



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 2

Friday 10th November

Headlines from our Head of School

Focussing on Opportunity

We are hiring!

Are you looking to gain experience working with children?

Would you be interested in joining the St Mary's team?

We are looking to appoint a TA (teaching assistant) /INA (individual needs assistant) to join our team until Easter 2024.

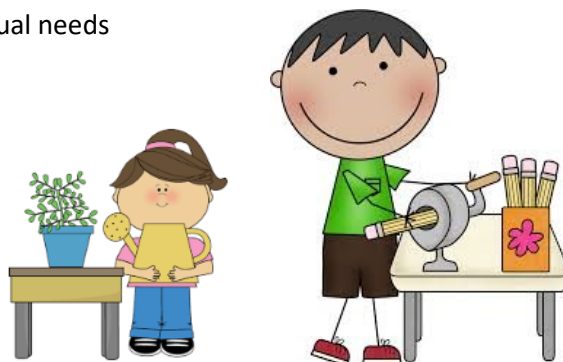
Hours:8.30-1pm each day.

If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you

Jane Robinson

Head of School



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, the children have been encouraged to believe that if they are asked to do something hard by someone they trust, they have been asked to do it because that person believes it is right for them and that they can achieve it.

They were also encouraged to try something new in the knowledge that there are people around who they can trust to help them.

Are there new things at home that you can try, trusting in the rest of the family to help?

Top Tips

Letters, emails and WhatsApp home:

Whole School

- Flu Vaccine
- Celebration Assembly
- Odd Sock Day
- Festive Fun Run

Key Stage 2

- Choir

Selected

- Volunteer Information

Acceptable Use Agreement

We set a deadline for today for completion of the 'acceptable use' agreement. If you have yet to do this, please pop on line over the weekend to complete. If you have any queries or would prefer a paper copy, please let the school office know.

Remembrance Service

Don't forget the Remembrance Service in church on Sunday 12th November, 9:30am.

Children from school will be involved in the service and in laying a wreath at the memorial.



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

- 12th: Remembrance
Service: Church
- 13th: Anti Bullying Week
- 13th: Odd Sock Day
- 14th: Key Stage 2 Choir commences
3:15pm - 3:45pm
- 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
- 21st: Pioneer Dodgeball Tournament Y5/6
- 21st: Maple Class Bake Sale 3:15pm
- 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: Non-Uniform Day - tombola donations
- 1st: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 1st: Festive Fun Run - sponsored
- 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 9:30am
- 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

Odd Sock Day

Week commencing Monday 13th

November is Anti-Bully Week.

As part of encouraging our understanding of difference and our acceptance of uniqueness, we are joining in with the National Odd Sock Day which is on Monday 13th November.

It would be great to see as many children, staff and parents as possible, wearing odd socks for the day!



St Mary's PTFA

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 beforehand. Please let the PTFA know if you can help.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch this year will be on Wednesday 6th December.



The PTFA are supporting the children again with decorating the dining room and providing crackers.

Please pop onto ParentPay (this weekend) to place your order (sign up for roast to have Roast Turkey with all the trimmings and to the vegetarian option for Roast Vegetable and Cranberry).

The kitchen will be placing their order on Tuesday 14th November. Thank you.

Sports Awards

The PE speciality being covered this term is gymnastics and this week, Miss Ambrose awarded the following children Sports Awards:

Freddie: for amazing gymnastics and helping out the younger children in clubs.

Jax: for great skills in gymnastics and trying to challenge himself

Ellamy: for trying her hardest in club and PE and really engaging with the work.

Sid: for amazing skills shown during the PE lesson!

Well done to you all!



Children in Need Poster Competition

Thank you to all of the children who created wonderful posters for our Children in Need Poster competition.

Congratulations go to Immy who is now the proud owner of a pair of Pudsey Bear ears, Immy will also see her poster displayed around the school promoting our fund raising 'dress up in Yellow or pyjamas' day, on Friday 17th November.



Well done, Immy!



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.

