



St Mary the Virgin Church of England CE Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 2 Week 6

Friday 9th 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 Six:



Compassion

Having compassion can mean helping those less fortunate than us and recognising how we can help them.

As a family think about writing a wish for people less fortunate with an idea of how you can help them this Christmas time.

Top Tips

emails and letters sent home this week:

Whole School

- Christingle
- Nativity
- Christmas Lunch requests
- PHE Guidance re Group A Streptococcus

Willow Class

- Swimming (selected pupils)

Cherry Class

- Outside play - bakery needs
- Egg box thank you.

Thank you to everyone who practised lines and singing for the Nativity, the performances were amazing.



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: 91.8%
year: 94.7%**

Maple: 90.0%	Cherry: 94.1%
Willow: 88.3%	Lilac: 93.2%
Less than 94.9% - Red	95 to 96.4% - Amber
96.5 to 99.9% - Green	100% - Gold

Well done, Cherry 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:	259 minutes
Teise:	527 minutes
Cuckmere:	1,472 minutes
Medway:	700 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.

Joshua: is developing superb **Speaking Skills**, explaining his ideas really well and putting his hand up in class more to share his amazing ideas.

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

Jacob: has demonstrated amazing **Positivity**, never being disheartened by a task and always giving things another go!

William: has shown fantastic **Creativity** this week, showing how much he loves dancing and moving to music during the Nativity practice.

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Kate, Joseph, Bella and Sami develop their skills.

December

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

ADVENT



St Mary's



A huge thank you to our PTFA for donating £2k to the school this week, for much needed books to support the reading scheme introduced at the beginning of last term.

The results are in for the class fund raising for the PTFA during the Christmas Fair. Willow Class raised an amazing £60+ so take back the star prize for the year!

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** them, please get in touch.



Christingle

Please send your child(ren) to school with an orange on Monday 12th December, as we will be making Christingles ready for the service on Wednesday 14th December.

Thank you.



Forest School: Thursday 8th December

This week Cherry Class and Maple Class went to the woods together. They walked a different way to the woods, as the meadows are currently very muddy due to all of the rain in November. They followed different paths and had great fun running and sliding down hills in turn.



There was still frost on the ground and it was fun making shadows in the low winter sunlight. We had some water bottles to warm ourselves in the cold of the afternoon. Some children collected some of the 'golden' maple leaves they had spotted on the track and all of the children tried catching the leaves as they fell from the trees.

The children had all listened to the story of 'Stick Man' and how he managed to get home to his family tree for Christmas. They each had the chance to use peelers to peel the bark from hazel sticks and designed their own stick men faces. They then went off to explore and play in the woods with their stick men.



The slack line was fun and Cherry Class has an extra challenge of having to move along it by using sticks to balance with.

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge they gain from the whole experience. This can be seen through the skills developed, tool use, 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 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.

A massive thanks to our volunteers who supported the children with all of their exploring, play and learning.



Nativity: Wednesday 7th December

We held our School Nativity this week and the children were absolutely fantastic!

The feedback received from those watching has been amazing and we are so proud of all of the children for their hard work and commitment to learning the songs and lines, for their teamwork, their positivity and the incredible listening they did through the preceding weeks, in practice.

Well done, St Mary's!



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Wellbeing

School Clubs

We plan to continue all of our extra curricular clubs within school in the New Year.

Breakfast Club will be starting from the first day back (Wednesday 4th January) and runs from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day.

Places need to be pre-booked through the office so please call: **01892 770221**



Red Butler Music will come in on Monday and Tuesday. If you are already signed up, they will contact you. If you would like to sign up (strings or drums), please call them: **01273 805666**

Mr D's Mixed Football Club (R-6) will re-convene on Mondays . Please email the office to book: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Tuesday lunch time for Y1 - Y6. We need to ensure that a clear register is provided to Mr and Mrs Rowberry so if you would like to arrange attendance please email the school office.

