

NEWSLETTER

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Dear St Mary's Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. It is great to see all the children back in school eager to learn and giving it their all. They have already fully embraced this term's value of perseverance with many children visiting my office to collect Head teacher awards for overcoming obstacles and striving forward in a range of subjects. We hope you have all received the Curriculum Map for your child's class to see what, how and when the learning links together for the next two terms and have glanced at the back page to see how you can support your child at home. Enjoy reading all about what has been going so far this term.

Cultures and Carnivals Stunning Start



Above: Some of the amazing instruments the children made during the Stunning Start are proudly displayed in the school hall.



"Our new learning Journey is Cultures and Carnivals. In assembly we played different musical instruments. It was really cool to play different ones and to see how they work and hear Miss Falkner play them. I feel inspired to learn to play the trombone." Ethan, Lilac.

"I enjoyed how the different instruments made different noises. It was interesting how they all worked. I liked hearing the noise the reed made because it was a really unusual noise. My favourite instrument was the trombone. In the afternoon I made a kazoo from a paper tube." Harry, Lilac.

"We all made instruments out of recycled materials and craft and art materials. I made a maraca from a milk bottle and some rice. When I shake it, it sounds like hail hitting the floor." Fearghus, Lilac.



French stars for week beg: 18/4/16

Maple: Grace
Cherry: William H
Silver Birch: William ML
Lilac: Maisy P

Sports Personality : Jacob Howarth for great awareness and focus during team games and for always trying his best.

French stars for week beg:
11/4/16

Maple: Florence R
Cherry: Harriet
Silver Birch: Scarlett
Lilac: Hannon

Sports Personality: Louis Crump for outstanding athletics especially his sprint start.

Class Star of the week for week
beg:18/4/16

Maple: Lucy Thomas for excellent all round effort
Cherry:
Larch: Edward for amazing perseverance in Maths
Willow: Lauren Lewis for superb use of her times tables and grid method
Lilac: Jemima Castle for developing a love of algebra

Class Star of the week for week beg
:11/4/16

Maple: Phoebe for excellent handwriting
Cherry: Lily for her wonderful writing
Larch: Lily for her timetables
Willow: Louie for planning his writing and using great **vocabulary**.
Lilac: Ella for her maths problem solving skills

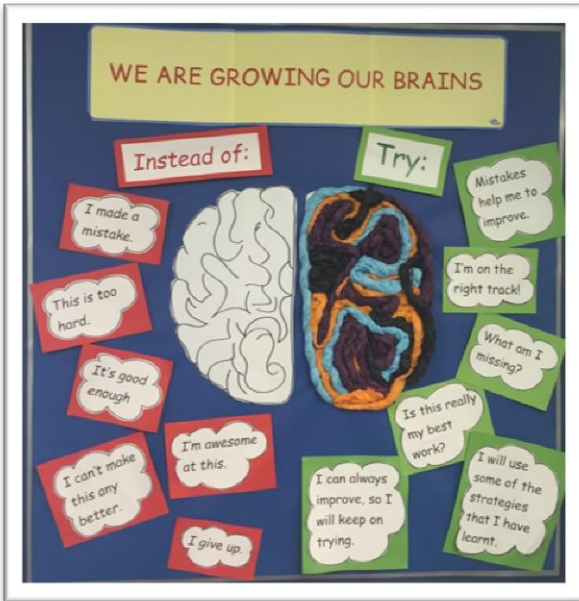


Open Day

Tomorrow afternoon we are once again throwing open our doors and welcoming our local community to come and see what St Mary's has to offer. Thank you very much to all the children who have so generously given up their Saturday afternoon to come and show visitors around our school and take part in all the activities on offer. If your child has offered to come in to join in with Mr D's activities please can they come to school in their PE kit. Please can children who are doing other activities please wear smart school uniform. Please arrive at the school at 1.50pm for a 2.00 start. The Open Afternoon finished at 3pm. Thank you also to all of the families who have agreed to come in and welcome everyone to St Mary's. We have an incredibly supportive and special school community at St Mary's and it is a pleasure to share that with our wider community.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you very much to those of you who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher event this week. Thank you also for the feedback from this event. We will use your feedback to shape future.



If you **did** attend the meet The Teacher event please use this link to send us your feedback; <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QBMC6F5>

If you **did not** attend the Meet The Teacher event please use this link to send us your feedback; <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WY5Q9BQ>

Some of you have used the feedback to ask us for more information about How Full Is Your Bucket. If you would like to watch a short video explaining the concept please click here; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5R6-2m_qHk

The photo on the left illustrates how we encourage children at St Mary's to think with a Growth Mindset. Instead of 'I made a mistake, try 'Mistakes help me to improve.'

For those of you who were unable to attend please read the Governors Newsletter which is also attached to this email so you can join in our celebration of the amazing achievements of the children and adults at St Mary's.

Correction to the Curriculum Updates

Please note that the Curriculum Updates showed the date for the Maypole Festival as 20.04.16. The correct date for this event is 20.05.16.

Swimming

Swimming continues for Y3/4 this term. Ashdown have requested that ALL children need to wear swimming hats please. Friday 9.50am drop off at Ashdown Primary (Junior site), Crowborough.

Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body would like to welcome two new parent governors to their team. Being a school governor is very rewarding and a wonderful way to support the school. As Parent Governor you do not represent the views of all parents, but act as a representative of parents on the governing body. If you would like to know more about governance please contact Lorna Simm, Chair of Governors, at chair@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk. You would be very welcome to come in for a tour of the school, from a governance perspective, and to find out more about the skills governors need. Thank you in advance to those of you who apply and support St Mary's through governance. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 29th April. Please find an application pack attached to this email.

New Children and Families Worker at St Mary's Church

Hello! I just wanted to introduce myself, I am Katrina Thomas, and I am the new Children and Family worker at St Marys Church, where I will be developing new ideas and leading the current children's work. I have been working for 11 years with children and families in range of settings, and I am excited to now be here in Hartfield.

We are busy making plans for the summer at the moment, with a Family Praise and Fun day and 2 'Messy Mondays'- more details will follow. In Sunday Discoverers on the 1st May I am



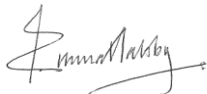
leading a 'get to know you' session at the 9:30am service in the church where the children can find out more about me, and vice versa- it would be great to see you!

I am really looking forward to getting to know more of you- I also have 2 children at the school so tend to be around at the gate, and I will be involved with the Wednesday collective worship- feel free to stop me for a chat or just to say hi!

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Wishing you a happy, healthy and fun weekend.

Kind regards,



MISS E MALTBY
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - Please look out for dates that are coming via your class reps

Any new dates or amendments from the previous week will be in red each week

FUTURE DATES

Saturday 23 rd April	Open Day	14.00 - 15.00
Thursday 28 th April	Y6 to Rotherfield: French trip preparation	13.00 - 15.30
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Saturday 7 th May	Colemans hatch vintage fair - maypole dancing	
Monday 9 th May	SATs week	
Friday 20 th May	May Festival in School	Afternoon
Monday 23 rd May	Y6 to France for the week	
Sunday 22 nd May	Trinity Service	9.30
Friday 27 th May	HALF TERM	