



# St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 5

Friday 6th October

## St Mary's PTFA

### PTFA School Disco

The school discos this year will follow a slightly different format. They will be open to children only and supervised by school staff who will also organise activities through the event.

The first disco is planned for 19th October and will run from end of school to 4:45pm.

Details of cost and booking will be sent by WhatsApp from the PTFA.

### PTFA Bingo Balls

These continued to be a successful way of raising money for the school and will continue through this year. Monthly draws will be made for a cash prize and balls can be purchased through the PTFA.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### 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, where possible, to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term we are looking at:



## Thankfulness

This week, we have linked thankfulness to our school value of Love, looking at how to show love to those less fortunate. This we expanded to include those we are hoping to support at Crawley Open House through the donations we hope will be made during our Harvest Service in church on Wednesday 11th October.

A representative from Crawley Open House will also visit on that day, and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as are able.

### Top Tips

#### Letters and emails home:

- **Whole School**
  - ◇ Data Sheets
- **Selected**
  - ◇ Beacon Cross Country

#### Volunteers

If you know of anyone who may want to volunteer, please call the office for more information.



### Dates for your Diary

#### October

- 11th: Harvest Festival 9:30am Church
- 11th: Cross Country Yr5/6 selected 12noon
- 11th: Reading Meeting - Maple Class 3:25pm
- 12th: Forest School - Maple Class, in school
- 13th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am
- 14th: Art for All - Hartfield
- 17th: FGB virtual meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 18th: School Assembly in Church 9:30am
- 18th: Ethos Committee meeting 12:30pm
- 19th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 20th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 20th: Last day T1
- 30th: First Day T 2

don't forget

#### November

- 1st: School Assembly in Church 9:30am
- 2nd: Forest School - Maple Class
- 2nd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 3rd: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 7th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 8th: Remembrance Assembly 9:30am Church
- 9th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 10th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 12th: Remembrance Service 9:45 - Church

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.

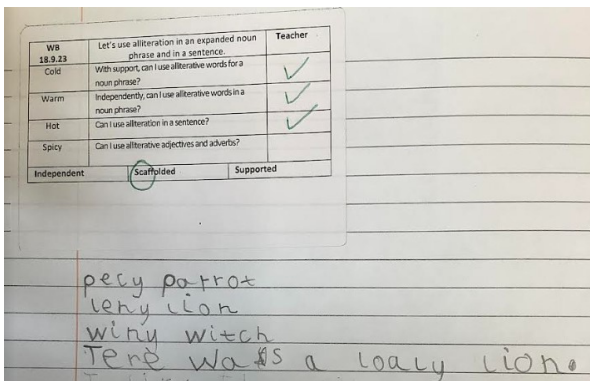
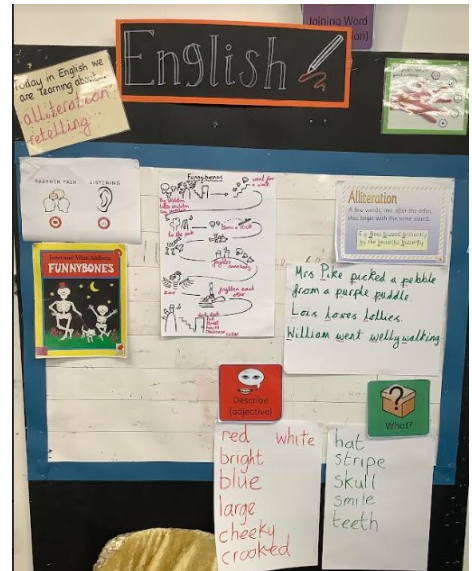
## Weekly Peek

This week, we are having a peek into work that has been covered by Cherry Class.

They have been looking at their focus book for English; *Funnybones* by Janet and Allen