Mr D's Multi Sports Club (R to Y6) will return on Fridays beginning 6th January. Please email the office if you would like a place:
office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



After school **Tennis Club** on Wednesdays. Again, this will be if sufficient children are interested in joining. 3.20pm - 4.20pm each week. Jon Prenelle, Director of Kent & Sussex Tennis, LTA Level 4, PTR Pro, USPTA Pro, RPT Pro Coach

Phone/whatsapp: 07464972681/07495368571,

Email: kentandsussextennis@outlook.com Website: www.kentandsussextennis.co.uk

Please email the school office, contact Red Butler or Jon Prenelle, if you would like to sign up. Thank you.

Opportunity

Autism and Demand Avoidance

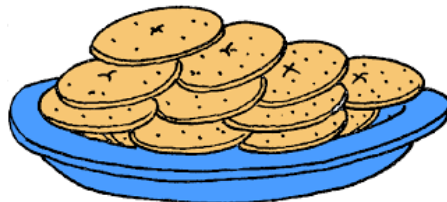
What: a coffee morning covering the topic of Autism and Demand Avoidance

When: Wednesday 11th January 9:00am - 10:30am

Where: Park Mead Primary School, Upper Dicker

Who: Invitation to all parent and carers within Pioneer Federation

How: Class+ supported by Sian Leahy (Inclusion Manager)



Awareness

In the New Year, Royal Mail are adding barcodes to regular stamps and those without a barcode will no longer be valid **after 31st January 2023**.

Non-barcoded stamps can be exchanged for the new barcoded version using the [Stamp Swap Out Scheme](#).



Stamps that will no longer be valid:



Special Stamps, with pictures and Christmas Stamps will not be affected by this change so it will still be possible to use them.

Stamps that can still be used:



Opportunity

Training and support services for families of children struggling with anxiety



9th December 2022

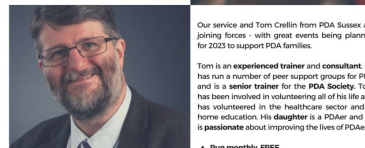


Training this month is focused on Christmas and supporting Neurodivergent Children at home and school. We will focus on routines, transition, sensory, and emotional needs.

• 12th December, 6pm - £5



We now run **two coffee mornings** each month. One to support families of children with a PDA Profile, the second for families of children that are struggling with emotionally based school avoidance. Both are very relaxed and very supportive.



• Run monthly - FREE



Our **compassion fatigue sessions** are a great opportunity to release emotional overwhelm and let go of anything that is weighing you down.

The sessions include bilateral work - to release emotions held in the body, alongside tapping sequences to calm the system.

It's a **whole-brain integrated approach** to removing past triggers and allow the system to heal. When it's free from the past - it can be present for the future.

• Run monthly - £5



Our private coaching sessions continue to offer **emotional regulation support** to dysregulated young people.

They are focused on **whole-brain integration** strategies that are taught to them - so that they have a toolkit of techniques to use when they need to.

We don't have to talk about it - we just release it, achieve inner balance, and back in control!

