



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 3

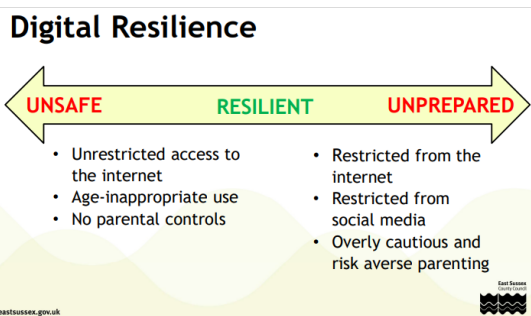
Friday 17th November

Headlines from our Head of School

Focus on Online Safety

This week I want to share some thoughts about how best to support our children with using the internet and other technology safely. It is obviously a significant part of this generation's lives as they have only ever known a world with the internet, mobile phones and social media. Navigating this as a parent can be challenging! I am planning to hold an Online Safety Workshop for Parents (Thursday 11th January at 9am) with some practical support and guidance, but in the meantime wanted to start us thinking about this area of safeguarding as a whole school community.

We as educators and parents need to be preparing our children to be 'digitally resilient'. This means finding that balance in terms of their access to the internet; finding an age appropriate level with parental controls, rather than restricting all access, or being overly risk averse. This can lead to children being vulnerable due to lack of knowledge and possibly at risk when they do become digitally active.



If you are interested in learning more about this in the meantime please do look up:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Mrs Robinson
Head of School

Top Tips

Letters, emails and WhatsApp home:

Whole School

- Shoe Box request (thank you for sending them in)
- School Dinner

Selected

- Dodgeball



PTFA Christmas Fair

St Mary's **PTFA**

The PTFA are delighted to announce that Father Christmas will be returning to his St Mary's Christmas Fair Grotto this year! Please secure your space using this [link](#).



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

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
7th: PTFA Wreath Making - 7:00pm
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: PTFA Christmas Social - Anchor 7:30pm
15th: Last Day T2



January

2nd: Inset Day
3rd: All return to 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, as part of anti-bullying week, the children have been following the story 'Mixed' by Arree Chung, which is a tale of overcoming, accepting and celebrating difference. Linking this to our value of Trust and how important trust is within any friendship or family, the children were then encouraged to write an acrostic poem using TRUST to demonstrate how they can show trust in someone.

Maybe as a family you can talk about how you show each other Trust and how this can be developed further. Perhaps you can develop your own poem, saying or phrase that will remind each of you about your family trust goals?

Anti-Bullying Week

The whole school took part in odd socks day on Monday to mark the start of Anti-bullying week, and in Assembly, they identified the difference places they could seek support if needed. In their spiritual journal activity, they designed odd socks and wrote acrostic poems about trust.

On Friday, Lilac Class watched a BBC Live Lesson, learning the difference between bullying and banter behaviours. They then discussed different useful phrases that could be used if a joke is getting uncomfortable.



Sports Awards

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

Dexter: for always being so supportive to others in class and for his hard work progressing his counter balances!

Amelie: for amazing skills in gymnastics and always wanting to push herself.

Scarlet: for her excellent gymnastic skills and willingness to demonstrate fabulous cartwheels and forward rolls to others in class.

Florence: for always trying new skills with confidence, especially her forward rolls down hill!

Well done to you all!



Cross Country

Congratulations to Noah and Dexter who previously qualified for round two of the cross country competition and attended the North Wealden Championship Final this week. Both ran extremely well (in the less than favourable conditions) and we are delighted to say that Dexter has qualified for round three.

We are extremely proud of you both, well done!



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.

Noah: shows amazing **problem solving skills**, really enjoying the challenge and often finding creative solutions to the problems that present.

Reece: has a fabulous approach to **staying positive**, always wanting to do well and is keen to be an active member of the class. This week he edited his English work twice to make sure it was great!

William P: has been working on his **listening skills**, being magnificent in following instructions from adults to better improve his work.

Finley: has demonstrated fantastic **creativity** this week, making a wonderful candle out of clay, using his fingers to pinch and mould it to the shape that he wanted.