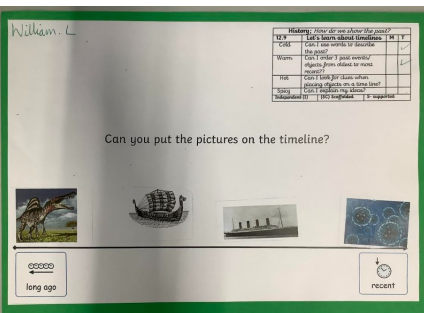
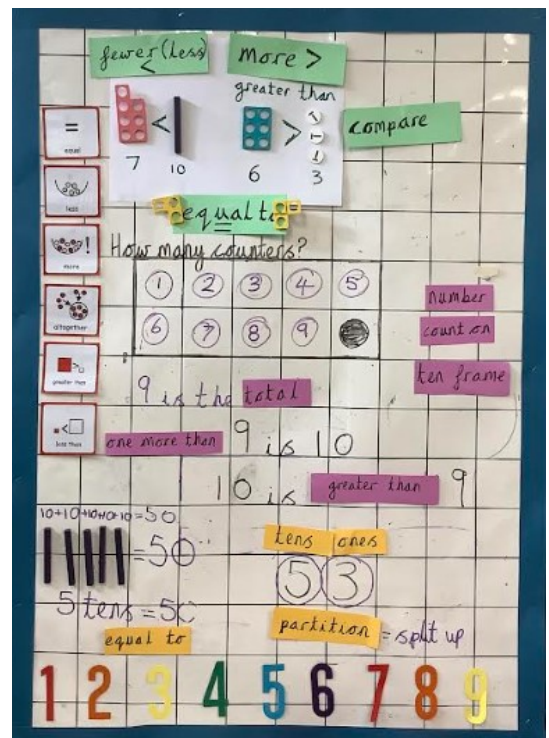
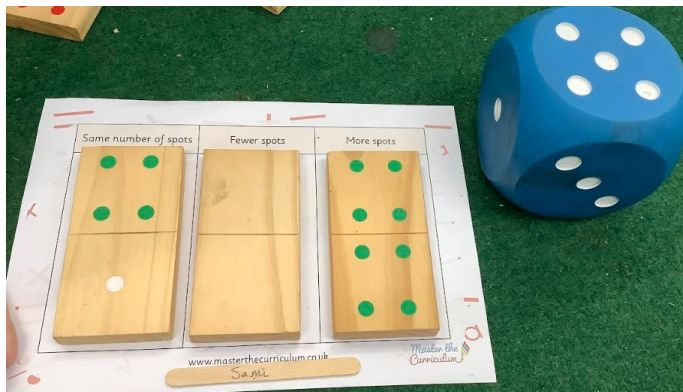


Ahlberg, enjoying retelling the story in the right order using the class story map and also acting it out in small groups. Practicing to be good talk partners has been a big focus since the start of the term, so during these activities they have been applying their speaking and listening skills.



Also in English, they have been learning about alliteration and having a go at writing their own examples where a few words after each other begin with the same sound. We have had some super silly sentences!

In maths, they have been focusing on finding more, fewer and the same, as well as using mathematical symbols to express this.



In history, they have consolidated their understanding of the past and learned about timelines, noticing how they help us to identify when something happened in relation to the present. They then had a go at creating their own timelines.

In science, they considered the importance of eating healthy foods, sorting foods into groups to show an understanding of what we should eat a lot of, often and as treats, including the impact healthy eating has on our bodies.

## Forest School - Thursday 5th October

Lilac Class were very keen to head to Forest School for their first session back after the summer, and during the walk to the wood, stopped on The Croft for a game of 'Keeper of the Key'. The children took it in turns to sit in the middle protecting the keys and when another classmate stole them, they needed to run round and back to their seat before getting caught. They really enjoyed this game, with quite a few of the key thieves being caught!



Once in the woods the y sat round the fire circle and went through a few of the Forest School rules; the number they remembered was very impressive!

Some children chose to help with the building of the fire ready for lighting, big sticks at the bottom working up to smaller ones at the top.



Then they used a striker to light some cotton wool to add get the fire started.



Coring some apples, sprinkling them with cinnamon and sugar and wrapping them in foil was next, ready to place on the fire to cook.



and clearing in the ditch so that it is ready for the water to return, and the hammock was up so they took turns to swing one another.

There was lots of free play, with some great turn taking while balancing on the slack line, lots of digging



The session ended with cinnamon apple tasting which was a big success, the plate was emptied "so yummy"!

