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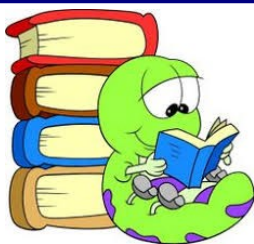


Term 4 Week 3

Friday 10th March

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: 850 minutes
Teise: 1,049 minutes
Cuckmere: 1,154 minutes
Medway: 1,971 minutes

Well done, Medway!

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: 94.3%
year: 94.2%

Maple: 96.4% **Cherry: 94.8%**
Willow: 93.5% **Lilac: 93.6%**

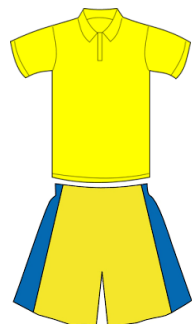
Less than 94.9% - Red **95 to 96.4% - Amber**
96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**

Well done, Maple Class!



Amnesty

Please would you check cupboards, drawers, washing baskets, ironing piles and wherever else you may have



'hidden clothes,' for school sports kit! We have a major depletion in school team kit, and need you to bring back any that you can find! Thank you for your help.



Headteacher Award

We have one fantastic Headteacher award to celebrate this week:



Bea: who has made an amazing effort in Willow Class!

Well done, Bea!



Top Tip

Letter sent home this week:

Whole School:

- Parent Governor Ballot. If you did not receive this, please contact Mrs Funnell



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"



Star Skills

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 developing, we choose one star skill each week for the Newsletter.



Lucas: is brilliant at **aiming high**, he doesn't know how to do anything less! An huge example of this is when he challenges himself to complete Year 6 level work in Maths!

Logan: has shown amazing **positivity** during his swimming lessons and has made HUGE progress. We are all so proud of you! **Oliver:** has shown fabulous **problem solving** this week, applying what he knows about doubling numbers to help solve maths calculations!

Jax: displays fabulous **teamwork**, being very considerate of other children, listening to them and discussing ideas with them, particularly evident in computing this week.

Bo: displays superb **creativity**, this week producing a beautiful portrait of herself as 'Queen Morgan'.

Well done to you all!

Next week we will be looking at how Beau, Aidan, Christopher and Isaac develop their skills.

Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Harrison: for great positioning, organisation, passing and teamwork in bench ball.



Nicco: for great focus and much improved control and technique during tennis.

Thomas: for excellent dribbling and bouncing technique in basketball.

Sami: for great hand to eye co-ordination and for demonstrating excellent control with a large ball.



Well done to you all!

Dates for your Diary

March

- 14th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 16th: Willow Class - Forest School
- 16th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 17th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 19th: Mothers Day - 9:30am St Mary's Church
Rev Julie recognising mothers
- 21st: Maple Class - Assembly
- 21st: Pioneer Gymnastics Tournament
(selected pupils)
- 21st: Willow Class - Swimming
- 22nd: Maple Class - Hever Castle
- 23rd: Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament - Bedes
- 23rd: Lilac Class - Forest School
- 23rd: Cherry Class - Bake Sale 3:15pm
- 24th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 24th: Cherry Class - Bake Sale 3:15pm
- 27th: FGB Meeting 5pm - 7pm
- 28th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 29th: Palm Sunday Service 9:30am - 10:00am
- 30th: Toast for World in Need
- 30th: Maple Class and Buddies - Forest School
- 31st: End of Term Service Church 2:30pm
- 31st: Last Day Term 4

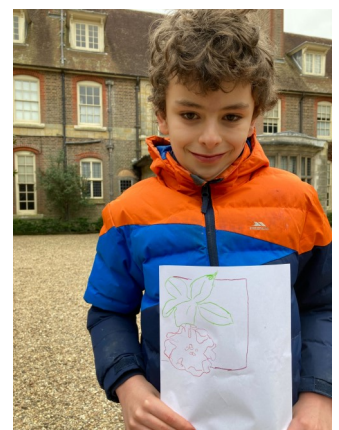


April

- 17th: First Day Term 5

Photo From Home

Lilac Class have been looking at William Morris as part of their 'Victorians' topic. At the weekend, Joshua went to Standen House to look at a collection of the artists' designs, tracing his favourite one. Fabulous work, Joshua!



Weekly Peek

This week, we have a peek into Cherry Class.

We had our class assembly this week – the children were very brave and stood up to read their lines in front of their friends and families. We also learnt the Meerkat Rap by Andy from CBeebies and performed it with actions to the school. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us!



We also enjoyed a visit from Matt the local PCSO who came in to talk to the school about stranger danger and road safety. Cherry class were very keen to quiz him about his day to day work!