Scarlett: has shown brilliant **skills in aiming high**, always wanting to do the best she can in everything she does.

Oliver: has a fantastic approach to **listening**, shown by how well he has been displaying legendary lining up, and wonderful walking at the end of EVERY playtime!

Zenny: has been amazingly **creative** this week, making a fabulous colour wheel and using his knowledge of colour to show how he produce different ones successfully.

Rosie: displays brilliant **team work**, enjoying being part of the Maple Class Team, working well to choose activities and tidy them away at the end.

Well done to you all!

Precious Items in School

Please ensure your children keep unnecessary items at home as the numbers being brought into school are detracting from learning and do not always support 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.



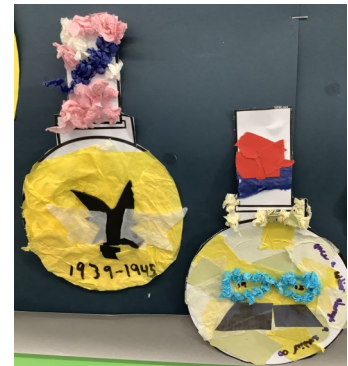
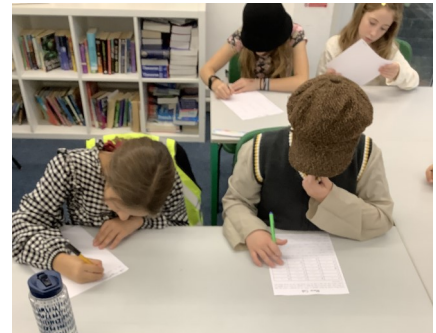
Lilac Class - WWII Topic Day



Lilac Class really enjoyed their WW2 topic day on Thursday 9th November.

During the morning, they baked WWII spiced cookies which were delicious.

The children then learnt the Lambeth walk and created messages using Morse Code to send to each other.



In the afternoon, they used collage to create war medals and learnt about what each of the colours mean on the medal ribbons.

Well done Lilac Class for fully embracing the day and dressing up in their costumes.

Thank you to all of the parents for supporting this.

They all looked brilliant!

Remembrance Service



Thank you to everyone who supported our Remembrance Service.

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Remembrance Service

Our roving reporter, Oliver, was also on the scene for our Remembrance Service and had this to say:

‘Today all the children and teachers went in the church yard to join the mini remembrance service. We laid crosses, prayed and stayed silent for one minute to reflect on people who died during the war.

We recited a poem ‘Poppy. Poppy’



The impact of the service stayed with Oliver overnight and the next morning he wrote:

‘I am still thinking about those children of my age who lived during that war’



A Peek inside Maple Class - Remembrance

Maple Class began the week by learning about what is meant by Remembrance Day.

They looked at different photographs of war memorials and at maps of the areas that were most affected by fighting in England.

They talked about what women did during the war, as well as men.

Maple Class experimented with being quiet for two minutes whilst watching an animation of a field and the wildlife now there, which had been historically affected by bombing and fighting.



The children wanted to know what the poppy symbolised and they created their own poppies using a variety of different techniques.



Inspired by poppies and the poem 'What is Red' by Mary O'Neill, they then wrote their own version of the poem.

Red is a poppy; Red is blood

Red is a traffic light - stop!

Red is a post box; Red is paint

Red is fire, some bits of clothes, the inside of a poppy.

Red is a front door; Red is spots on our rug

Red is for cuts, for autumn leaves, a Ferrari.

Red is fireworks; Red is a tomato

Red is a raspberry, an ant and is lipstick.



Maple Class looked at photographs of the Remembrance Glade and talked about what it would feel like to stand within the glade and think of those that had died in the war.

On Wednesday, Rev Julie led a special Remembrance Service and each child and adult from St. Mary's 'planted' a cross in the church yard around the church memorial. Each cross had the name of someone who had died from the local area written on it, together with the date of their birth.

Maple Class then joined with the whole school, saying prayers together, and a poem about Remembrance, using the Makaton actions that they had learned.