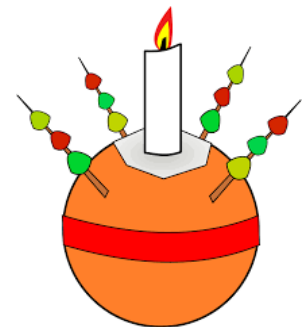
Well done to you all!

Christingle

We are making our Christingles on **Monday 4th December**, ready for our Christingle Service on **Tuesday 5th December**, 9:30am in church.

Please remember to bring your oranges into school on Monday 4th to ensure everyone is able to participate and we would love to see you in church if you are able to join us.

Thank you



Children in Need

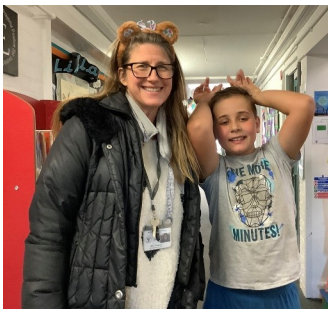
Our roving reporters this week, Noah and Isla were busy on Friday going around taking photographs of everybody and writing up about our day:

“On Friday, for Children in Need to fund raise we dressed up in yellow pyjamas or yellow clothing.

It was fun and everybody loved it.

We raised a whopping £59.90 so far and as an extra fun activity we coloured in Pudsey and did Bearpees (burpees but for children in need).

We really enjoyed it and we can't wait to do it all again next year.



We had a brilliant day!”

Thank you to our wonderful pupil governors:
Alfred, Joseph, Isla, Noah, Freddie, Scarlett, Bella and Dylan
for planning such a fun day to raise money for such a good cause.



Christmas Wreath Making

St Mary's 



*Christmas wreath making evening Thursday 7th December 7pm @ St Mary's School. £20pp with glass of Prosecco & a mince pie. To book your slot contact the PTFA in person or on ptfahartfield@gmail.com. Booking in advance to secure your place. Please send payments to CAF Bank
HARTFIELD SCHOOL PTFA
Sort 40-52-40 Acc 00060500*

Opportunity

Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children and she is running a national campaign entitled "The Big Ambition"

The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election, and Dame Rachel will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This survey is for all children and young people up to 18 years of age (adults can help completion) and the results will be collated to take their views to the Government.

The survey can be accessed by going to The Big Ambition [website](#)



ST MARY THE VIRGIN
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY
3RD DECEMBER
12 to 3PM

HARTFIELD
SCHOOL

DON'T MISS A
SPECIAL VISIT FROM
Father
Christmas

TO BOOK A TIME SLOT PLEASE EMAIL
PTFAHARTFIELD@GMAIL.COM

FREE
ENTRY

- CHRISTMAS GAMES AND CRAFTS
- LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS
- SECOND HAND TOY SALE
- CAFÉ WITH FOOD SERVED BY PROFESSIONAL CHEF
- RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE WITH SOME GREAT PRIZES

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT OUR FABULOUS VILLAGE SCHOOL

St Mary the Virgin Christmas Fair 2023

Sunday 3rd December, 12pm-3pm

The PTFA Team need your help with the following activities...

We need you!

Help us run a stall, oversee the craft area or manage the games. Be involved for as little or long as you like!



Bottle & Chocolate Tombola

Please bring a bottle of something into school on Friday 1st December, in exchange for multi day. We're also requesting Chocolate for the children's Tombola.



Nearly new Children's Toys & Clothes

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



Baking Cakes

Please consider baking a cake, biscuits or some mince pies for the Café.



Advertise in the Brochure

Full page (£25) or half page (£15) adverts available.



Run a Stall

Would you like to run a stall at this year's fair? Stalls are charged at £15.



Xmas Cake

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



Helpers!

