



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 5 Week 2

Friday 5th May

School Value and Weekly Reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class.

We like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

Our value for this term is Friendship and this week we have looked at:



Understanding Friendship

This week, have a look at where our link charity, World in Need, helps people across the globe, wrote a letter to offer friendship to them and thought about how we could be a good friend to them.

As a family can you think of someone who would benefit from regular contact and consider a way of befriending them?

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: **96.6%** year: **94.3%**

Maple: **97.7%** Cherry: **95.1%**

Willow: **98.9%** Lilac: **95.8%**

Less than 95.0% - Red 95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green 100% - Gold

Well done, Willow Class!

Headteacher Awards

We have another six Headteacher awards to celebrate this week:



Layla: has made unbelievable progress in Maths; her confidence and hard work ethic are shining through!



Esrah: has made superb progress in all areas of maths, with confidence growing every day!



Kaya: has produced fantastic, amazing and brilliant maths - never stop believing how brilliant you are!



Reece S: who continues to be generally awesome in all his learning! Maths in particular is fantastic!



Leo: who is making incredible progress in his writing: the content and handwriting are amazing!



Kate: is making superb progress in writing, barely using the iPad anymore for translation!

Well done to you all.

Top Tips

Emails and letters home this week:

Whole school:

- May Festival

Cherry Class:

- Colemans Hatch Festival

Enjoy the Coronation 3 day weekend



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"



Skills Builder

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.

This week:

Ruby G: has shown amazing **positivity** as the class learnt how to skip around the Maypole as it is really tricky skipping and holding the ribbon at the same time!

Zenny: has been **aiming high** working extremely hard to form letters at the correct size when writing a sentence.

Scarlett: has displayed wonderful **teamwork** during her Peer Mediator sessions showing fantastic empathy towards others.

Troy: has shown brilliant **speaking skills**, always having an answer and being an example to others in how clearly and articulately he shares his thoughts.

Well done to you all!

Next week we will be looking at how Beau, Amelia, Dylan and Alfred develop their skills.

Dates for your Diary

May

8th: Bank Holiday - no school
9th: SATs Week - Y6
9th: Bikeability - Y5
11th: Forest School - Lilac Class
15th: Residential Trip - Lilac Class
16th: FGB Meeting
18th: Forest School - Maple Class
18th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
19th: Celebration Assembly: 9:15am
19th: Lilac Class return from residential
23rd: Whole School Pottery Project
25th: Toast for World in Need
26th: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am
26th: May Festival - 2pm on The Croft
26th: Last day Term 5



June

5th: INSET Day - no school
6th: First Day Term 6
8th: Forest School - Maple Class

Please also be aware of the following:

June

29th: Mufti Day - bottle donation
30th: Sports Day and Summer Social

July

13th: Lilac Class Summer Production
14th: Back up Sports Day and Summer Social
20th: Leavers' Service - 11:00am

Sports Award

With the Bank Holiday weekend, this week we have one Sports Award:

Logan: for much improved sprint start and running technique.



Well done, Logan!

School Office Routine

From this week, Mrs Funnell will be altering her hours slightly, finishing at 2:00pm on Wednesdays and 1:00pm on Thursdays.

If you have routine queries, please contact the school office at other times of the week. If you need to speak urgently, this is still possible but we would ask for your patience when awaiting a response to the telephone or door. Office emails will not be accessed during these hours.

If you have any queries about this, please contact the school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Weekly Peek

This week, we are taking a peek into Maple Class who have as always, been very busy.

We have begun to practice our skipping skills and learning our Maypole dance, in preparation for the May Festival celebrations! Our buddies have been helping us.



The children have worked very hard at filling their marble jar. Each time they complete some really fantastic work or demonstrate great helping or friendship skills, the jar gets fuller! As a reward, the children decided they wanted to wear pyjamas or their own clothes on Wednesday. Don't they look wonderful?



Our focus book this week has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we have loved learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. The children looked carefully at a range of photographs to gain inspiration before creating our own butterflies, using paints, chalks and pastels.



We then developed our own version of the story, adding wonderful illustrations and making our own choices about what the Very Hungry Caterpillar might have chosen to eat. They were very inspired by the version created by last year's Maple Class!



In maths, we made pictograms of our favourite fruit. Each of the children had to fact find and complete their own pictogram. We have also been ordering caterpillars by length and beginning to learn how to use a ruler properly.

The children really enjoyed recording the different lengths.