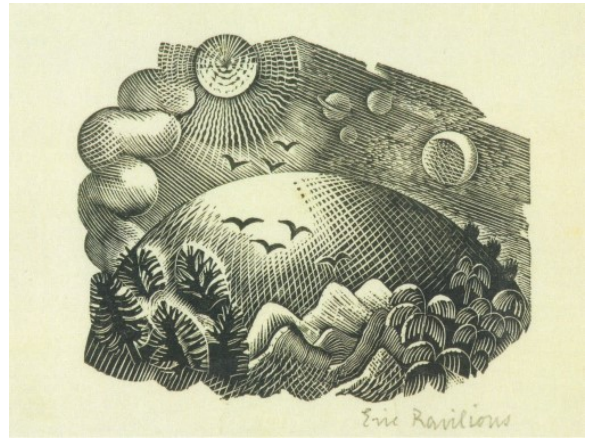


Willow Class - Workshop

Last Friday, Willow Class had the opportunity to attend a workshop based on the story 'The Skip against Trouble', by Eleanor Farjeon, set in Glynde and Mount Caburn in the South Downs.

We were visited by Nancy Cooley and Ashley Ramsden, a well know story teller from Forest Row who kept the children fascinated as they followed the story of Elsie Pudding who was 'really good at skipping' and the children then had chance to try out their own skipping skills!

To end the workshop, Lilac Class were invited to the hall to hear the story performed with Willow Class' help.



A real treat for our KS2!





Donations for children in Need will be collected next **Friday, 17th November** in return for wearing pyjamas or yellow clothes to school.

Thank you.

**St Mary the Virgin
Christmas Fair 2023**

Sunday 3rd December, 12pm-3pm

The PTFA Team kindly request your help with the following activities...



Run a Stall

Would you like to run a stall at this year's fair?



Advertise in the Brochure

Full or half page adverts available



Baking Cakes

Can you donate a cake, biscuits, and mince pies for the Café?



Help on the Day

Help us to run a stall, oversee a craft area or run some games- for as little or long as you like!



Nearly new Childrens Toys & Clothes

Please donate any gently used items for the nearly new stall, a new addition to this year's fair!



Bottle & Teddy Tombola

Please bring a bottle or cuddly toy into school on Friday 1st December, in exchange for multi day



Xmas Cake

Can you donate a Christmas cake for our 'guess the weight' game?



Helpers!

Helpers needed to decorate the school & grotto, set up stalls & games. Set up after school on Friday 1st or stay to clear away on Dec 3rd please let us know!

Please contact Kerry Powell to confirm or for further info – 07535 862869



Festive Fun Run



The poster features a blue and purple watercolor background with Christmas ornaments. At the top left is the 'active mile' logo, and next to it is the 'ae active education sussex' logo. On the right is a circular badge with 'WIN PRIZES' written three times around a central banner. Below these are four circular photos: a girl with red reindeer antlers, three children in Santa hats, a group of five children in elf hats, and a girl in a green and red elf hat.

YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO THE

FESTIVE FUN RUN

Active Education Sussex invites you to sponsor your child to complete 22 laps of our Active Mile track wearing some festive headwear. Our Active Mile fun runs have helped raise over £6,500 for our schools in the last couple of years, of which every penny goes back into the schools to help fund some amazing projects. We would love to get your support and try and raise as much money as possible for St Mary and all their amazing projects.

