



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)- Fern Moger
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Ruby Weale

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Minnie Young

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Ruby Anderson

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Isla Coates

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Finley Little

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Emilia Fuller

'Oscar'- Daisy Worster YrR

Best Manners Award-Thea Harvey Y6 & Alissia Meyer-Wilkes Y2

EASTER EGG COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to the Easter RE competition winners organised by Mrs Strydom.

The standard and effort of the Y3 & 4 Easter gardens was such that Mrs Bromley just had to give every pupil who made one a prize!

Year 1 & 2 Colouring competition winners: Pavel, Christiana, George & Ava

Y3 & 4 Easter Garden winners:
1st Place-Felix, Ellen & Rufus.

Runners up-Kai and Jess

1st Place-Daniel, Eden & Lily.

Runners Up- Millie & Kitty

Y5 & 6 Easter design winners
Finley, Evie, Helena & Sam

POPPY'S TREE



Last week Year 6 helped their classmate Poppy, Mrs Bromley and Reverend Andrew to plant a beautiful tree as a gesture of support and friendship for Poppy in memory of her mum Hannah, who died earlier this year after a long illness. Our little ceremony was quiet and low key at Poppy's request. We planted the lovely Magnolia grandiflora Goliath next to the footpath into school so that everyone can see it when it comes into bloom and Poppy and her family can watch it grow, long after she has left Lamberhurst St Mary's.

We would like to thank our grounds contractor The TWIG GROUP who generously supplied the tree and to Richard Hungerford, General Manager and also a parent at our school for preparing the ground ready for Poppy to plant her tree.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

We would like to wish all Mums and Grandmas a very Happy Mothering Sunday.

The tradition of Mothering Sunday is said to have begun in England when girls who worked away from home 'in service' went home to worship at their home or 'Mother Church' on Laetare Sunday, which falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent.



As girls made the long walk home they would often pick flowers to take to their church and to their mothers.



Some would also embroider 'kerchiefs' for their mothers.



This tradition was inspired by a lady called Constance Smith who read a newspaper report in 1913 about a lady called Anna Jarvis in America. Anna led a campaign to have a day especially for mothers. Her own mother had died on May 9th and so in 1914 with the support of President Woodrow Wilson, 'Mother's Day' in America was born. It is celebrated today in the USA on the second Sunday in May each year.

THE NETBALL TEAM



Congratulations to Cecilia, Ada, Freya, Molly, Grace, Evie, Isabelle, Megan and Annabelle who came 4th in the area Netball Festival this week.

This is the first time, that this new squad has played together competitively and they were amazing, winning their final match 4-0 against very experienced opponents!

Mrs Mills said that she was very proud of their determination and performance. They have been taking part in netball squad training every Wednesday lunchtime and Coach Mills will be continuing to put the team through their paces every Wednesday lunchtime ready for some planned friendly matches against local teams. The girls also looked formidable and very smart in the new school team kit ©

WELL DONE EMERALD CLASS

Thank you so much to all of the parents and grandparents who attended the Emerald Class assembly Worship this week. They wowed us with their amazing knowledge of The Victorians with songs and such clearly articulated script.



Next Wednesday 3rd April Ruby Class families are invited to join us at 9.05am as the children lead their very first Class Assembly Worship.

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE FOR PARENTS

CEOPS and the THINKUKNOW team have produced some brand new resources especially designed for children aged 4-7yrs to support them in developing knowledge, skills and confidence to help them respond safely to risks they may encounter online. The website and new resources can also be used by parents to begin and guide conversations and shared learning at home.

There are 3 animations and some story books about 'Jesse & Friends' and how to use Jessie & Friends to help keep your child safer online. Before parents watch Jessie & Friends with their child, here are a few things you can do:

*Explore together: Ask your child to show you their favourite websites and apps and what they do on them. Listen and show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.

*Initiate (and continue) conversations about online safety: Ask them if anything ever bothers or worries them while they're online. You could use examples of events from the animations and ask if they've experienced anything similar. Reinforce the key message: if anything happens online which makes them feel worried, scared or sad, the best thing to do is talk to you or another adult who they trust.

*Help your child identify adults who can help: Help your child identify trusted adults from different areas of their life such as at home or at school.

•Be non-judgemental: Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and loving support.

*Supervise your child while they are online: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an appropriate adult is able to supervise. It is not safe for 4-7 year olds to access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.

*Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others: If your child is engaging with others online remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If considering sharing a photo or video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

*SafeSearch: This is highly recommended for use with young children. Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child is exposed to whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage (often shaped like a small cog).

*Parental controls: Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled device in your home. You can learn more by reading their article on using parental controls.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>



Today you will also receive:

Every Family ~ Sea Life Flyer

Every Pupil ~ Summer Term Clubs Permission letter.

Year 4 & 5 via ParentMail ~ Cranbrook Grammar School Open School Events.

Year 5 Girls ~ Hillview School for Girls - Year 5 Taster Morning

EASTER SERVICE

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Easter Service at St Mary's next Friday
5th April at 9.30am.

Helpers to walk to and from church will be much appreciated.

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19

Monday	25 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26 th February	Start Term 4
Wednesday	3 rd April	Year 4 Forest School
Wednesday	3 rd April	Year R Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Second hand Uniform Sale - Drop Off & Pick UP
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Easter Disco - 5pm
Friday	5 th April	9.30am Easter Service at St Mary's Church End of Term - 3.20pm
Monday	22 nd April	Easter Monday -Bank Holiday
Tuesday	23 rd April	Start Term 5
Friday	26 th April	Year 6 Safety In Action
Tuesday	30 th April-9 th July	Swimming Y4 & Y5
Wednesday	1 st May - 5 th June	Year 3 Forest School
Wednesday	15 th May	Happy Bag Collection 9.00am
Monday	20 th May - 10 th June	Year 1 Forest School
Friday	24 th May	End of Term - 3.20pm