In PSHE we have been learning about how to keep our bodies healthy so this week we practised some calming activities and learnt about medicines and how we can keep safe when taking them. We discussed how we have to

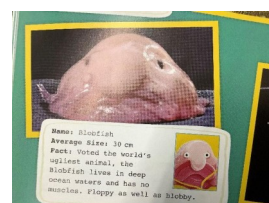


keep them locked away out of sight and reach of children, always read the label and that our trusted grown-ups will make sure that we only take the right dose as too much can make us poorly. We also talked about child-proof caps and how we must never touch medicines without a grown-up around.



In English we have been reading the book 'You're called what?!' by Kes Gray and Nikki

Dyson – it's full of weird and wonderful creatures with hilarious names. We then went on to learn particularly about the Blobfish and wrote some facts about them. We are focusing on the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts and identifying their features.

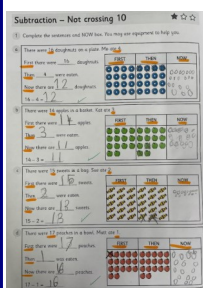


We have also been learning to use a contents and index page to find particular information

We also enjoyed some fun in the snow, although we did get a bit wet! We also made snow day posters when it got too wet to go outside.



In maths we have been learning about multiplication & division and also different methods for subtraction.



During our RE lessons we have been learning that Christians believe that Jesus' teaching shows people how to live. Whilst listening to the parable of the two builders, we considered how Christians might use the story to help them to think hard about how to live and guide them in the right direction. Some of us even considered how non Christians might use Jesus' gospel to reflect on their lives.



Through the use of the 2Calculate program on Purple Mash, we have already learned how to type numbers, letters and solve calculations on the spreadsheets. This week, we progressed further by adding clip art to our spread sheets. We learned how to select multiple cells to add multiple images. We then learned how to drag images to other locations or to 'lock' them in place on the spreadsheet.

Maple Class (extra peek!)

There have been exciting times in Maple Class



We have been so lucky to have hosted nine chicks over the last two weeks. They arrived as eggs and we eagerly watched as we waited for them to hatch!

After a very short time, we were able to watch some of them emerge, forcing their way out of their eggs with their egg teeth. We have read lots of information books about chicks to make sure we were prepared for each stage.



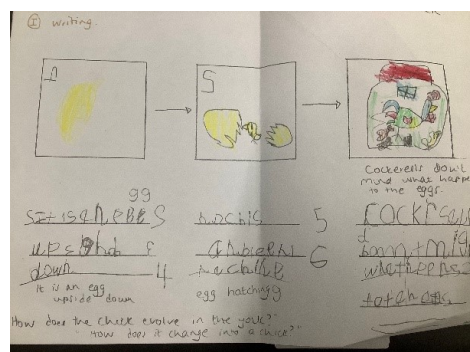
The children have really enjoyed holding them and have learned to be very gentle indeed.

The yellow ones are boys and the browner ones are girls.



We have learned how to take care of them and have read and done some writing about the lifecycle of chicks.

We have also created some wonderful art work celebrating chickens!



Ruby's wonderful work on the lifecycle of the chicks.

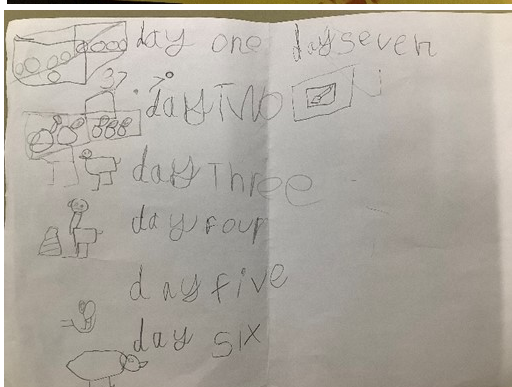
We used forks to paint pictures of cockerels, using photographs to guide our work.

This is a wonderful example from Ellamy.



Alfred chose to create this wonderful cockerel independently, also using pictures for guidance.

Sami worked really hard on his chick diary, a project he has undertaken completely independently!



Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Teagan, who became the first 'finder' or a hidden bookmark in the Library. Teagan is very excited to be able to keep the book on Living Things for 5 weeks.



Hartfield Village Litter Pick

Hartfield Parish Council have arranged a Litter Pick for Sunday 3rd March.

They have the equipment and would really like to see as many volunteers and young people as possible, to get involved in cleaning up the village verges etc.

Meeting at the pavilion at 10:00am, any help with refreshments is always appreciated by tired volunteers.



School Playground

Increasing numbers of children (including siblings) are playing on the equipment in the school playground at the beginning and the end of each day.