Helpers needed to decorate the school & grotto, set up stalls & games. Set up after school on 1st or stay to help clear away on 3rd



Visit Father Christmas

Don't forget to book your slot with Father Christmas!
£5/family

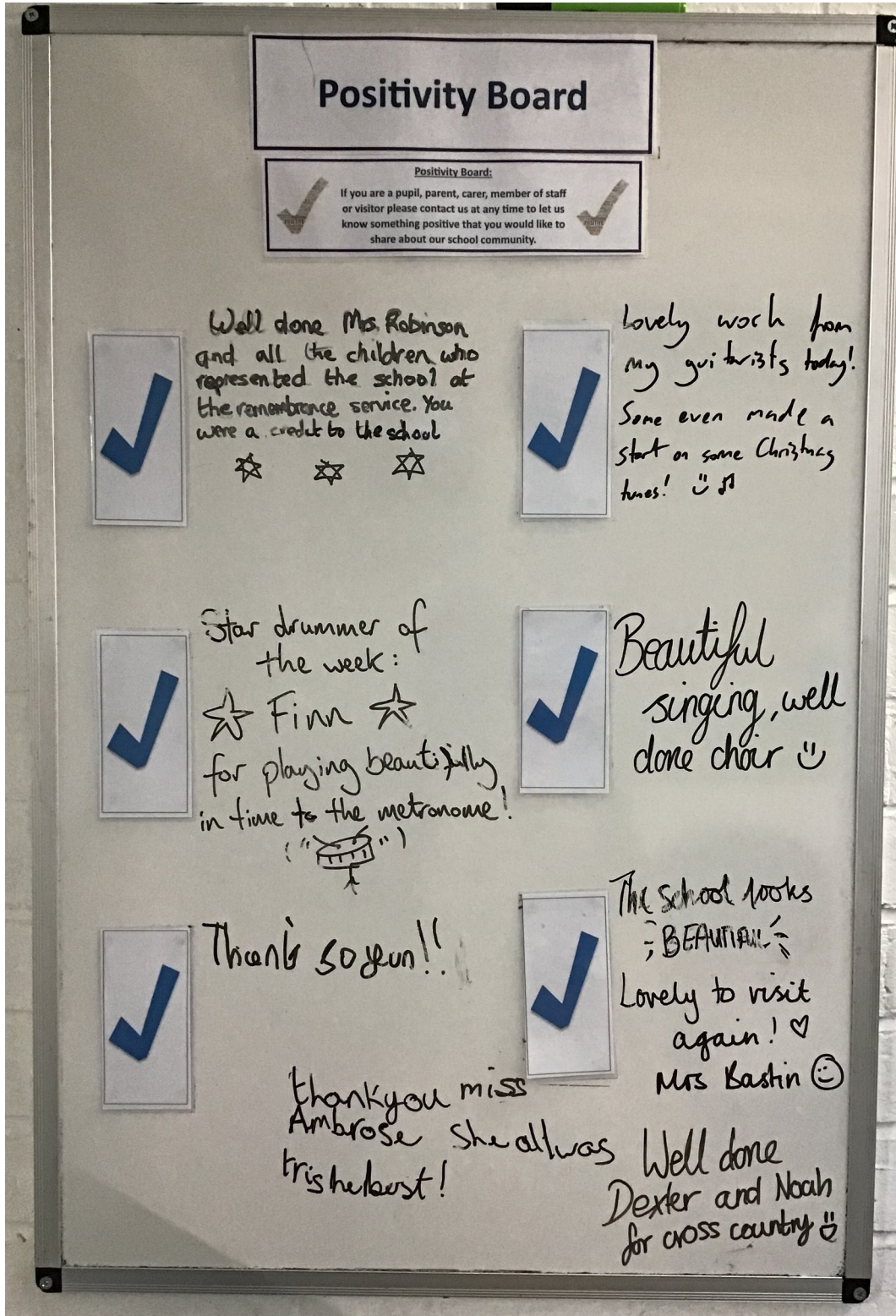


Please contact Kerry Powell to confirm or for further info – 07535 862869

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

We have been sent the following information about a training course available to parents and carers, if your child is experiencing feelings of anxiety and you are looking for information that may be able to help. If the QR code does not work for you, please contact the school office and I will send het original document.