We have also enjoyed planting beans in pots and in little mini-greenhouses and were excited to start seeing some growth from our sweet peas.

The children have been measuring out the water they use carefully to ensure they don't over water the seeds which has obviously worked!



Forest School - Thursday 4th May

On the way to the woods, Willow Class played a game of 'Owl eyes', where they had to hide in the reeds in the meadow without being seen. Whilst hiding, the children noticed that there were many spiders on the ground scurrying around.



The children talked about different flowers and trees along the route to the woods. They spotted bluebells, dandelions and wood anemones. They noticed the new leaf growth and some had a go at tasting some wild food; dandelion petals and the new leaf tips from hawthorn trees. **"It tastes a bit like spinach"**. The children had a challenge of finding the tallest dandelion flower and had a good time comparing their lengths and measuring them against each other.



This week Willow class went to our 'Children's Forest' site tending the trees that they have been involved in planting over the past 3 years. Much time was spent digging and exploring the mud, worms and woodlice. It was good to see the children turn taking with the tools for digging and also the mallets to hammer in the supporting tree stakes. They also planted new trees including horse chestnut trees grown from the conkers from the tree in the playground, and an oak tree and a hawthorn. They talked about the importance of trees to the environment and the benefit of nature for the world.



The children had a go at creating textured metal labels for the trees to be able to identify them in the future. They used pens to draw in reverse to create writing, illustrations and textured patterns, threaded



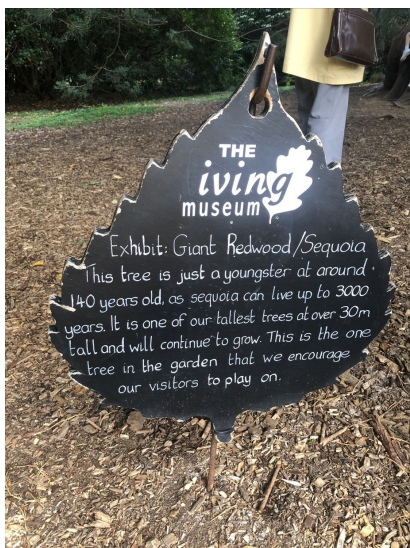
tags and tied them to trees. They pulled grasses out from under tree guards and replaced any broken rabbit guards around the hedgerow plants. It is great to see such involvement and energy from the children with the emerging woodland. At the end of their session each of the class imagined an animal which they thought would live in the woodland in the future. They then shouted out the animal names, filling their forest with creatures as we left for the end of the day. Well done Willow class!



Celebrations from Home

Our celebrations from home this week encompass our increasing interest in growth and the world around us.

Scarlet has been busy planting and was thrilled to see that after about 3 weeks her sunflowers are starting to shoot through the soil!



Last year Cece went to Sheffield Park and loved climbing the Giant Redwood Tree.



On returning to do the same this year, Cece was very sad to see it had been hit by lightning but the good news, with the wonder of our natural world, the tree is now fenced odd to give it space to re-grow!



May Festival

On Friday 26th May we will be holding our May Festival on The Croft, supported by the PTFA who will be providing prosecco, beer, squash, teas, coffee and cake.



All children will be learning their dances through the coming weeks and the May Pole, gazebos and refreshment tables will need organising on the day.



The PTFA will also be running their ever popular Bake Off Competition. Prizes this year will be awarded for:

- Best tasting cake
- Best themed (royal) cake
- Young Baker

Parents are invited to attend from 1:45pm for a 2:15pm start to the dancing.



Cakes should be dropped at school on the Friday morning with judging taking place between 9:30am and 10:00am (these will then be sold with the refreshments in the afternoon.)

If you are able to help with the set up or selling refreshments, please speak with a member of the PTFA.



Sports Day and PTFA Summer Social

Sports Day is planned for Friday 30th June, with Friday 14th July as 'back up' should the weather be too bad.

The children will complete a carousel of activities through the morning and in the afternoon will move over to The Croft for the running. Each will need to wear their PE kit for the day with a T-Shirt in their House colours.

Please speak with your child's class teacher or the school office if you need a reminder of your house colour.

Parents are invited to the afternoon when races will start at 2:00pm.



