



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 7

Friday 20th October

Headlines from our Head of School -

A focus on reading!

What a wonderful first half term! Well done to all the children for settling so well and demonstrating their readiness to learn. It is wonderful to see the progress they have made already. Thank you to the families too for your support and involvement in making this year start in such a positive way.

As we head into half term, I wanted to remind all families that your child's learning and development is at the core of our home/school partnership. Children read regularly at school to develop these essential skills, but they also need to read regularly at home to embed these skills. Reading at home and developing a love of reading will also support your child to become a more confident and fluent reader.

At St Marys, we have a clear reading progression ranging from our 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme books to KS2 books in the library. There is also a range of non-fiction books children can access. If they are unsure of their level or book type, they can ask their teachers for help to find the right book for them. We aim for all children to read at least 3 times at home during the school week. Please support your child by encouraging them to read, listening to them, making a comment and then signing in your child's reading record when they have read. This helps us to keep track of reading at home. We are counting reading minutes from each child, to be put towards an award for the 'House' with the most reading minutes each half term! I will be presenting a new 'reading cup' at the first celebration assembly of term 2, for the house with the most minutes in term 1!

Thank you for your continued support!

Jane Robinson

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 reflected on how thankful we are to have so many blessings. We are so fortunate to have each other and all of the gifts God has given to us.

To celebrate this, the children have made bunting detailing what they are thankful for which will be hung in the hall as a reminder through T2.

Next term we will be looking at Peace and Love.

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- Christmas Celebrations, Nativity
- Attendance letters
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Parent/Carer/Visitor Code of Conduct

KS2

- Bedes Multi-Sports

Cherry Class

- Collage Materials

Maple Class

- Reading
- PE Kit

Selected

- Free School Meals
- Data Collection Forms

WhatsApp

- Gas Leak

1st Day Term 2: Monday 30th October



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.

Dates for your Diary

October

30th: First Day T 2

November

1st: Collective Worship - 9:30am church
1st: Hever Castle - Willow Class
2nd: Forest School - Cherry Class
2nd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
7th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
4th: Open Day 10:00am-12noon - Prospective Parents 2024
6th: Open Day 9:00am - 10:00am - Prospective Parents 2024
8th: Collective Worship - Remembrance 9:30am Church
8th: Remembrance Practice: 6:30pm
9th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
10th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
12th: Remembrance Service: Church
13th: Anti Bullying Week
15th: Collective Worship Church 9:30am
16th: Forest School - Maple Class
16th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
17th: Children in Need non school uniform day
17th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
22nd: Collective Worship Church 9:30am
23rd: Forest School - Willow Class
24th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
28th: Flu Vaccine
29th: Collective Worship - 9:30am Church
29th: Ethos Committee - 2:30pm
30th: Forest School - Lilac Class



Celebration Assembly

Throughout this term we have trialled invitations to parents to join us for Celebration Assembly when their children are to receive certificates.

We have been amazed by the support shown to this and have decided that we will continue into the future.

In recognition of difficulties that can arise when trying to ensure everyone knows about the assembly and has chance to attend if they would like, from next term we are going to present certificates a week later i.e. there will be no celebration assembly in week one of T2, the first will be held in week two. Parents will be informed at the end of week one of certificates gained, ready for presentation the following week.

St Mary's



Christmas Cards

The children have been busy designing Christmas cards this term, ready for transformation into cards that you can send to your nearest and dearest this Christmas.

The PTFA have again linked with Cauliflower cards who will make a contribution to the school for every order received so if you would like to place an order, please do so over half term and return the form into school on 30th October.



Thank You

As you will be aware, on Tuesday this week we had concerns regarding a potential gas issue in our school kitchen. After liaising with the Health & Safety Team at East Sussex County Council as a precaution we evacuated the school until a gas engineer was able to attend. An engineer arrived on site and was able to isolate and resolve the problem very quickly. Please be assured the issue has been dealt with and will continue to be monitored. We would like to thank all the staff and children for responding to the situation so brilliantly!

