



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 5 Week 5

Friday 19th 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:



Being a Good Friend

While looking at Friendship, we have established we can have friends, or find them, in many different places. This week, we have been looking at being a good friend much closer to home and have created a postcard to send to someone that lives in Hartfield village. The postcards contain a friendly message that will hopefully make someone smile when received.

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: 96.9% year: 94.5%

Maple: 96.4% Cherry: 92.9%

Willow: 98.3% Lilac: 100%

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

96.5 to 99.9% - Green 100% - Gold

Well done, Lilac Class!

Headteacher Awards

We have one Headteacher award to celebrate this week:



Max: has made incredible progress and shown maximum determination in Maths completing Multiplication and Division, all in one lesson!

Well done, Max!

Top Tips

Emails and letters home this week:

Whole school:

- Ticks and Lyme's Disease
- Chicken Pox and Slapped Cheek
- School Lunches

Lilac Class:

- Residential 1,2,3 and 4

Selected Pupils

- Colemans Hatch
- Hugg Vouchers

May Festival

The children have been working hard to learn their dancies ready for the May Festival next Friday, 26th May.

If you have some time at 12:30pm, please pop over to the Croft to help set up the gazebos and refreshments, if not we look forward to seeing you ready for the dancing, which begins at 2:15pm.

Don't forget the Bake Off competition (cakes to school in the morning), certificates for all entrants, so get baking! Categories: Best Tasting Cake, Young Baker and Best Themed (Royal) Cake.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a fabulous 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"



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:

Alfred: used fantastic **listening skills** when being read the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and thought very carefully about the page he wanted to write for the Maple Class version.

Dylan: has displayed fabulous **speaking skills** this week, reflecting on what has been learnt over the topic last week which helped the class with their new learning.

Amelia: has been working her role as a peer mediator, utilising amazing **problem solving skills** to help resolve friendship issues

Well done to you all!

Next week we will be looking at how Beau, Teagan, Reece BL and Tuppence develop their skills.

Reading Minutes

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: 515 minutes

Teise: 468 minutes

Cuckmere: 946 minutes

Medway: **990 minutes**

Well done, Medway!.

Dates for your Diary

May

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:



Amelie: for fantastic, much improved technique in triple jump.

Elodie: for great focus and much improved throwing technique in athletics.

Jacob LB: for excellent focus, concentration and much improved running technique.

Henry: for brilliant concentration and much improved running technique.



**Well done to
you all!**

Weekly Peek

This week, we are taking a peek into Willow Class who have had a busy week, delving deeper into the topic of Ancient Greece.

So far this term we have read Theseus and the Minotaur and written our own (often quite blood-thirsty) endings.

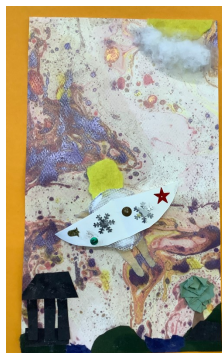
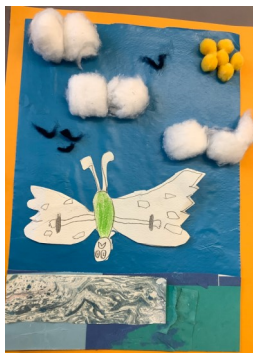
This week we have been furthering our understanding of the importance of Greek Theatre. We created our own Greek Chorus where the children focused on using echo, repetition and stylised



movement in their performances. We also 'hot seated' Icarus and Daedalus to try and understand why they behaved in the way that they. We will use this as a spring board to help us write our own play scripts next week. Miss Surtees was particularly impressed with the children's well considered and thoughtful answers when they were in role.



In Maths we have been learning about position and direction using the first quadrant and have moved on to our understanding of time and how to read an analogue clock. Willow class showed a great understanding of the concept of time and where able to read the time in five minute intervals. We have also been practising our times tables and the class have moved on massively since the beginning of term. Again, Miss Surtees is very impressed with how hard they have been practicing at home.



In Art we have created some truly impressive collages based around the Flight of Icarus. We looked at the way collage can be used to create layers and textures. We used marbling to add interest and focussed on trying to create perspective by the size of different objects in our work.



With all of this going on, we still managed to squeeze in some time to practise the our dance for the May Fair next week!

Well done, Willow Class!



Forest School - Thursday 18th May

On the way to the woods, Maple Class played a game of 'Owl eyes', where they had to hide in the buttercups in the meadow without being seen. Whilst hiding, the children noticed the canopy of leaves on the trees and the may flower hawthorn blossom.



This week the children had a go at 'leaf wrapping'; printing with leaves and flowers. They collected different leaves and flowers in the woodland and learned to identify them by their shapes. They found buttercups, speedwell and bluebells. They took hammers and fabric and folded the flowers into

the fabric and hit the sap and juice out of them with hammers, creating symmetrical patterns on the fabric.



