



St Mary the Virgin Church of England CE Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 3 Week 1

Friday 6th January

Dear St Mary's Families,

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to a new term. We hope you all had a wonderful break with your families.

It has been so lovely to see all the children come back with so much energy and enthusiasm for their new topics, which are

Maple: Off We Go!

Cherry: The Great Fire of London

Willow: Roald Dahl

Lilac: The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

We are looking forward to having 'Class Assemblies' again this year when we will invite parents and families into school to share a class' learning of the term. We will send these dates and times out as soon as possible.

We wish you a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Bastin and Mrs Hill

Co-Heads of School

Top Tips

Emails and letters sent home this week:

Lilac Class

- Homework Term 3
- Need for glass jars

Maple Class

- Spare Clothing - wet weather

Other Information

- PTFA Jumble Sale planned for 28th January has been postponed.
- Mrs Funnell is not in the office on a Thursday afternoon. If you have urgent messages for the school (i.e. changes to collection), please telephone 01892 770221 as emails will not be seen.

Best wished for a happy and healthy New Year.



Time of Prayer

There will be a time of prayer at the church on Monday 9th January at 9.00am to pray for the school community. All are welcome to come along. If you would like to know more, please speak to the office: 01892 770221

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.



Whole school: week: 90.6%
year: 93.7%

Maple: 97.0% **Cherry: 86.7%**
Willow: 94.3% **Lilac: 88.7%**

Less than 94.9% - Red **95 to 96.4% - Amber**
96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**

Well done, Maple Class!

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

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.

up in class more to share his amazing ideas.

Next week, we will be looking at how Kate, Ruby-Mae, George and Ruby develop their skills.

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:	200 minutes
Teise:	40 minutes
Cuckmere:	140 minutes
Medway:	90 minutes

Well done, Rother!



St Mary's PTFA

Our Bingo Balls have been drawn and the winners:

December Draw: Number 31

Christmas Bonus Draw: Number 27

Congratulations to our winners who take away £50.00.

If interested, there are balls still available.



January

- 9th: Time of Prayer - 9:30am Church
- 10th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 12th: Cherry Class - Forest School
- 17th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 18th: Willow Class - Welly Walk
- 19th: Willow Class - Forest School
- 19th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 24th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 26th: Lilac Class - Forest School
- 28th: PTFA Jumble Sale
- 31st: Willow Class - Swimming

February

- 2nd: Maple Class - Forest School
- 2nd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 8th: Online Safety Day
- 9th: Maple Class - Forest Row Fire Station
- 9th: Mufti Day - bring £1, wear non uniform
- 9th: PTFA Disco 3:30pm
- 9th: FGB Meeting
- 10th: Last Day Term 3



- 20th: First Day Term 4
- 22nd: Ash Wednesday Service Church 9:30am
- 23rd: Maple Class - Forest School
- 23rd: Willow Class Bake Sale
- 24th: Willow Class Bake Sale

St Mary's 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!**

Forest School - Thursday 5th January

Maple Class started their session by discussing the story of 'The Gruffalo's Child'. We talked about how the different animals had made tracks in the snow as they moved about the woodland. The children also shared that they had made tracks in the snow when it fell in December.

The class set off to the woods looking out for any animal or foot prints along the way. They found some boot prints in the mud on the track and looked at the information sign on the Forest Way, which gave them clues about what animals might be living here.

The children commented on some of the features which might be animal habitats, noticing piles of earth dug out from badger sets and looking in the ponds and ditches for signs of life. They walked a different way to the woods, as the meadows are currently very muddy due to all of the rain over the winter.

Once in the woods, the children each found two sticks to tap out a rhythm song with. Then they learned how to identify different animals from their footprints by counting their toes. Badgers have 5, foxes have 4, and deer 2. They used flour, sieves and stencils to create their own animal foot prints on the woodland floor.



The children used their hands to make 'deer ears' to listen closely to the woodland environment. They heard some birds stating, "That was a crow!" then each created their own bird feeders with pine cones. They covered the cones with lard and dipped them in seeds, before choosing which tree branches they wanted to hang them from.



"I want it up there, on that thin branch"

"I would like to hang it from the holly tree"



There was then time to explore the woodland, play in the stream, swing on the swings and the hammock, and have a go at climbing the fallen trees and wooden ladders. It was great to hear the discussions about safety as they used the hammock when they noticed that the top of the tree moved as they swung and they talked about how to check it was safe!



It was lovely to see their growing independence, curiosity and creative ideas emerging in the woodland session. Well done Maple class, and a massive thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make our sessions possible by supporting the children in the woods.

Opportunity

The horticultural committee of the South of England Show (9th – 11th June 2023) are keen to encourage and younger members of society in horticulture and therefore are having a class at the 2023 Show. The competition is open to anyone of primary school age, entries can be from individuals, groups, classes, schools and after school clubs.