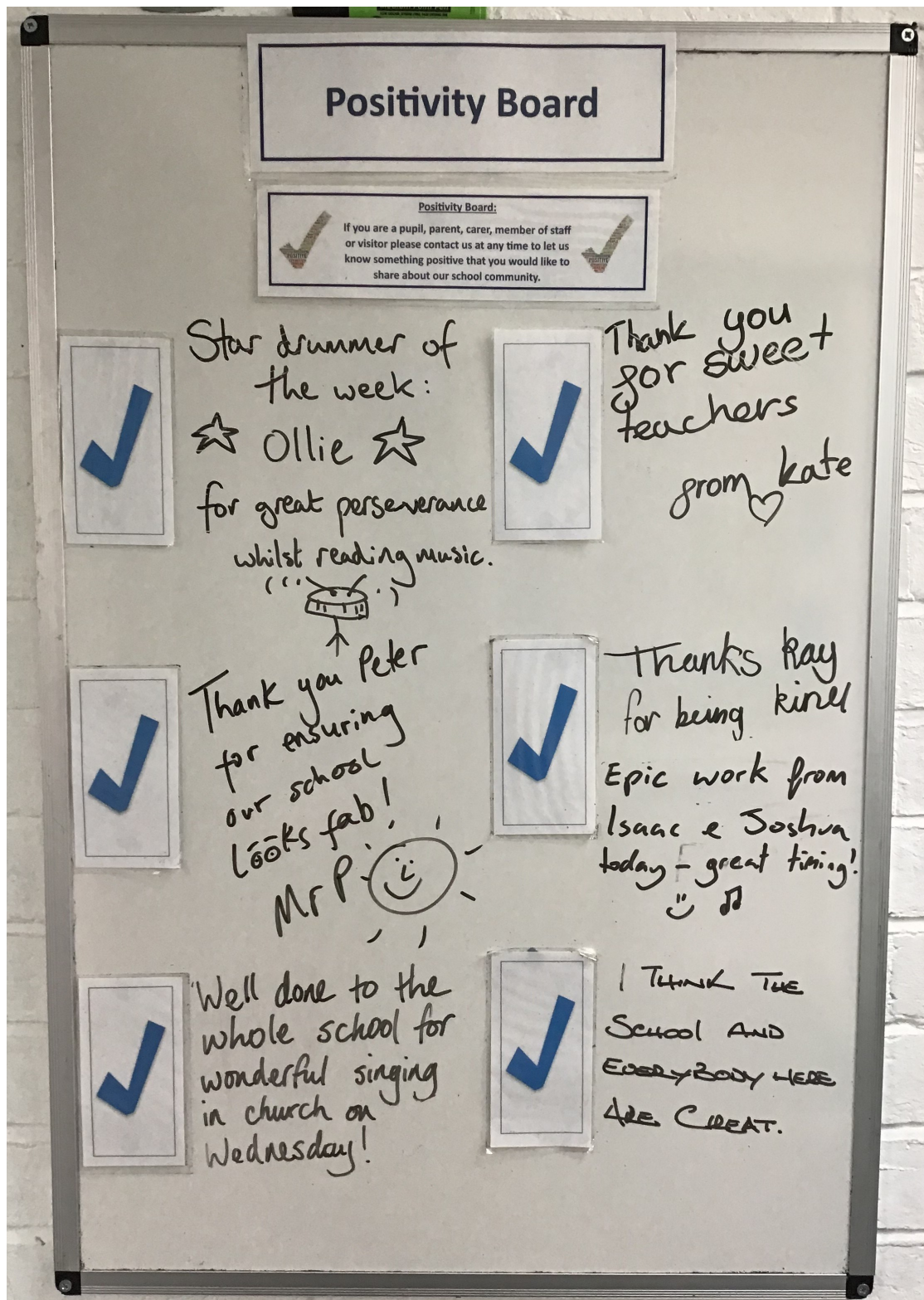
GET INVOLVED!

The PTFA will be organising their summer social to coincide with Sports Day with refreshments and stalls through the afternoon. Help is always needed to set this up so please let the PTFA know if you are free. Thursday 29th June will be a non-uniform day, with bottle donations for the tombola.

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

With SATs, May Festival and Sports Day coming up our wellbeing poster this week, looks at '10 Tips for Mental Preparation'.

 @BelievePHQ

10 TIPS FOR MENTAL PREPARATION

- 1 Routine**
Develop your own pre game routine which involves specific behavioural and psychological steps

- 2 Cue words**
Develop your own words or phrases that are specific to your own perception of a successful performance

- 3 Focus**
Try and stay in the here and now. Focus on the present and don't let anything distract you
- 4 Goals**
Set process goals to help you reach your end goal
- 5 Breathe**
Practice deep breathing to relax your physiological and psychological arousal

- 6 Imagery**
Take time to imagine yourself performing successfully
- 7 Emotions**
Don't let negative emotions overcome you. Stay in control of them

- 8 Relax**
Take a few moments to gather your thoughts and focus.