Maple Class spent lots of time swinging on the hammock and spinning on the swing. They acted out stories on the bridge over the stream, pretending to be the 'Billy Goats Gruff' and taking turns in playing the troll under the bridge. The children saw a vehicle in the woods and went to investigate. They found out about



how to fell a tree and spilt it with wedges and axes. They had a quick climb onto the 'gator' vehicle which was carrying all of the tools and equipment and taking the cut wood away to be made into furniture.

At the end of the session Maple class managed to pass 2 'woodland whispers' all the way along the line of them, listening brilliantly to each other!



They also shared some of the things they had enjoyed about their afternoon.

"I liked swinging on the swing and spinning around."

"I like bashing the flowers to make a print...it looks beautiful!"

"I like hearing the story of the 'Billy goats gruff' at the stream."

"I love the walk to Forest School and playing 'Owl eyes' in the meadow."

Thank you to all of the volunteers who come to Forest School with us to make this such a fun and learning activity for our children.

Lilac Class Residential

On Monday, Lilac Class set off for their residential trip to Fort Purbrook in Portsmouth.

They have had a fantastic time splitting into activity groups during the day for archery, shooting, bush craft, laser tag, obstacle courses, kayaking, climbing, orienteering and putting their brains to work in 'escape room' style activities.



In the evenings, they have come back together and had a variety of races and problem solving games, ending with a barbeque for their last night.

We are thankful that the weather has been kind for their trip! We are extremely proud of Lilac Class, the staff on site have commented on what polite, happy children they are and they have all thrown themselves into the new experiences with gusto and delight.



Well done, Lilac Class. We are so proud of you and hope you sleep well over the weekend!

Colemans Hatch

At the weekend, 10 children from Cherry Class went to the Colemans Hatch Fete and put on an exemplary display of Maypole Dancing.

Well done Cherry Class and thank you to Mrs Pike, Mrs Neville and all of the parents who supported in the re-introduction of this (previously) annual event.



Care taker - East Hoathly



The Pioneer Federation are currently looking for a dedicated Caretaker to keep our East Hoathly site looking its best.

Whilst we are recruiting for this role we are looking for someone who may be able to help us in the interim.
For further details please contact 01825 840247 or easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk

<https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/vacancies>

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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.



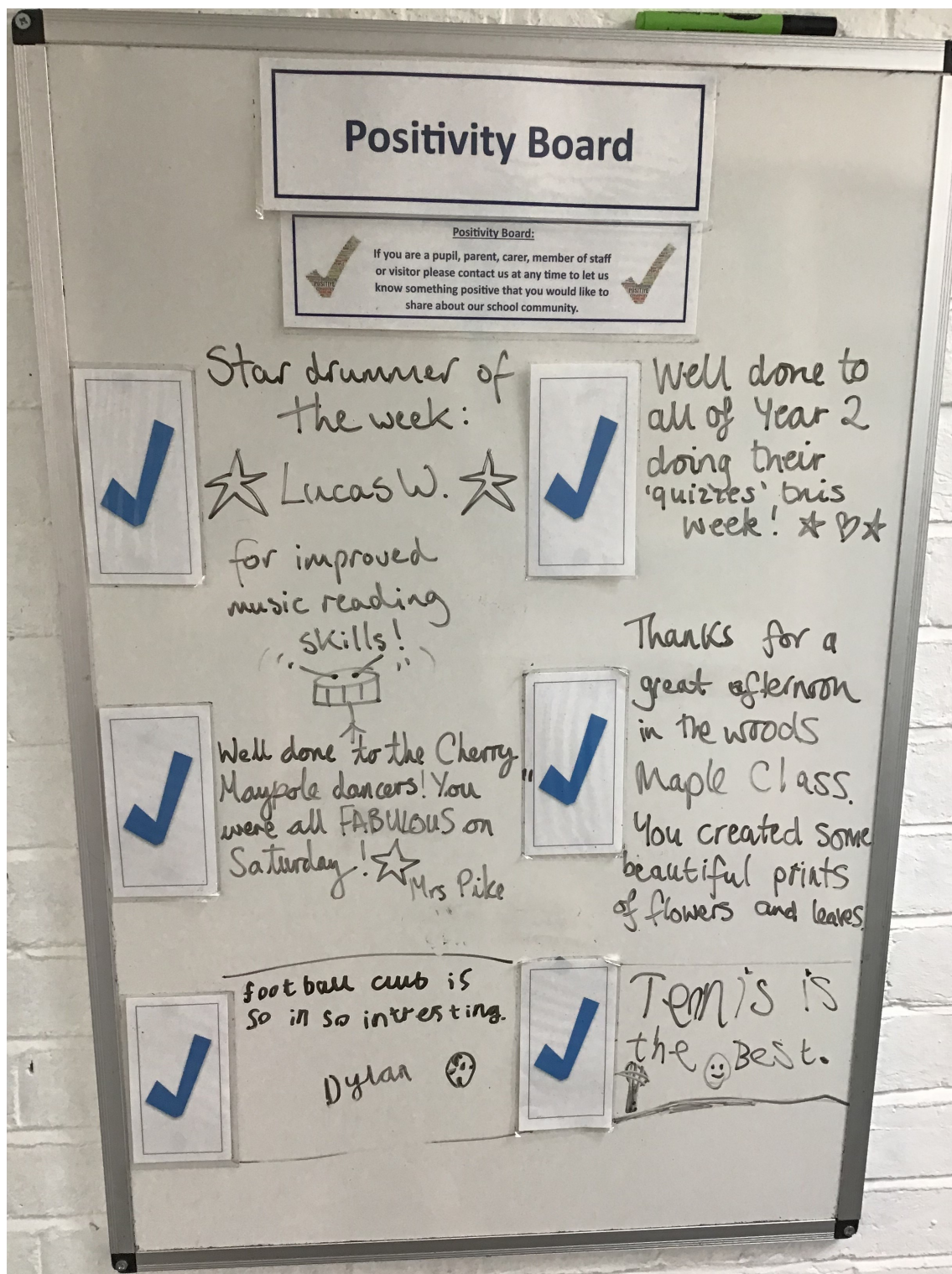
GET INVOLVED!

