



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 1

Friday 3rd November

Headlines from our Head of School

Welcome to Term 2!

Focusing on building Creative Community Connections



It was a pleasure to be part of 'Art for All' here in Hartfield in October – the wonderful leaves made by so many children at St Mary's are now on display in our entrance hall. Thank you to all the families who supported this and attended the event in St Mary's Church.

We look forward to forging more links with our community to benefit all the children here and are always looking for ways to bring the community into school so please share any ideas you may have.

Jane Robinson

St Mary's



Please be aware that the **PTFA AGM**, is arranged for **Thursday 16th November 2:45pm** in school.

Volunteers are always needed for the PTFA and the AGM gives opportunity to vote in your PTFA officers so we look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Fayre preparations are underway. This year the Fayre is being held on **Sunday 3rd December 12noon to 3:00pm**. The timing is planned to enable attendance at the Sunday church service as well. Please let the PTFA know if you can help.

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:



Trust and Peace

This week, we talked about Gideon, a man who trusted in God to help him when he was feeling anxious or worried. The children were encouraged to think about who they talk to if they are worried and how this helps.

Recognising that God can help all of us, they then wrote a prayer to use when they feel anxious.

Do you have a family prayer?

What sort of things would you add to it for times of family anxiety?

Top Tips

Letters, emails and WhatsApp home:

Whole School

- Remembrance Services
- Parent Consultations
- Acceptable Use IT
- Storm Cairán

Lilac Class

- T2 Topic
- Open Morning

Cherry Class

- Phonics
- Forest School
- PE Kit

Maple Class

- Forest School

Selected

- Celebration Assembly
- Hever Castle
- Dodgeball Tournament
- Christmas Cards
- HAF Activities



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

November



- 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 Service 9:30am Church
- 8th: Remembrance Practice: 6:30pm
- 9th: Lilac Class - Topic Day
- 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
- 16th: PTFA AGM 2:45pm - 3:15pm in school
- 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 - 12:30pm
- 30th: Forest School - Lilac Class

December

- 1st: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 3rd: PTFA Christmas Fayre 12noon - 3:00pm
- 4th: Christingle Making
- 5th: Collective Worship - Christingle Service
9:30am Church
- 7th: Forest School - Maple Class
- 7th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 8th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 8th: Live Hartfield Nativity 6:30pm
- 10th: Christmas Praise Service - Church 10:00am
- 12th: KS1 School Nativity 10:00am and 2:00pm
- 13th: KS2 Nativity 10:00am and 2:00pm
- 14th: Forest School - Cherry Class
- 15th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 15th: End of Term Christmas Worship
2:30 pm Church
- 15th: Last Day T2

January

- 2nd: Inset Day
- 3rd: All return to School

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.



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.

Precious Items in School

We have noticed an increase of precious items in school, toys, cuddlies, fidget items.

Please encourage your children to keep these items at home as we would be very sad if they got lost or broken and they are not always supportive of our three golden rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

If there is a specific reason for an item to be in school, please speak with your teachers for prior agreement.

Thank you for your support with this.



St Mary's PTFA

The PTFA have been working hard to pull together the dates for their annual events:

St Mary's



Thursday 16th November 2.45pm - 3:15pm

AGM. This is held in school, in Larch. Children will be supervised if it runs late.

Tuesday 21st November 3:15pm

Maple Class Bake Sale, on the playground at the end of school, opportunity to buy cakes provided by our marvellous Maple Class

Friday 1st December

Non School Uniform Day in exchange for bottles to create a tombola at the Christmas Fayre

Sunday 3rd December 12noon - 3:00pm

Christmas Fayre in school hall. Opportunity to pop to church service beforehand.

Tuesday 16th January 3:15pm

Cherry Class Bake Sale, on the playground at the end of school an opportunity to purchase cakes provided by our champion Cherry Class

Thursday 8th February 3:20pm - 4:45pm

School Disco in the hall supervised by our talented teachers

Tuesday 12th March 3:15pm

Willow Class Bake Sale, on the playground at the end of school, an opportunity to purchase cakes provided by our wonderful Willow Class

Tuesday 30th April 3:15pm

Lilac Class Bake Sale, on the playground at the end of school, an opportunity to buy cakes provided by our lovely Lilac Class

Friday 24th May 1:15pm

May Fair on the Croft

Tuesday 9th July

Non School Uniform Day in exchange for bottles to create a tombola at the Summer Social

Friday 12th July 1:15pm

Sports day / summer social on the Croft

Friday 19th July

Non School Uniform Day in exchange for donations to the PTFA

Friday 19th July 3:20pm - 4:45pm

End of term School Disco supervised by our talented teachers



School Disco

Our first 're-booted disco' ran at the end of last term and proved to be a huge success.

Our roving reporter, Oliver said:

'I really liked the school disco. It was fun because the music was loud and I enjoyed playing with my friends.'

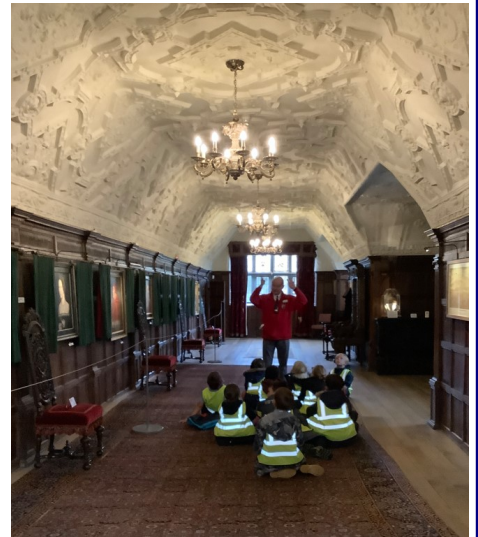
Thank you to the PTFA for organising this event and to everyone who helped make it such a hit on the day.