Michelle Mackmin
Pioneer Federation Health & Safety Administrator



Congratulations

We would like to extend many congratulations to the Hill family and a warm welcome to Connor who was born in August 2023.

**Well done,
Mrs Hill!**



Thank you

We received a warm message of thanks from Alison Berry who organised the Art for All event in Hartfield last weekend. They had so many visitors it was incredible, with people of all ages visiting, many staying for hours and a particular mention was given to how lovely it was to see parents painting and sculpting alongside their children.

Alison went so far as to say: "it was our best event ever".

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, from designing leaves, to attending on the day.



Children in Need

We will be holding a non uniform day on **Friday 17th November** in support of the BBC Children in Need appeal.

For a donation pupils may wear non uniform. The pupil governors are helping to organise Children in Need this year and they had a meeting to vote on the theme. The theme is pyjamas but if you prefer, you can wear yellow clothes instead.

Please can your child wear trainers to school with their outfit so that they can participate in normal school activities including outdoor play.

Children will also participate in some physical challenges during the week at school and more details about these to follow.



Thank you

Following our harvest collection, we have received the following message:

"Thank you so much for supporting the work of Crawley Open House again with your wonderfully generous harvest gifts, both from the school community and the congregations of St Mary's and Holy Trinity. We have a relentless need for food and harvest-time is such a blessing, with all the wonderful donations from schools and churches. It's also a privilege to be able to chat to youngsters and adults in so many harvest assemblies and services like yours.

Thanks too for those who helped take all the donations to the van – really appreciated.

Keep in touch and thanks again. I was very humbled to be called a 'friend' of the Hartfield community in the service – thank you ☺

Every blessing,"

Ian Wilkins

Head of Fundraising & Relationships



 **CRAWLEY
OPEN HOUSE**

helping the homeless and disadvantaged

Bedes Multi Sport Event

The children in Willow and Lilac classes were very lucky to be able to visit Bedes Private School sports complex for a multi sports event.

The children were able to participate in several sports such as Cricket, Hockey, Football, Tennis and Strength and Conditioning run by the fantastic teachers at Bedes. They had a wonderful experience visiting Bedes unique on-site zoo! The children all had a great time and are excited for more sporting opportunities throughout the academic year.



Wildlife Explorers

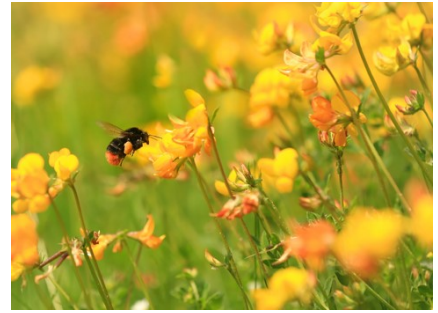
Our Wildlife Explorers have had a busy few weeks.

With much coverage over the last few years about bees and pollinators, the explorers spent one lunch time observing them within the school grounds, seeing how many were there and what they were up to.

They learnt about:

What pollinators do for us?

- We have pollinators to thank for every third mouthful we eat. Not only do they pollinate our food crops, but they're also vital for the survival of other wild plants that support so much of our wildlife.
- Most of us tend to think of bees for pollination but insect pollinators are a huge group. Many species of bee, moth, butterfly, hoverfly, fly and beetle provide an essential service in the UK (and globally) pollinating millions worth of crops annually.



Why pollinators are under threat?

- Three bumblebee species have become extinct in recent decades which can be directly linked to:
 - the destruction of habitat,
 - the heavy use of pesticides and herbicides
 - The effects of climate change, and
 - disease.

