

Term 4 Week 5 Friday 22nd March 2024

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Headlines from our Head of School

This week we have been focussing on 'Supporting Families/Wrap Around Care'



This week I have been thinking about feedback from some prospective parents who visited our lovely school to consider us for their Reception child starting in September 2024.

It will not be a surprise to hear that so many made such wonderful observations while touring, such as 'I would love my child to attend here', 'I can feel the warmth and care here', 'what a lovely way to start their time in school'.

I was also keen to hear if they had any reservations about being able to name us their first choice and interestingly the one and only barrier for some was the lack of wrap around care.

I am aware that we all have work/childcare juggles around school arrangements and for this reason I would like to look into the possibility of providing an 'in house' wrap around care offer here in school but we need to assess the viability of such an offer.

Please can I ask that you share your views with me by responding to the Google form that can be accessed here, regarding the likelihood of using it and if so the frequency of likely use.

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This will then allow me to gauge if this is something we could make financially viable.

Our breakfast club is already a big success and I suspect that being able to offer a similar after school model would benefit our families and further support our children here.

Looking forward to seeing if we can progress this further... watch this space!

Mrs Robinson Head of School

> 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

March

25th: Easter Fun Run - prizes for best headwear
25th: FGB Meting
26th: Gymnastics Tournament - selected
26th: Hever Castle - Maple Class
26th: Swimming - Willow Class
27th: Easter Service - 9:30am in church
28th: Wakehurst Place - Willow Class
28th: Forest School - Maple Class
28th: Last Day Term 4



April

15th: First Day Term 5 17th: Collective Worship - 9:30am in church 18th: Forest School - Maple Class 18th: Community Café - 2pm-4pm in church 19th: Vision and Values re-launch 9:00am 24th: Collective Worship - 9:30am in church 25th: Forest School - Cherry Class 26th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am

<u>Top Tips</u>

Letters, emails, WhatsApp: All:

- Lunches next week
- Easter Pantomime
- Bluebell Walk Arlington Selected:
- New volunteer induction
- Celebration Assembly

Support

 A sibling of one of our children needs an operation and the family are trying to raise funds. If you feel you may be able to support this, please contact the school office.

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:



Within the Justice and Hope topic this term, the children have been focusing on the Value of Easter, exploring what happened to Jesus and his friends during the very first Easter and the Hope that comes from that.

This week, the children learnt about Judas' betrayal, that he had been Jesus' friend yet led others against him. They were encouraged to think about a time when someone had upset or let them down, considering how they had remained hopeful through this with a quiet time of reflection and prayer.

How do you share and retain hope as a family? What do you do when someone in the family lets another down? Does everyone in the family know of the need to respect and stand with each other?

Maybe over the weekend you could spend some time together reflecting on these things?

Donations Required

After Easter we are relaunching our Vision and Values.



As part of the preparations

for the day we have artists coming into school to work with the children in their houses to create artwork linked to the updated vision:

Being the best we can be, in a thriving community, following the example of Jesus.

The school values which underpin our vision remain that same:

Love Strength Faith

To enable the children to create the artwork planned, we have been asked to collect cardboard of varying size, shape and thickness so if you have anything delivered, empty food packets or come across any other cardboard, please collate and bring into school. All donations welcomed and in advance, we would like to thank you for your help.



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. From last week:

Isla: works well at aiming high in every piece of work that she

completes. Her RE this week was fantastic as she listened carefully then produced a great piece of work.

Bea: is developing fabulous problem solving. This week she made wonderful use of pictures to help show the equivalence between fractions and decimals!

Scarlet: has lovely creativity. Her creative flair shines through in her work, this week producing a beautiful Easter Egg!

Sidney: is developing fabulous problem solving skills and is now using his words to explain what the problem is and to start to find solutions with the help from an adult.

Well done to you all!

Sports Awards

The PE specialty being covered this term is tennis and Miss Ambrose has awarded the following children Sports Awards for the last week:

Harry: for using excellent communication in the doubles tennis matches, which led him to winning many games with his partner.

Cece: for always trying her best even when it is tricky, and helping her classmates during tennis.

Isaac R: for always concentrating and setting a good example to the rest of the class.

