



NEWSLETTER

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Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who came to St Mary's Church on Sunday 13th November for the Remembrance Day service, especially to Ellen Orrell and Aiden Boniface who laid a wreath on behalf of the school



Thanks also to Jessica Cordy and Tom Barnes for leading our Remembrance Day service here at School on Friday 11th November. It was lovely to see so many children wearing their Brownie, Cub, Beaver and Scout uniforms. Ellen Orrell played The Last Post on her cornet and all of our children, even the very youngest, took part in a two minute silence.

Anti-Bullying Week



Thank you to the Junior Choir and to the School Council for leading our Anti-Bullying Assembly on 14th November. Members of the school Council provided a series of role play scenarios as well as an excellent Powerpoint presentation to help get the important message across. The choir, led by Mr Rogers, sang the song Titanium. They are now busy preparing for Christmas.

Kidenza Concert

Kidenza, classical concerts for kids, presents 'The Frozen Nutcracker' - a mash up of the festive Nutcracker Suite and music from Disney's epic 'Frozen. Featuring our world class musicians and West End performers this show is suitable for all ages and, in true Kidenza style, will not disappoint. Come along for a festive concert, some well-known, exciting classics, a bit of a singalong and FUN.



Tickets are £12 but if you use the discount code **SCHOOLSTFN** you will get 25% off making tickets just £9. They are available from www.kidenza.co.uk Children under 2 years go free. Show will last approx. 75 minutes.

Vine leaves...

Congratulations to Amelia and Jessica who have been awarded Vine Leaves for their kindness and generosity.



Julia Donaldson's visit.



This was an amazing and truly memorable experience for everyone, but especially for our Year Two children who enjoyed a splendid workshop with Julia and her husband. Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Book Fair in the afternoon and endured the queues! We now have £400 to spend on books across the whole school.

School Togs

From January, School Togs will be visiting the school on the first Thursday of the month, not on Wednesdays. If you wish to order any uniform over the school holidays, please ring Eddie on 01403 266949.



Tim Peake



Children in Year Five were very excited when a team from WSCC came to school to film them for a promotional video asking the astronaut, Tim Peake, to visit schools in West Sussex. Tim Peake captured the nation's hearts and imaginations with his recent successful mission into space. Not only is he the first British European Space Agency astronaut, he is from our very own patch, West Sussex! Chichester City Council is soon to present Tim with the 'Freedom of the City' in a special ceremony.

In conjunction with this event, a video invitation has been created to ask Tim to a special conversation with young people in West Sussex to share his journey. If the invitation is accepted, 250 young people will be invited to The Council Chamber at County Hall, Chichester to hear Tim speak and it will be webcast live so all schools can take part.

Parking



Once again we have had complaints about inconsiderate parking in the mornings and afternoons. We have asked that any parking infringements are notified to the Operation Crackdown website. Please make sure that you are not blocking driveways or even, as reported this morning, the road opposite the end of Link Lane! Drop off and pick up are obviously the busiest times of day

outside the school and we wish to keep the children safe, no-one wants to be responsible for injuring a child. Please use the parking at the Sports and Social Club if you can.

Led by a Star

This popular seasonal event will take place on Friday 16 December, leaving The Chequers hotel at 6.00pm. There will be a procession to the Village Hall for carols and refreshments and glow sticks will be available. Children are encouraged to dress up; we would love to see kings, angels, shepherds, sheep. There is a rumour that there may be a special visitor....

The event should be over by 8.00pm and if the evening is wet there will be no procession, the event will just be at the Village Hall.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need appeal on Friday 18th November. Thank you to Sean T-B and Tom B who gave up their break times to count the sponsor money. We raised the magnificent sum of £300 – thank you for your generosity.



Contacting teachers



Finally, I have a special request to make on behalf of the teachers. In this day and age of very speedy electronic communication it is not unusual for teachers to share their school e-mail addresses with parents. All I am asking is that if you do send e-mails to teachers you do not expect them to be opened or responded to outside normal working hours and certainly not in the evenings or at weekends.

With Christmas approaching, please make sure you keep checking the school website for special events including the Reception Nativity, Key Stage One Christmas Production, and Advent Eucharist.

Next term begins on **TUESDAY 3 JANUARY** at 8.45am.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas from all of the staff at St Mary's school.