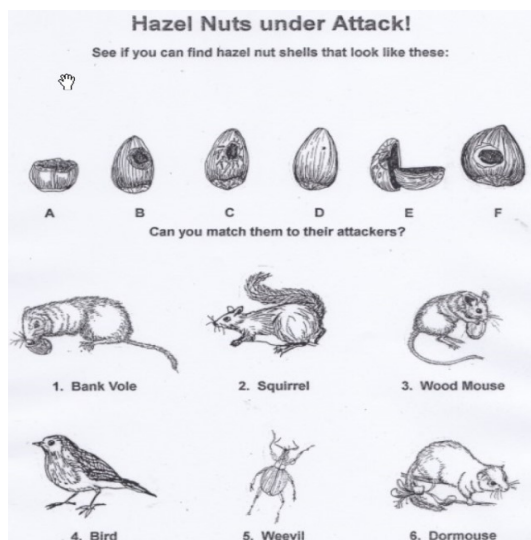
Thankfully the club found pollinators around the school but would remind all of us to think with care when we rearrange our gardens and therefore, the pollinators habit.



Another session was used to look at the health of our Horse Chestnut tree.

They were pleased to observe that overall, it was in good health but our explorers also noted many signs of attack by Leaf Blight (dying/ discoloured leaves) and Leaf Miners (scarring and holes in the leaves).

They learned that so many of our trees get attacked by insect pests but that it is essential that we manage them to keep them growing even during these times.



The explorers had a look at holes and teeth marks that can be left by animals looking for food:

- squirrels and wood peckers crack nuts open,
- weevil beetles drilled tiny holes,
- wood mice take tops off by and
- dormice who have a feast leave neat smoothly nibbled openings!

Cross Country

The St Mary team took part in the annual cross country cluster event this week against many other schools over a 2km course across field and through woodland. The St Marys team did incredibly well, demonstrating amazing willpower, determination, and resilience to give 100% effort in all their races. With around 60 children in each race, it would be tough to finish in the top 20 to qualify for the next round, however both Dexter and Noah finishing an impressive 4th and 20th to qualify them for the next round in November.



St Mary Team



All the team represented the school with great passion and have done us all proud and they should be even prouder of themselves with their performances and mindset! Well done all of you!

Harry



Amelia



Dexter



Freddie



Noah



William



Luca

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.

Positivity Board

Positivity Board:
If you are a pupil, parent, carer, member of staff or visitor please contact us at any time to let us know something positive that you would like to share about our school community.

Well done Ruby for always helping tidy up afternoon Sensory circuits 😊

Thank you to Miss Evans for amazing mats in Year 4!

Awesome work from all of my musicians this term - extra shout out to Nicco for his epic riffs! 🎸

Well Done Lilac and Willow for a fab Multisports morning and thank you to Bedes and Active Education ♥

All my drummers were stars this term for working so hard. 🌟

Super Wildlife Explorers on a bug hunt and we found out it is the SPIDER/Season.

This term was so fun tennis, handball and football club I had such a good time and today as we made our Light box. DYLAN !!

We love making our light boxes it was really fun. Joe

Wellbeing

Over the last few years, The Active Mile has been introduced across the Pioneer Schools and is now coming to St Mary's.. It is a measurable, whole school initiative that works to increase the health, fitness and overall wellbeing of the entire school. It is accessible and inclusive, designed to give each child a sense of success and development, and has been specifically created to encourage children to lead active and healthy lifestyles.



Why we do the Active Mile

- Increase our fitness
- Improve our mental health
- Overall improvement in wellbeing
- Focus more in class
- More work completed in class
- Healthier Lifestyle
- Improved attitude and motivation
- Self-challenge and development
- Increased muscle strength and endurance
- Feel good factor



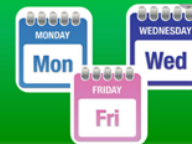
How long for?

The Active Mile will now be 15-30 minutes long, this will be high intensity with **NO** walking. The Teacher will start and stop the stopwatch for the session.



When?

The Active Mile will now take place a minimum of three times a week: **Mondays - Wednesdays - Fridays**. If you can do four or five days a week then even better.



How?

Each lap completed you will collect one green cube. You will continue to collect a green cube for every lap you complete until the 15-30-minute timer has finished. If you are halfway around a final lap when the whistle goes, you can finish that lap and collect a cube.



