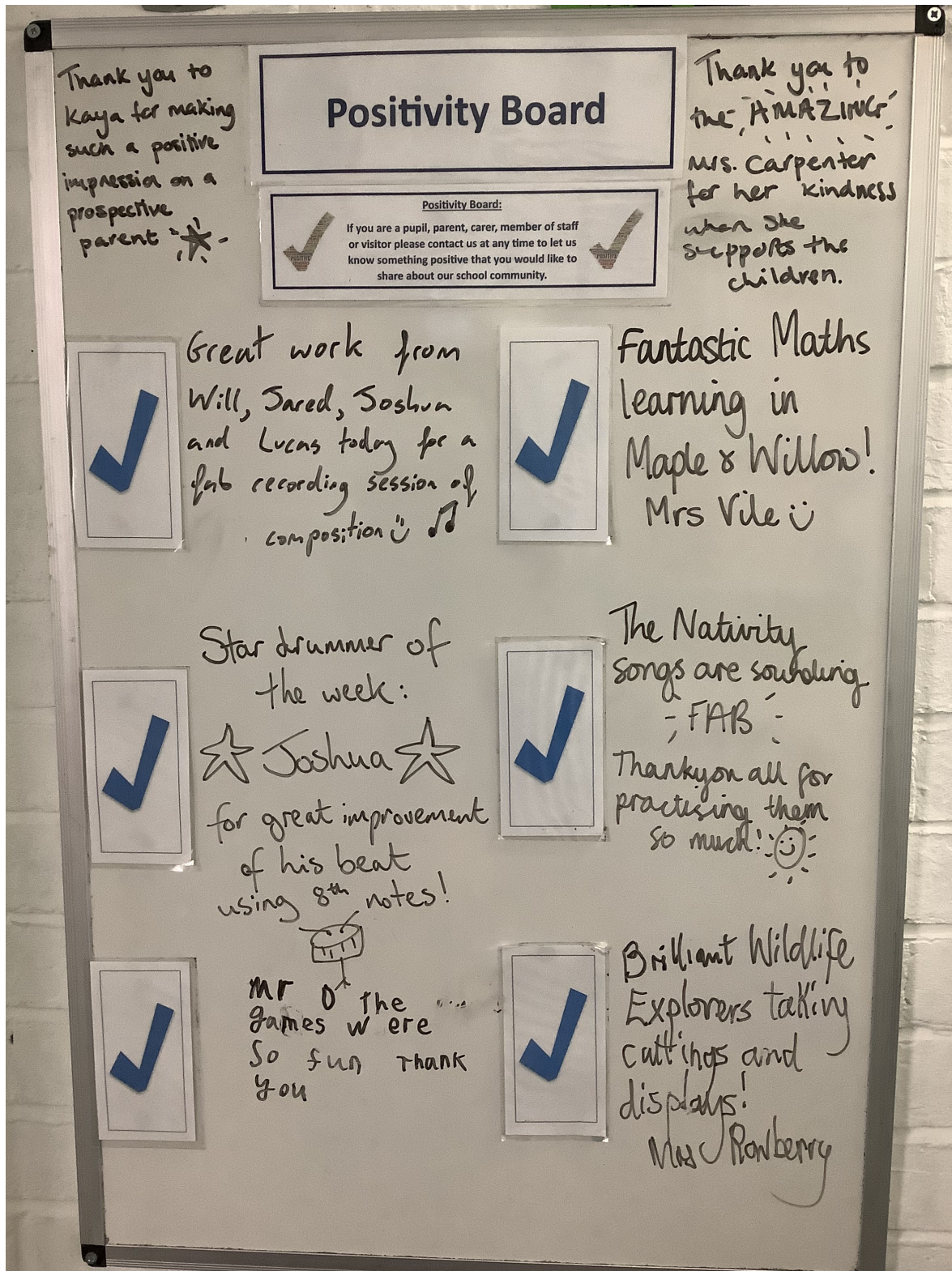
Well done to you all.



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

In recognition of Anger Awareness week, this week's well being poster looks at Five Top Tips for when you are feeling angry, taken from [The Lily-Jo Project](#)

Tyler's Top Five Tips

FOR WHEN YOU FEEL ANGRY:

1

TAKE A DEEP BREATH

When I'm angry, it feels like the world is going really fast. I need to take some deep breaths to slow it back down and think.

2

DO SOMETHING THAT HELPS YOU RELAX

When I get angry, what I need to do is relax. I need to walk away and be by myself until I'm calm again.

3

EXERCISE HELPS ME GET RID OF ANGRY THOUGHTS

Exercise really helps me get rid of my angry thoughts! I like going to the park and doing the monkey bars.

4

DISTRACT YOUR BRAIN

When I feel myself starting to get angry, I try and distract myself. I like to read, especially books about fantasy worlds like The Hobbit or the Artemis Fowl books!

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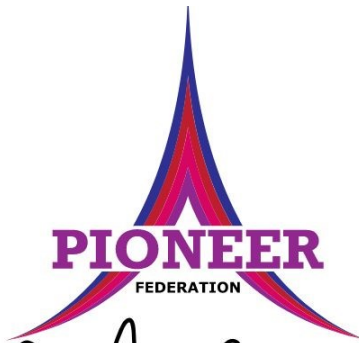
BE KIND TO YOURSELF

Sometimes, when I'm really angry, I can accidentally hurt myself. My teachers taught me to play with my fidget spinner or squeeze a stress-ball instead.

St Mary's Christmas Lunch

The school will be indulging in our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 15th December. Forms will be sent out next week and payment will need to be made through ParentPay.



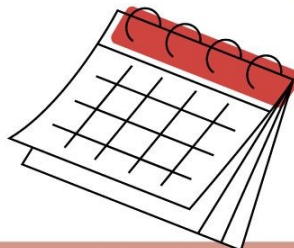


Welcome

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

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



There will be a competition at the service to identify the best Christmas outfit, so get your thinking caps on and sewing machines working!



All age service

December 11th 2022

at

St Mary's Church

9.30am





St Mary's Church in Hartfield, warmly
welcomes you to
join
St Mary's school
for a

Christingle Service

14th December 2022

From

9.30am – 10.30am



Hartfield Live Nativity

Friday 9th December 2022
Starts 6pm on The Croft



Come along to Hartfield's very special and popular Live Nativity!

- Join the crowd following Mary and Joseph through the village knocking on doors trying to find room at the inn.
- Angels, shepherds, wise men, "donkey", camels and carols.
- Procession ends in the church in a beautiful and heart warming nativity scene with baby Jesus.
- Refreshments in the church.

If your child would like to join in as an angel or shepherd
contact Alison Berry 07763 188538, ajberryartist@gmail.com

Everyone welcome – a lovely way to start Christmas!



St Mary's Church, Hartfield



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