



## LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Weekly Headteacher Awards of Gold stickers and certificates were presented to the following children at today's Celebration Assembly:

**Ruby Class (Yr R) - Minnie Myers**  
**Emerald Class (Yr 1) - Leo Mountier**  
**Topaz Class (Yr 2) - Emily Fox**  
**Amber Class (Yr 3) - Daniella Strydom**  
**Sapphire Class (Yr 4) - Albert Hobbs**  
**Garnet Class (Yr 5) - Penny Hobbs, Isabella Cowan & Cecily Collins**  
**Diamond Class (Yr 6) - Holly Pendlebury**

### INTER COUNTY MATHS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

We are absolutely delighted to announce that this week our Year 5 Maths Team were crowned Maths Challenge Champions, as a result of the East Sussex & Kent Maths Challenge, which took place at Uplands Academy School.

Congratulations to Penny, Cecily and Isabella, who seized the award very convincingly, in competition with 10 other teams. Their winning score of 145 demonstrated the strength of their lead with the silver medal position getting 128 points and bronze position 119.

A huge thankyou to Penny's mum Lisa, who accompanied the team as chaperone.



*Mmm.....a tough question....but not for the Lamberhurst St Mary's Team!*

### OPEN DAY 2022

We are all very much looking forward to our forthcoming Open School Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June and we hope that lots of parents and family members will be able to join us.

It is now 3 years since we held an Open School Day and so many of our families will have no idea what this lovely day entails! The children come to school as usual and all after school clubs/Breakfast Club will run as usual too.

The school will be open at the times outlined below, for parents and family members to watch the Infant and Junior Choirs perform in the school hall, visit the classrooms, watch their children perform in mini music concerts (those children who have additional private music/singing lessons with Mr Pape and Mrs Pitts) and join us for a family picnic at lunch time. Children who normally have school lunches will have a special Open Grab Bag lunch which they can bring outside to eat (weather permitting).

9.05-9.25am - Junior Choir (School Hall)

9.30-9.45am - Infant choir (School Hall)

9.45am Classrooms Open for parents & families to tour the school.

12-1pm - Lunchtime Family Picnic (The classrooms will be closed during the lunch time)

1.15pm Classrooms open for parents and families to tour the school

2.45-3pm - Junior Choir (School Hall)

3.05-3.20pm - Infant choir (School Hall)

The school/classrooms will close at 3.45pm. Parents and families are invited to visit all classrooms, not just the classrooms of their own children. Unfortunately all pupils must remain in their own classrooms except at lunch time and breaktime.

On Monday we will be sending the timetable of instrument and singing performance times to music pupil parents.

## PHONICS PARENT MEETING

Thank you to all the parents from Year 1 and Year 2 who were able to attend the update meeting with Mrs Connors and Miss Newton this week. We have also sent the power Point of information to all YR, Y1 & Y2 parents for information and for those who were not able to attend on this occasion.

### ONLINE SAFETY BILL

The long-awaited Online Safety Bill <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137> has now been introduced to Parliament. The Bill aims to deliver the government's manifesto commitment to make the UK the safest place in the world to be online, while defending free expression. The Bill has been strengthened and clarified since it was published in draft in May 2021 and reflects the outcome of extensive Parliamentary scrutiny. The proposals within the Bill aim to tackle online safety from a number of different areas, including:

- Protecting children from harmful online content, such as, ensuring 18+ age verification checks for sites that host pornography
- Limiting user's exposure to illegal content and requiring social media platforms to tackle 'legal but harmful' content - note Parliament have yet to confirm what constitutes 'legal but harmful' content.
- Ofcom to regulate and fine companies who fail to comply, including new criminal offences for not cooperating, for example, by falsifying or destroying data- offenders could face up to two years in prison or a fine.
- Tech firms and executives to be held more accountable, for example, online platforms that allow people to post their own content, will be required to 'protect children, tackle illegal activity, and uphold their terms and conditions'. There will be tougher and quicker criminal sanctions for tech bosses who do not ensure appropriate measures are in place- prosecution could now be faced within two months of the Bill becoming law
- Protection of freedom of speech
- Combatting fraud by addressing paid-for-scams adverts on social media and search engines
- New measures to address anonymous trolls online, whilst giving users more control over what they interact with and expose themselves to.
- The criminalisation of 'cyber flashing'.

For children, these new laws will mean that all 'in-scope' companies must assess risks and tackle illegal activity that threatens the safety of children online. In addition, platforms likely to be accessed

by children will need to prevent access to harmful material and ensure there are strong protections from harmful activity, such as pornography or bullying. If a child does encounter such things, the Bill

aims to ensure that parents and children are able to report it easily and platforms will take appropriate action in response.

A factsheet which explores the Bill in more depth can be accessed here. As further information is received about the Bill, the Education Safeguarding Service will cascade essential information for education settings via our website, blog, newsletter and training.

Ofcom have published its annual research into children's and adults' media use and online lives, which can be accessed here (<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens>) The reports look at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17, as well as how their parents monitor and manage what they are doing online.

### With this News Brief you will receive via ParentMail:

Every Family ~ Black Deer Festival Flyer & NeoNatal Poster  
YR, Y1 & Y2 Parents ~ Phonics Power Point Information  
Ruby Class ~ Weekly Vocabulary Sheet  
Y3-6 ~ Girls Rugby Flyer