The theme is Water Wise, again to try and encourage children to be adventurous and get creative in producing the container and let their imagination run wild and if you are interested in entering, please see below for information.



South of England Agricultural Society
South of England Show
Children's Growing in Containers Competition
June 9th, 10th & 11th June 2023



Growing in Containers-

Application form

These details are used for communication between the show and the entrants, they will not be shared or published.

Name of establishment	
Key Contact	
Address	
Post Code	
Email	
Telephone	
Please write a brief description of your container and the plants used. (50 – 100 words) Please use separate sheet if necessary	

checklist

In submitting this application, I/we confirm that I/we comply with the rules and regulations of the competition.

Signed..... Print Name..... Date.....

Please return completed forms to: Diza Gooding, South of England Agricultural Society, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, RH17 6TL or by email to diza@seas.org.uk

Water Wise

This year's theme offers everyone a chance to be adventurous and get creative in producing the container and let their imagination run wild.

We are looking for imaginative interpretations of the theme with your designs and planting schemes.

Size

Containers must be no bigger than 1msq.

Entries

All entries must be received by 1st May 2023.

Entries after this date may not be accepted.

Each entry will receive one adult admission ticket into the show. Children under 16 years of age do not pay to enter the show.

Assessment

There will be four main considerations that the judges will be assessing.

These are: Overall Impression, Design, Planting and Construction.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

If you would like to collect your container after the show, please collect between 9am and 5pm on Monday 12th June 2023.

The competition is open to Individuals, Groups and Classes

If you have any further questions, please let us know:

01444 892 700 or email diza@seas.org.uk



Awareness

East Sussex County Council have developed a dedicated webpage giving a range of information to support families if they are struggling or worrying about the cost of living increases in this area.

Please visit:

[Support with the cost of living | East Sussex County Council.](#)



UK Health Security Agency

The UKHSA have issued 'back to school' advice, and remind people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. They say:

- Your child should stay home if they are unwell or have a temperature.
- If an adult is unwell and cannot stay home, wear a face covering and avoid the vulnerable unless urgent
- Flu vaccinations are still available.
- Practice good hand hygiene, catch coughs and sneezes in tissues, then pop into the bin.

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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 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.

Wellbeing Poster

This week, we share the Childtherapy Service Newsletter. Please check to see if any course would be useful.



4th January



SUPPORT

In the Child Therapy Service - Well Hub, you will find access to a wealth and subsidized support services:

These include:

- Coffee Mornings
- Meditation Sessions
- Compassion Fatigue Sessions



4th January 2023



FACE-TO-FACE

I'm delighted to tell you that from April, face-to-face sessions will be starting again, in Eastbourne.

They will include a combination of approaches, that offer an **alternative** to talk-based therapies.

This **inclusive** service provides support to young people that struggling to **communicate**, or **understand** their emotional needs. If you would like to go onto the waiting list for this - please email me.



TRAINING

The focus for all training - is the emotional of children, so that they can access an edu. As such - the following has been organi January:

- Understanding EHCPs + EOTAS
- Using the Principles of NVR in the Hon

Non-violent resistance (NVR) is not a pair programme. But what is it and how can principles be used during conflict?



RE-ENGAGE

One project that I'm really passionate about for 2023 is the re-engage programme.

This project is focused on supporting young people that have been put onto a reduced/flexible time-table or those that have accessed all other services and they have been ineffective.

It offers an alternative, by providing the young person with therapy alongside re-engagement back into the classroom. Re-engagement that is supportive to the young person, the teaching staff, and school.

If you would like to be put on the waiting list for this - please, drop me an email.

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JAN 10		Coffee Morning - Emotionally-based School Avoidance
	Online event	Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 10:00 GMT
JAN 10		Meditation for Mums
	Online event	Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 11:30 GMT
JAN 11		Compassion Fatigue Session (Daytime)
	Online event	Wednesday, 11 January 2023 at 10:00 GMT
JAN 17		My Journey from Refusal to Assess - to EOTAS
	Online event	Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 18:00 GMT
JAN 18		Coffee Morning - Families of Children with a PDA Profile
	Online event	Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 10:00 GMT
JAN 24		Compassion Fatigue Session (Evening)
	Online event	Tuesday, 24 January 2023 at 18:00 GMT
JAN 25		Using the Principles of NVR in the Home
	Online event	Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 18:30 GMT