Michael: for showing great listening and applying all he has learnt during his PE lessons.

Well done to you all!

Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognizing that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development.

School success starts with ATTENDANCE

It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress, so we ask that you please support us and your child by ensuring their attendance is a priority.

Attendance this year:

Whole school: 94.3%

Maple: 93.3% Cherry: 94.0%

Willow: 94.0% Lilac: 95.8%

96.5 to 99.9% - Green Less than 94.9% - Red 95 to 96.4% - Amber

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind, both academically and socially which impacts on their emotional wellbeing and creates further barriers to learning which is why we are delighted that the children's individual attendance is increasing across the school.

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Forest School - Thursday 21st March





Lilac Class set off for Forest School on a sunny afternoon, although it was still rather soggy under foot following the extensive rain we have experienced over recent months. The class enjoyed squelching through the mud as they made their way across the field and as they walked the class discussed how we are now heading

into spring, with some children spotting the early signs as they walked.









Once at Forest School they split into two groups. One group worked together to gather as much firewood as they could, making sure to only collect dry dead sticks. The other group laid the fire ready for lighting remembering from previous sessions that the larger sticks go on the bottom, working to smaller sticks at the top. Using a flint a steal they quickly lit a piece if cotton wool to get the fire going, and once it was nice and hot they cooked bacon for everyone to enjoy a bacon sandwich.





The class spent a lot of time playing in the ditch as it had a good flow of water running down it. They continued with their dam making from previous sessions, using mud to hold the logs in place. This created pools of water to splash in.

One member of the class chose to help remove all the leaves that had gathered on the roof of the log shelter, which were allowing water to collect and create puddles making it sag. With the help of an adult



a birch broom swept the leaves and the water off.





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Weekly Peek - into Cherry Class

Cherry Class started the week by reading The Odd Fish by Naomi Jones and James Jones. This book links perfectly to their term topic of 'Why should we look after our oceans?' and to their science learning about materials and their properties.

This week, they used the book as a starting point for finding adjectives to describe sea creatures, then used this information to verbally create similes, before having a go at writing them in full sentences:

Tuppence: 'The bright yellow leaf is like a bright lonely star floating in the night sky.' Finn: 'An eel is as quick as a speed train.'

Ida: 'The shark's teeth are like sharp thorns.'





Along side similes, the children have been learning about repetition in existing poems, taking tips from Michael Rosen on how to creatively perform poetry as well.

Pulling the two together they made an exciting poem of their own by adding their best simile sentence then performed their verses while thinking about facial expressions, body movements and adapting voices to creatively present the words.







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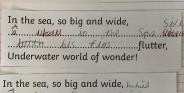
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Weekly Peek - continued

In maths this week, Year 1 have been busy learning about capacity and volume. They explored counting how many cups it would take to fill various vessels.

Year 2 finished off their learning about temperature, by reading the increments on a thermometer and working out the temperature in degrees Celsius. Then they revisited division as sharing before using the division symbol to complete number sentences.







Over the term, the class have been learning to thread a needle and to tie a knot in

the thread as well as learning the running stitch and cross stitch. In DT this week, they have been consolidating their sewing skills to create a badge to send a message about the importance of looking after our oceans. All of the children worked hard to follow their designs, working so hard that each and every one of them *persevered* to succeed!

In science they explored the question



'Why do fabrics have different properties?', discussing the purpose of lifejackets and why they need to be waterproof. To help with this, they performed an experiment to investigate and learnt that to ensure experiments

are fair test only changing one element can change, everything else must stay the same. They changed the materials used, poured the same amount of water over each and recorded the results in a table. Secondly, they discussed how lifejackets need to made out of strong fabric. To find a strong material, they covered a stone with different material and then rubbed it on the stone wall 5 times observing for marks, holes and rips.

From the observations made they were able to say which one was the strongest, establishing that rubber is the best material for a lifejacket because it is both waterproof and strong.

Easter Fun Run

On Monday 25th March, we will be holding an Easter Fun Run which will incorporate an 'Easter Bonnet' competition.



For bonnet please read: hat, bonnet, head/hair band, anything you can wear on your hear or in your hair!

For 'fun run' please read: the active mile around the playground.