CUES
Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations

Is your child experiencing feelings of anxiety? Are you looking for information on how to help them? CUES is a training course for parent/carers to support their children with feelings of anxiety they are experiencing.



If this is something you would be interested in attending, please click on the link below or use the QR code for more information and to complete a short questionnaire about where and when you can attend.




[Click here](#) to answer the questions and register your interest or use [QR code](#).

“ Supportive and safe space ”

“ Breath of fresh air ”

“ A community of parents ”

“ Helping you to deal with your child ”



Hartfield Live Nativity

Friday 8th December 2023
Starts 6pm on The Croft



Come along to Hartfield's very special and popular Live Nativity!

- Join the crowd following Mary and Joseph through the village knocking on doors trying to find room at the inn.
- Angels, shepherds, wise men, "donkey", camels and carols.
- Procession ends in the church in a beautiful and heart warming nativity scene with baby Jesus.
- Refreshments in the church.

If your child would like to join in as an angel or shepherd
contact Alison Berry 07763 188538, ajberryartist@gmail.com

Everyone welcome – a lovely way to start Christmas!



St Mary's Church, Hartfield



HARTSLife is for Living

Hartfield Arts and Theatre Society

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

CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS CAFE'S

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER

2PM - 4PM

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND
MAKING DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE



THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER

2PM - 4PM

WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

COME AND ENJOY DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKE, TEA AND COFFEE
EVERYONE WELCOME

for more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715
or email msjoanegriffin@gmail.com

Connect@5

14th December

CHRISTMAS

11th January

25th January

8th February

22nd February

5-6.15pm
Games, Food, Bible story

For more information
Contact Matthew Marriott at
m.marriott@btconnect.com

Hartfield Village Hall

Year 5 and up

1st & 3rd Sundays, 9.30am

SUNDAY Discoverers



Dates of Sunday Discoverers
this term

17th December

7th January

21st January

4th February

Join us for each
Sunday
discoverers as
we find out
more about
God

For more information
Contact Rev Julie Sear at
revjuliesear1@gmail.com or 01892770436

LITTLE STARS

The title 'LITTLE STARS' is written in a playful, rounded font. 'LITTLE' is in white and 'STARS' is in yellow. There are several yellow stars scattered around the text: two to the left of 'LITTLE', two to the right of 'LITTLE', and one to the right of 'STARS'.

Parent & toddler group
Mondays @ St Mary's Church,
Hartfield

Upcoming dates

4th December

11th December

8th January

15th January

22nd January

29th January

5th February



9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided

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 **Sensory Difference.**

7 November, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30am

8 November, Sidley Family Hub, 9:30am to 11:00am

9 November, Silverdale Perth Road, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

14 November, East Hoathly Church, 9:00am to 10:30am

16 November, Chailey Saint Peter's, 9:00am to 10:30am

29 November, St Mary's Hartfield, 9:00am to 10:30am

30 November, Laughton, 9:00am to 10:30am

5 December, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

6 December, Breakwater High Street, 9:00am to 10:30am

7 December, Sidley Family Hub, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

No need to book just turn up



Opportunity

A PLACE TO

SING, DANCE AND ACT!

Unlock your child's potential

ASK ABOUT OUR TWO WEEK TRIAL

Stagecoach Tunbridge Wells
Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 18 year-olds

www.stagecoach.co.uk/tunbridgewells
01273 835884
tunbridgewells@stagecoach.co.uk

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Stagecoach Tunbridge Wells

Early Stages 4 - 6 year-olds

Mon 4.00pm - 5.30pm, Jarvis Brook Memorial Hall, TN6

Thurs 3.15pm - 4.45pm, Southborough Primary School, TN4

Sat 9.30am - 11.00am, 11.15am-12.45pm, 1.45pm - 3.15pm
All at Holmewood House School

Main School 6 - 14 year-olds

Fri 4.30pm - 7.30pm Southborough School, TN4

Sat 10.00am - 1.00 pm or 2.00 pm-5.00pm,
Holmewood House School

Further Stages 14 - 18 year-olds

Sat 9.00am-12.00pm, Holmewood House School



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