**1st
DECEMBER
2023** | **CASH ONLY
DONATIONS** | **ST MARY
PRIMARY**

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KS1 – Free
KS2 – £2.85

Merry Christmas

MAINS

Roast Turkey with Pig in Blanket
or
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice (v)

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Stuffing & Gravy
Carrots & Broccoli

DESSERT

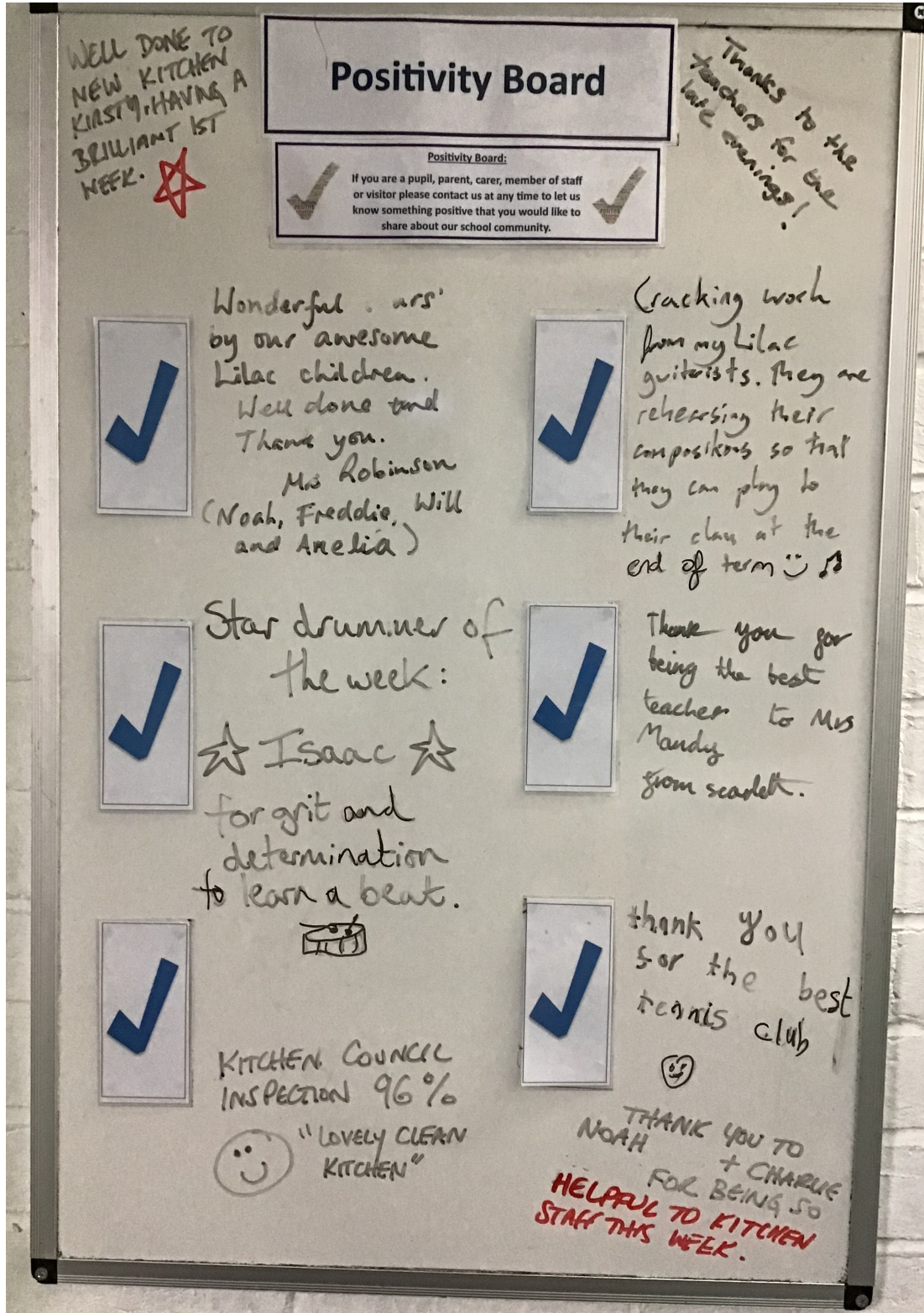
Festive Shortbread
or
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday 6th December

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.



Wellbeing

The Sleep Charity has launched a new National Sleep Helpline to ensure everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice and our well being poster this week looks at how you can access them for support if your child(ren) has difficulties sleeping or settling in bed.



Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



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