Please be aware, once you have 'collected' your children from the teachers, we no longer retain responsibility for 'keeping an eye' on their whereabouts or of activity undertaken.

Thank you.



Opportunity

Updated dates for Spring and Summer 2023:

- 3/3/23 'The Thrive Approach and Zones of Regulation' 2-3pm at Chiddingfold School
- 25/4/23 Topic to be confirmed – let Mrs Leahy know of any requests 2-3pm at St Marys
- 16/5/23 'Supporting Adult Mental Health in Adult Mental Health Week' 2-3pm at Park Mead
- 4/7/23 'Transitions – between classes and between schools' 2-3pm at Park Mead

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Easter Services

Please be aware of the Easter Services being held at St Mary's and Holy Trinity Church.

Rev Julie, Kate Dillingham (youth worker) and everyone involved in providing these events, would love to see you there.



Easter Church Services 2023

Date	Times	Church	Service
26 th March <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	9.30am 11am	St Mary's Holy Trinity	Morning Worship Holy Communion
1 st April <i>Palm Sunday with Procession of palms</i>	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Matins Choral Evensong
6 th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7pm	St Mary's	Joint Service of Holy Communion with Music and Reflections
7 th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10am 2pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity	All age with Prayer Stations, making of Easter Garden and hot cross buns Meditations at the foot of the cross with music and readings
9 th April <i>Easter Day</i>	Possible Sunrise Service on The Forest Time To Be Confirmed Please check the website.		
9 th April <i>Easter Day</i>	8am 9.30am 11am	St Mary's St Mary's Holy Trinity	Holy Communion BCP Easter Celebration with Holy Communion Easter Celebration with Holy Communion



For more information, Please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436 or email:

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Websites: hartfieldchurch.org, colemanshatchchurch.org

Opportunities: Easter Camps



Head Coach GTC: Jon Prenelle
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Kent and Sussex Tennis will be offering Easter Tennis Camps for the upcoming school holidays. Days and times are below, numbers are limited so please book as soon as possible

COURSE DATES & COST

Camp 1 Monday 3rd April-Wednesday 5th April

Camp 2 Monday 10th April-Wednesday 12th April

Make up days in the event of inclement weather Thursday 6th and 13th.

5-9 years old 9.30am-12pm £75.00
10 year and older 1pm-3.30pm £75.00

Please remember to bring a snack, a water bottle and appropriate clothing.

Please email for more information: kentandsussextennis@outlook.com

Groombridge Tennis Club Membership:

Do consider signing your child up for membership. It is great value and offers unlimited play for just £25 membership fee a year and £15 for additional siblings. It also provides discount for joining the school tennis club.