## Star Skills

Each week, one pupil from each class is identified for their 'star skills' development. Staff and other pupils share the skills they have noticed through the week, which are then recognised in Celebration Assembly each Friday. Star skills developing through the last fortnight:



**Elsie** has been **staying positive** this term, adapting so well to being in Willow Class, sharing her ideas and completing work even when it is tricky! **Bertie** is becoming really quick at **problem solving**, thinking well and being resilient when problems present. **Charlie** has been developing **Teamwork**, working well with others when cleaning up outside. **Luca** is developing fabulous **speaking** skills, expressing ideas and thoughts clearly and with enthusiasm in class! **Bella's listening skills** are amazing, when adults speak she always listens attentively! **Bea** has been **aiming high** in her writing, using a range of fantastic vocabulary in her persuasive text. **Amelia** shows great **leadership skills** and enjoys responsibilities such as being a librarian. **Well done all!**

## Macmillan Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone in school who contributed to our Macmillan Bake Sale: creating posters and bunting; donating cake; selling cake, eating cake; encouraging others to achieve the above!

Together we raised a massive £124.75.

You are amazing and thank you!



## Celebrations from Home

Freddie, Sami and Oliver have been making the most of our warm Autumn weather.

Freddie and Sami have made a beautiful miniature garden and Oliver has been creating with conkers and acorns.

It is fabulous to see the children's creativity continuing outside of school. Well done!




## **Harvest Festival**

To celebrate harvest this year, we are having our annual service in church on Wednesday 11th October at 9:30am. To share our good fortune, we are collecting for Crawley Open House who are visiting this service to talk about their work.

We would love to see anyone who is able to join us at this service, and Crawley Open House have put together a list of supplies that they would be grateful to receive should you be in a position to donate. Please bring these into school on Wednesday 11th October.

Thank you.

# HARVEST 2023




### Why Do We Need Your Help?


The Crawley Foodbank Partnership is run by Crawley Open House and The Easter Team, we use food in 2 ways. **We distribute food parcels for the CFP and serve 3 meals a day, 365 days a year through our hostel kitchen – that's over 20,000 meals a year.** We can only do this because people generously donate most of the food we give out. If you can help these are the things we are always needing.

- **Long-life milk**
- **Toilet rolls**
- **Sugar**
- **Small bottles of water**
- **Tinned meat and fish**
- **Tinned potatoes and vegetables**
- **Tins of beans and spaghetti**
- **Jam, marmalade & honey**
- **Spray deodorants**
- **Biscuits, chocolate & sweets**
- **Tea and coffee**
- **Jars of cooking sauce and pasta sauce**
- **Custard and rice pudding**
- **Soup**
- **New socks and underwear, for men and women**
- **Dog food and treats**


For more information call us on **01293 447702** or visit our website  
<https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/>



**CRAWLEY  
OPEN HOUSE**  
helping the homeless and disadvantaged



**Crawley  
Food Bank  
Partnership**



*the  
Easter Team*

## Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is paramount so the wellbeing focus this week, highlights who you can go to if you have any concerns about any of our children.



Are you  
concerned  
about a child?



If you are a visitor to our school, make a factual record of your concern (*Include day, date, time, other witnesses, the concern and your signature*) and hand it in to one of the DSLs below.

If you are a member of staff use our 'MyConcern' electronic tracking system.



**Mrs Jane Robinson**  
Head of School  
Designated Safeguarding  
Lead (DSL)



**Mr James Procter**  
Executive Head  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



**Mrs Victoria Mandy**  
Lilac Class Teacher  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



**Miss Alexandra Surtees**  
Willow Class Teacher  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

All members of school staff receive training each year in aspects of safeguarding.

The above staff have received more in depth training to enable them to be Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies within school, and are responsible for following up any concerns raised.