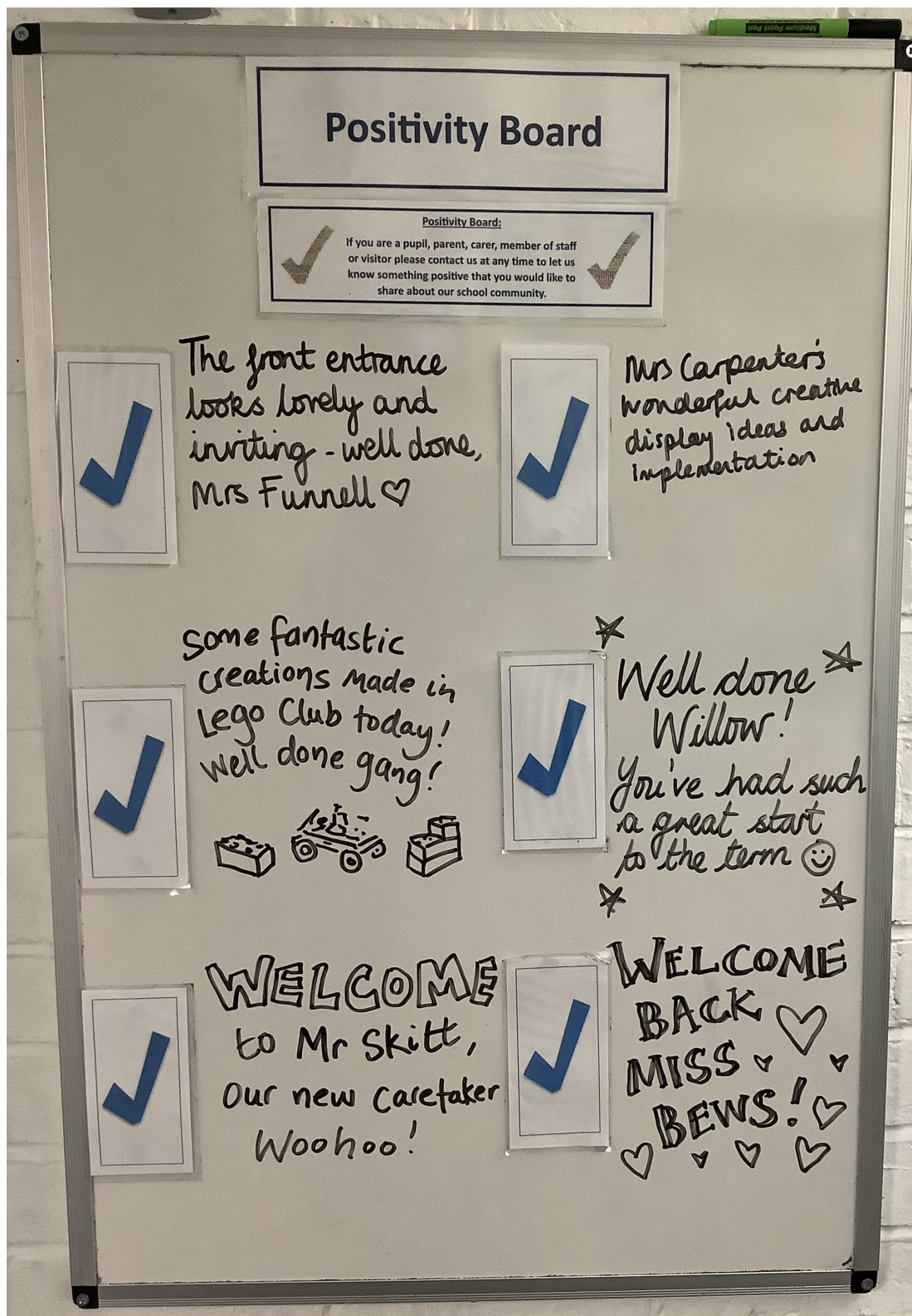
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Positivity Board

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.



Opportunity

Autism and Demand Avoidance

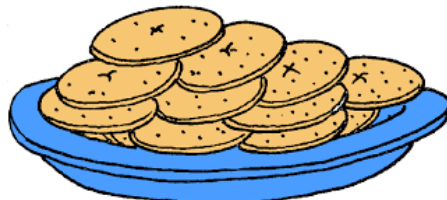
What: a coffee morning covering the topic of Autism and Demand Avoidance

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)



Opportunity

Supporting Children with Anxiety

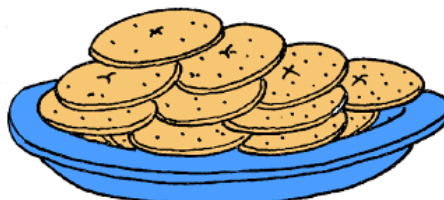
What: a coffee morning covering the topic of Supporting Children with Anxiety

When: Thursday 12th January 9:00am - 10:00am

Where: St Mary the Virgin CEP School, Hartfield

Who: Invitation to all parent and carers within Pioneer Federation

How: Sian Leahy (Inclusion Manager) will run the MHST webinar.



Opportunity

Open for Parents offer support with various online courses for parents.

They support with our variety of online courses, each with specific tips on how you can deal with the most common behaviour problems; and best of all, these evidence-based methods have already been successful in supporting families worldwide through times of crisis.

Early Help 0-19
Respect | Partnership | Strength



Simply choose the support you would like to access,
email with which course you would like to attend to:
EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

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What's On – Jan, Feb, March
2023

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