Active Mile Core Values and Rules

Five Core Values:

1. Develop a lifelong learning of Health, Fitness and Wellbeing.
2. Always give 100% effort, engagement and enthusiasm.
3. Encourage and Support those around you.
4. Promote positive mental health.
5. Be the best you can be.



As involvement progresses, each child will receive certificates to celebrate personal achievement and we have an Active Mile Notice Board, which will be updated weekly by our head boy and head girl, with class and individual results.

While not being registered on the school board, the whole family can join in towards encouraging active and healthy lifestyles for our whole school community!



THE INFLUENZA NASAL SPRAY VACCINATIONS

ARE BOOKED TO TAKE PLACE AT:

St Mary the Virgin CofE Primary

ON:

Tuesday 28/11/2023

Sussex immunisation Service will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28th July.
More details will be sent out after half term, but if you wish to consent to the Influenza Nasal Spray
vaccination please go to: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Lunches

Chartwells are introducing their new menu after half term and will update ParentPay to ensure you are booking the correct meals.

🌿 Vegetarian
🐟 Oily Fish
🌾 Wholegrain
🍏 Fruity!
❤️ Nutritionist's Choice

As an overview:

WEEK 1					WEEK 2						
W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 12/02, 04/03, 25/03					W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌿 Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice served with potato wedges	Cottage Pie ❤️ A classic cottage pie with veg and gravy	Chicken, Vegetable and Mash Pie ❤️ A tasty chicken and vegetable pie topped with creamy mashed potato and served with tasty gravy	Beef Bolognese ❤️ Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips	HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌿 Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice served with potato wedges	Turkey Con Chilli ❤️ A yummy chilli using healthy turkey mince served with wholegrain rice	Roast Beef Succulent roast beef served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🌿 Pork sausages and pasta in a tasty tomato sauce sprinkled with cheese and served with garlic and herb bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice 🌿 A chinese spiced Quorn, soya and vegetable stir fried rice	Vegetarian Burger 🌿 A Quorn burger in a bun with tomato ketchup served with potato wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll 🌿 Tasty vegetables wrapped in puff pastry served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Chinese Vegetable and Egg Fried Rice 🌿 A soya bean and vegetable chinese spiced rice dish	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌿 Crispy Quorn nuggets and scrummy chips		Sweet Potato Curry 🌿 A mild and tasty vegetarian curry served with wholegrain rice	Macaroni Cheese 🌿 Cheesy macaroni pasta	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble ❤️ Tasty vegetables with a cheesy crumble topping served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Roasted Cauliflower, Sweet Potato and Chickpea Masala 🌿 A tikka spiced vegetable curry served with wholegrain rice	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌿 Crispy Quorn nuggets and scrummy chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato ❤️ with a choice of fillings
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All main meals are served with two vegetables											
DESSERT	Secret Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🌿	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🌿	Vanilla Ice Cream	DESSERT	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌿	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake 🌿	Strawberry Ice Cream

WEEK 3					
W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 25/12, 15/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla 🌿 A tasty vegetarian mince and vegetable chilli served with a crispy tortilla and wholegrain rice	Pork Sausages Pork sausages served with mashed potato and tasty gravy	Roast Pork Succulent roast pork served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma ❤️ A mild and tasty chicken and vegetable curry served with wholegrain rice	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌿 Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice served with potato wedges	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake 🌿 A yummy pasta bake served with a garlic and herb bread wedge	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast 🌿 A chunky sweet potato and chickpea roast served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🌿 A classic vegetarian cottage pie with veg and gravy	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌿 Crispy Quorn nuggets and scrummy chips
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DESSERT	Oatie Cookie with Fruit 🌿	Strawberry Jelly	Orange Shortbread with Fruit 🌿	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
Ham or Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Milk, water, salad, freshly baked bread & fresh fruit. Yoghurt available Tuesday & Thursday

£2.85



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

If you have any questions please email 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

Church Street Community Cafe

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

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

upcoming dates

Thursday 5th October

Thursday 19th October

Thursday 2nd November

Thursday 16th November

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