- 9 Positivity**
Stay positive and focus on the things that you are going to do well

- 10 Be yourself**
Don't copy others. Find your own ways which will help you to mentally prepare for a game





WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



16TH MAY

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- > Anxiety
- > Sleep
- > Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- > Autism and challenging behaviour
- > Eating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on
16TH MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM

Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute
Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:

Or visit:



<https://bit.ly/3LvABw5>



NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

To book a ticket, please go to our Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/workshops-for-parents-and-carers-2113659>



East Hoathly
Primary School and
Nursery FPTA

EAST HOATHLY FAMILY FUN RUN

East Hoathly Pavilion

8am registration opens

10am 5km and 10km races

11am 1km race followed by prize giving

Refreshments available

Bouncy castle (subject to weather)

Medal for every finisher

Entry fees:

1km race: £5 any age

5km race: £5 for under 16s,
£9 early bird discount* or £10 on
the day for age 16+

10km race: £9 early bird
discount*, £10 on the day

Follow us on Facebook: East Hoathly Family Fun Run

Raising funds for East Hoathly Primary
School and Nursery FPTA
Registered Charity Number: 1089642



21st
May
2023

[Sign up](#)

Bees &
Honey
2023



Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition

Children in the South East of England are invited to enter the Bees & Honey competition at the South of England Show in 2023.

They need to create a poster of up to A3 about Bees or Beekeeping.

Posters will be displayed at the South of England Show

**Deadline for entry
May 30th 2023**



All entries to be posted to:

Diza Gooding, South of England Agricultural Society, South of England Showground Selsfield Road Ardingly RH17 6TL

diza@seas.org.uk



Groombridge & Hartfield Surgeries

Patients Participation Group

INVITE YOU

TO MEET MEMBERS

OF

YOUR MEDICAL PRACTICE TEAM

on

Saturday 13^h May 2023 at the AGM

9.30am (tea/coffee) for 10.00am start

at

Hartfield Village Hall

Partner Doctors- Matt James & John Mifsud

Practice Manager-Sharon Monger

Asst. Dispensary Manager-Emily Cogger

Social Prescriber- Jo Woods

Care Coordinators-Susan Bond and Ali Bryant

Opportunity

Church Street Community Cafe

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

upcoming dates

Thursday 4th May

Thursday 18th May

Thursday 1st June

Thursday 15th June

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com

Opportunity

Yoga

With Caroline



Monday's 09:15 - 10:15

Hartfield Village Hall
£10 per session

Join a friendly Hatha flow yoga class developing strength, flexibility and relaxation techniques to enhance your overall wellbeing.

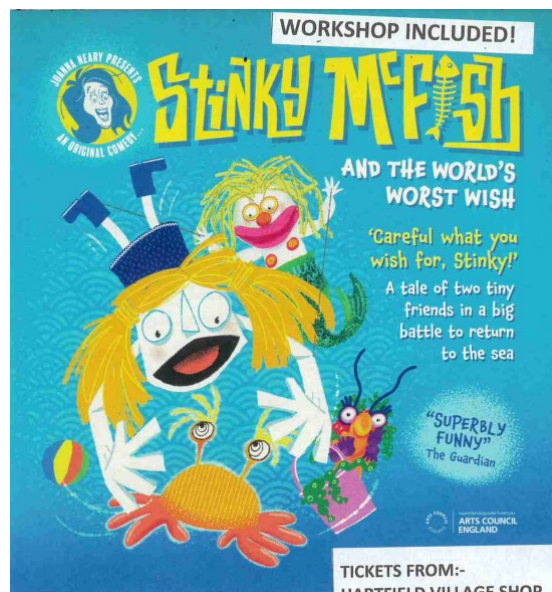
All levels welcome. Please bring a yoga mat.



carolineyogaflow@gmail.com



Opportunity



SCAN ME TO FIND OUT MORE!

Hartfield Village Hall, TN7 4AA
Sat 27th May 2pm - Adults £8 / Children £6
Tel: 01892 771410
Email: madden47@hotmail.com
Suitable for primary aged children and their carers - refreshments available
Promoted by HARTS with APPLAUSE
Rural Touring



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