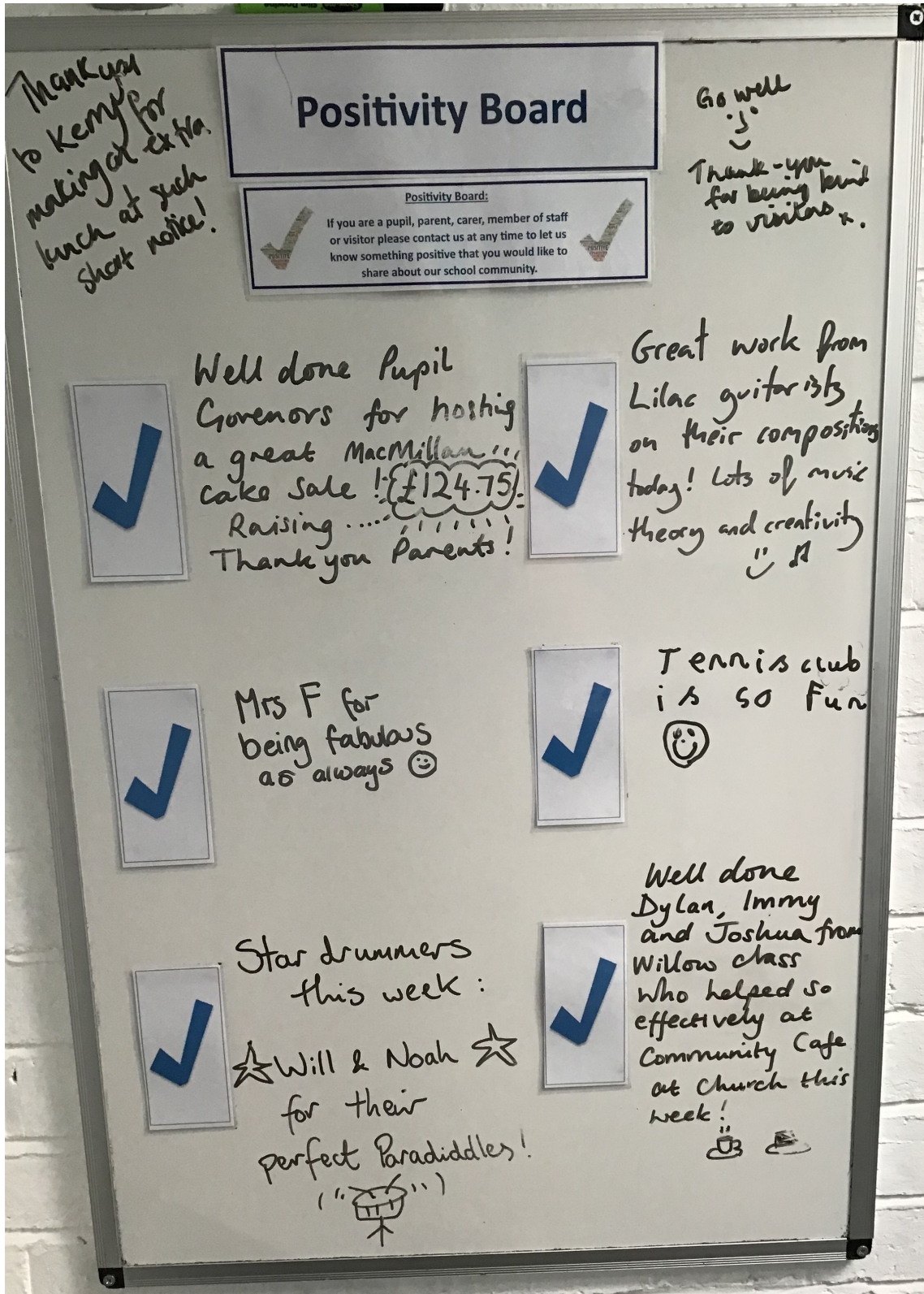
It is also possible to refer directly to Social Services if you have concerns for a child by calling: 01323 464222 or emailing: 0-19.spoa@eastsussex.gov.uk



## Positivity Board

This board enables all to write positive comments, or thoughts. From parents, carers, staff, and children to all school visitors, who would like to share with others something positive about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us or come into school at any time to let us know something that you would like to add. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



## Opportunity



# Are you a parent or carer?

Do you have any questions or want some advice, tips or ideas to help you support your child ?

Come along to Park Mead for coffee, and an informal chat with Vickie who is a parent/carer practitioner from me & my mind.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15-10.45- Anxiety and Worry

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.15- 10.45- Sleep, food and mood

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 - 10.45- Transitions

For more information, please speak to Sian Leahy  
SENCO



**Opportunity**

# Parent & Carer



## Online Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing?

If you do, these FREE webinars maybe for you.

### Primary School

#### Supporting Your Child with Anxiety & Worry

Tuesday 31st October 2023, 12pm to 1:30pm

Thursday 8th February 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

#### Supporting Your Child with Transition to Secondary

Wednesday 12th June 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



[www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation)

If you have any questions please email [mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk)



All webinars are run using Microsoft Teams. You can access this on your phone or computer. You will be provided with the link when you book.



**Opportunity**

## CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions



Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session. There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of autism and change.

**18 September, Westfield Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm**

**20 September, St Thomas a Beckett Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am**

**27 September, Peacehaven Community School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**28 September, Willington Primary School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**4 October, Robertsbridge Secondary School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**19 October, Telscombe Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm**

**No need to book just turn up**

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