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 our Bake Off happening next week, our Wellbeing Poster looks at 7 reasons why baking is great for your mental health (taken from the [‘Push Doctor’](#)).

1. It's a way to stay in control

Baking is a very exact science. Each ingredient must be measured out and the recipe followed to the letter in order to get something edible at the end of it. The calm and comfort of this process has helped many people with their mental health problems.



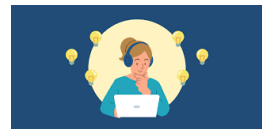
2. It can help you release stress

Unleashing your inner frustration on a ball of dough is a great short-term solution to a stressful day. After all, no one's watching, nothing gets broken and you'll get a delicious loaf of bread at the end of it. Everyone wins.



3. It improves concentration

A common symptom of many mental health issues is difficulty concentrating on a task. Baking forces you to buck that trend. Paying attention to what you're doing is much easier when there's an obvious (and in this case, delicious) reward for your hard work. Applying the mindfulness you use in your baking to everyday situations can make a world of difference.



4. It's a boost for your self-confidence

Knowing that people have enjoyed the cakes or biscuits you made is a wonderful for your self esteem.

The praise helps to balance out any self-critical thoughts that bounce around your brain on a daily basis. This can help you feel more able to tackle other challenges in your life.



5. It's nice to be nice

Even before you've had any feedback on your baking abilities, just the act of doing something nice for others is enough to prompt your brain to release endorphins and put you in a good mood.

In fact, the nicer you are, the better you'll feel in the long term. Looks like you'll have to make baking a regular thing!



6. It's a way to make new friends

Having a strong support network is invaluable, nobody likes to feel lonely and it can be especially hard to adjust to new environments where you don't know anyone. Baking a batch of cookies or muffins is a great ice-breaker and could be the start of a beautiful friendship.



7. It's a chance to show off your creative side

Getting creative can help you to focus your brain's energy elsewhere and distract you from any low mood or worry.

As any *Bake Off* viewer will know, there are no rules to what you can make, so why not have a go at your own personal show-stopper challenge?





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

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Kent & Sussex Groombridge Tennis Club

Summer Camps 2023

We will be offering Summer Tennis Camps for the upcoming school holidays for students 4-18 years old. Days and times are below, numbers will be very limited so please book as soon as possible. Groups will be separated by age and ability.

COURSE DATES & COST

Camp 1 Monday 24th - Friday 28th July 2023

Camp 2 Monday 31st July-Friday 4th August 2023

Camp 3 Monday 7th August-Friday 11th August 2023

Camp 4 Monday 14th August-Friday 18th August 2023

Camp 5 Monday 21st-Friday 25th August 2023



Full Day 9.00am-3.30pm £250.00

Morning only 9am-12pm £125.00

Afternoon only 12.30pm-3.30pm £125.00

Please remember to bring a lunch, a snack, a water bottle, sun cream and appropriate clothing. We will be selling ice cream and additional snacks so please bring cash if you would like to purchase. We can offer an early drop off or late pick-up for a fee, please email if you require this.

Please email for more information

kentandsussextennis@outlook.com



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