A prize will be given to the child in each year group who has the best Easter themed 'Easter Bonnet' so please help your child put their 'thinking caps' on to come up with some great ideas!



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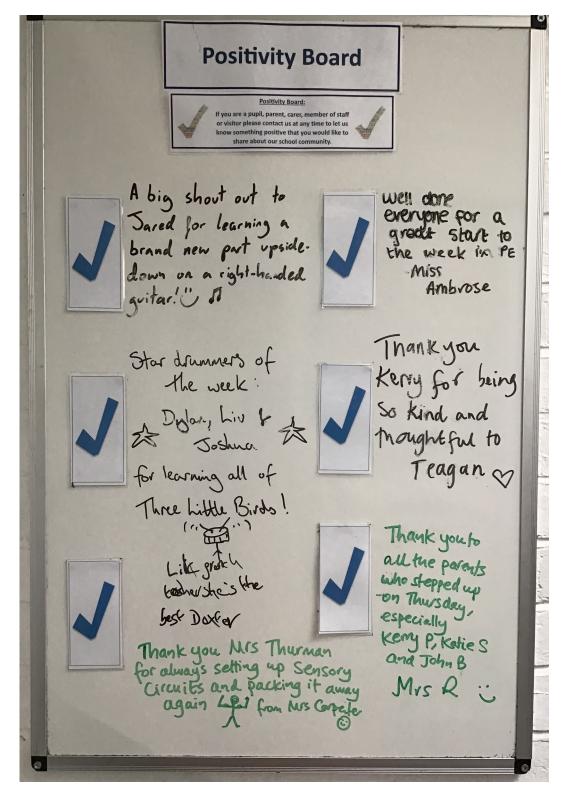


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Positivity Board

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. From last week:



Wellbeing

Our wellbeing poster this week, looks at Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns:



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Easter at Church

Please see below for the Easter Services being held at St Mary the Virgin and Holy Trinity Church.

	Easter Church Services 2024					
Date	Tímes	Church	Service			
17 th March	9.зоат	St Mary's	Holy Communion			
	11am	Holy Trinity	Matíns			
Passiontide Begins						
24 th March	9.30am	.St Mary's	All Age Service			
Palm Sunday with	11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion			
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websites: hartfieldchurch.org, colemanshatchchurch.org

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Easter Woodland Holiday Club

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, April 2024

9.30-2.30pm

@ Sawpit Woods Hartfield

For children Reception- Yr 6 info and booking www.sawpitwoods.co.uk sawpitwoods@gmail.com Go to: https://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk/upcoming-events



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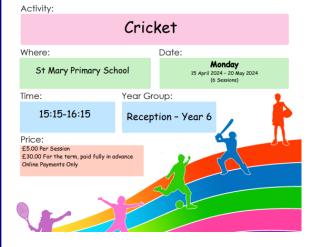
After School Clubs

Monday (bookable from 28th March)



Type of Club:

After School Club



Wednesday



Head Coach: Jon Prenelle 07495 368571 kentandsussextennis@outlook.com

Dear Parent

I am greatly looking forward to building on the existing tennis programme with St Mary's Hartfield

I can confirm the details for the **Term 1 2024** below, but if any queries, do contact me.

Returning players, please deduct $\pounds 8$ from your payment total for the missed class last term.

Wednesdays 3.20-4.20pm

Squad	Dates	Half Term no lesson	
Wednesday 3.20-	April 17 th ,24 th	January 24 th	£128.00
4.20pm	April 17 th ,24 th May 1st, 8 th ,15 th , 22nd	February 15 th	
		April 3th	
		April 10th	

Total number of lessons: 6 Weeks

A payment of £:48 $\,$ is due for 6 weeks of group lessons for the term.

Tuesday

St Mary's After School Choir



Frances Rowberry runs an after school choir on Tuesdays, from 3:15pm - 3:45pm Open to children from Year 2 to Year 6 Those involved will be performing at various events throughout the school year. £2.50 per session

> If you wish to be involved in any of these groups please contact the school office, pop onto active education website or contact Jon Prenelle. Thank you

Friday (bookable from 28th March)



After School Club

Activity:

Basketball



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