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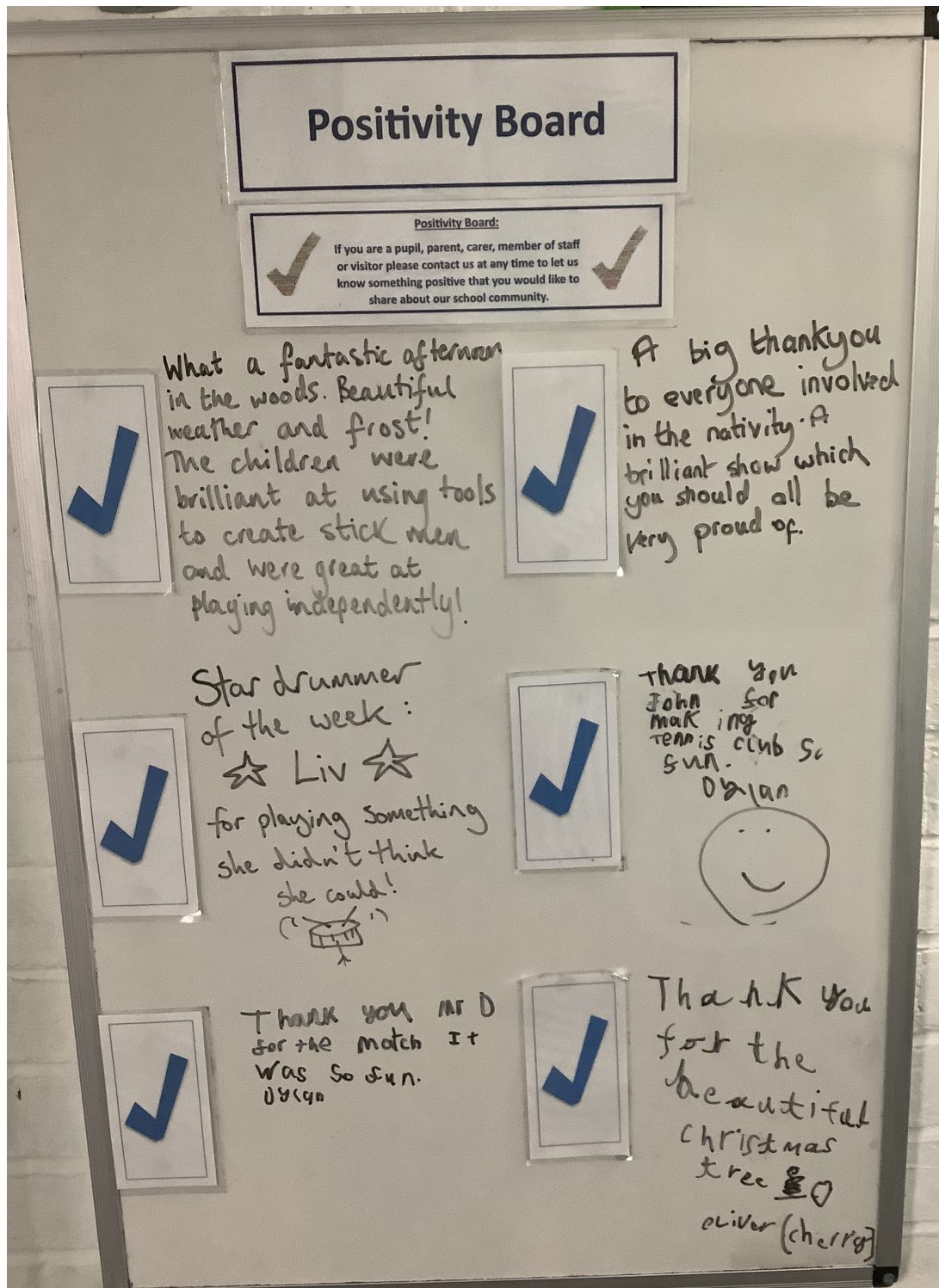
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Positivity Board

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

This week, our wellbeing poster looks at 10 things parents can do to Nourish their child's Mental Health.

10 THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO NOURISH THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

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Provide them with autonomy. Allow them to make their own decisions



Talk your child. Help them to express their thoughts and feelings



Role model positive mental health. Highlight the importance of self care and looking after yourself



Learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation and deep breathing. Practice them with your child



Emphasise the importance of good sleep, eating healthily and exercise



Listen, listen, listen. Be patient and present when talking to your child



Support your child to develop positive relationships with family and friends



Make sure your child feels loved, valued and safe



Provide your child with opportunities to play and be creative



Involve yourself with your child's hobbies. Support and praise them

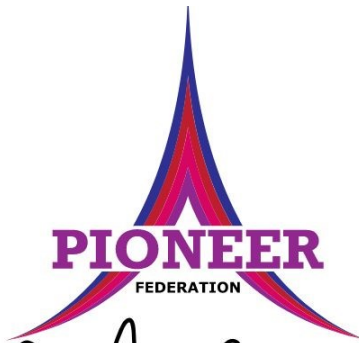
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St Mary's Christmas Lunch

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.



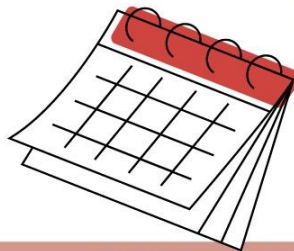


Welcome

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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