Hever Castle

Willow Class had a fantastic trip to Hever Castle on Wednesday 1st November, as part of our topic 'Why do we remember the Tudors?'

We began our day with a tour round the castle and discussed the many uses of The Great Hall, discovering where musicians would sit to entertain guests while they ate. We hadn't realised that during the early years of the castle the Great Hall was used as a bedroom as well as a place to eat!



We were very lucky to see the prayer book that was used by Anne Boleyn in which she had made her own notes. It was amazing to see something so personal to a monarch that was over 500 years old.

Once we had been on our tour of the castle, we took part in a workshop where we learnt about the different statuses within Tudor society. We found out about the clothes that were worn, as well as the fabrics that each group could afford. We then used these skills to work out which class would have eaten what meal (the children were in general horrified by the idea of eating swan!)



We had the opportunity to try our hand at some Tudor games, but enjoyed dressing up in the clothes that a noble man or royalty would have worn most of all. We were not quite so excited by the clothing of servants and peasants!



The best part of the day by far was the children having time to play in Tudor Towers. We were also fortunate that the weather was kind to us and we were able to fully explore the play area.

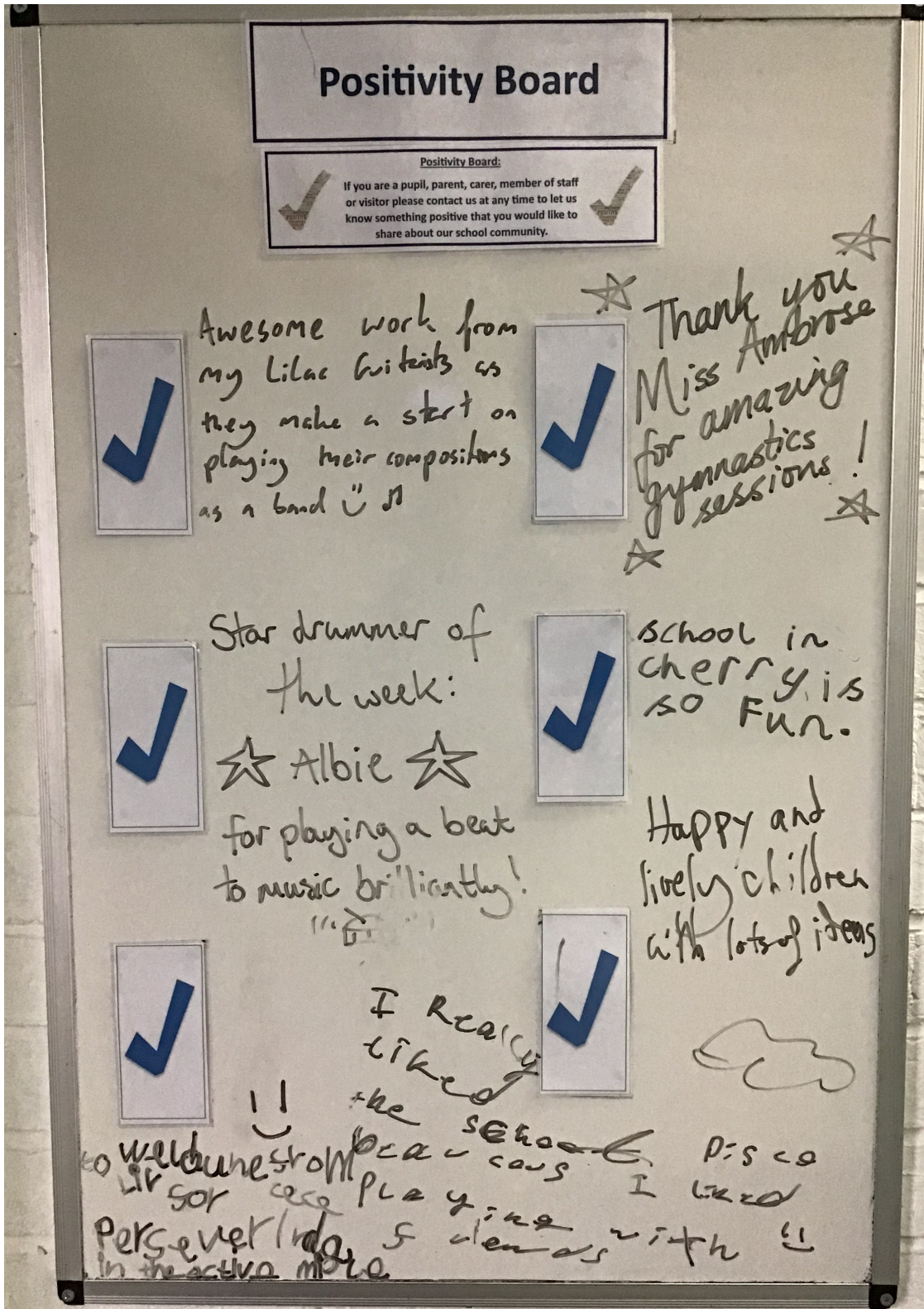
The children's behaviour throughout the day was fantastic and our guides were impressed with the knowledge the children had acquired about the Tudors and the range of questions that they asked.

Well done, Willow Class

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.





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 November.
More details will be sent out next week , 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 have their new menu, ParentPay has been updated and thank you for pre booking your meals.

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

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
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
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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