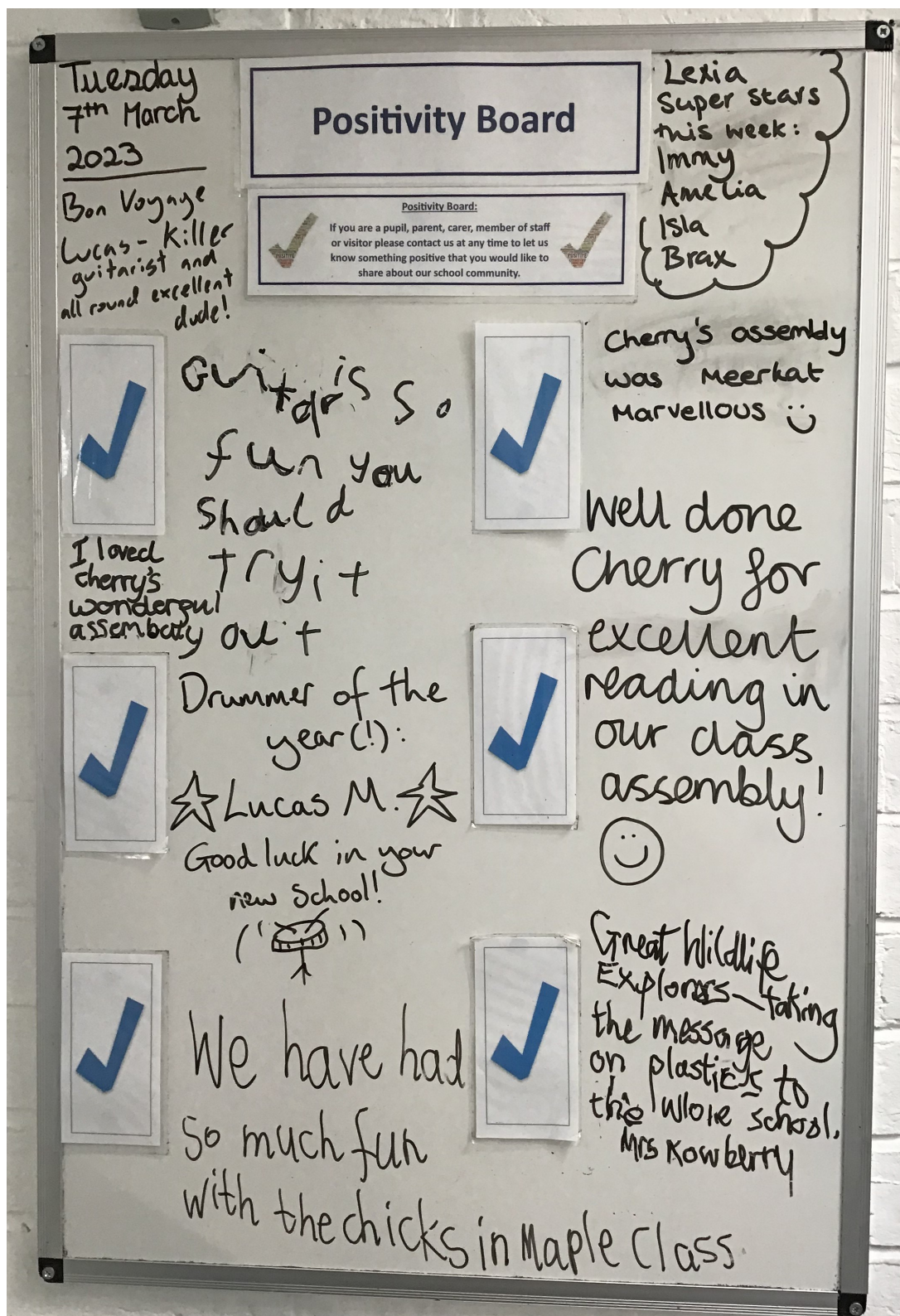


www.groombridgetennisclub.org.uk .

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

Starting this week, we are going to run a series of posters relating to safety on the internet. This week, What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Minecraft.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

AGE RATING
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying. It intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of menacing zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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St Mary's Church Events



Little Stars

If you have a under 5, then come along to Little Stars our toddler group on a Monday morning.

9.15 start, 10.45 finish at St Mary's church.

Tea and coffee are provided as well as snacks for the children.



Connect@5

Also, if you have a child in year 5 and up, come along to connect@5 our youth group that happens twice a month at St Mary's church on a Thursday.

We play games, have food and a little Bible thought. Starts at 5pm and finishes at 6.30pm.

Church Street Community Café

Please come and join us at our community café on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2 to 4pm.

Enjoy delicious home-made cake, coffee and tea. All ages welcome.

Children's area for babies and toddlers and their carers. Donations welcome in support of St Mary's Church. 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.

For St Mary's Events Contact Rev Julie: 01892 770436 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com, www.hartfieldchurch.org

Opportunities

Colemans Hatch Events In the grounds of Holy Trinity Church.

Trinity Café

Trinity cafe takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month from 9.30 to 12pm in Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church. There is plenty of parking and all ages are welcome to enjoy each other's company, home baked cakes and pastries, good coffee, and speciality teas. Our bookshelves, seed and puzzle-swap are available, and we also have toys for the children. In fine weather we erect gazebos and offer outdoor seating.



Kings Coronation

A Coronation Bring and Share lunch will be held on Sunday 7th May in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church. Starting at 12.30. Every family in our parish is welcome to join us to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. A service of Matins will be held from 11-12pm in the Church. Invitations are free but restricted to 150 so please book early from any of the team at Trinity Café.



Spring Fete

Our Spring Fete, held on 13th May in the grounds of Holy Trinity starts at 1pm with all the usual entertainment, stalls and side shows with our resident musician, Paul Stanworth.



Jazz on the Lawn

In summer we have an evening of "Jazz on the Lawn" starting at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd June. Relax and listen to the music of the New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band whilst enjoying your own picnic on the Tennis Lawn.



Trinity Talks

A monthly series of talks is held every 3rd Friday when local residents and friends of the village, share their interests, lives, careers, and experiences. The talk begins at 6.00pm. and lasts for about 45 minutes when the speaker will be happy to answer your questions. Refreshments are available.



Scottish Country Dancing

Scottish country dancing is our latest addition to monthly events at the hall. Every 4th Friday from 7pm until 10pm. £5 per adult – children free and very welcome. A break for Supper Interval—bring your own. We have an expert caller who will guide newcomers. No experience necessary.

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