



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

COMPASSION, WISDOM, JUSTICE, PEACE

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23rd February 2018

Christian values for this half term

This half term we will be looking at the values of compassion, wisdom, justice and peace. Our Wednesday morning Class Worship sessions as well as our whole school Collective Worship on a Monday will be used to provide opportunities for the children to explore these values and to see how we can all demonstrate them in our everyday lives.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Kitty-Mae from South Africa class. Following a lengthy selection process she has been awarded a place at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham from September 2018. Her brothers have already attended Christ's Hospital School so Kitty-Mae is fully aware of the yellow socks and long blue coat she will soon be wearing.

Visit to Christ's Hospital School

Cross-country running – A team of 13 children headed to Christ's Hospital to take part in a Cross Country competition. The course was 1200m and we couldn't be more proud of the children who participated. They ran so hard and so fast and represented the school impeccably. Thank you to Mrs Treadwell for her help and support with the team and thank you to William Evans, Jacob Pells, Luke Wilson, Josh Wilson, Reuben Eifion Wynne, Lucy Aspell, Lottie Salter, Tilly Haynes, Emily Tobin-Crawford, Meredith Lewis, Georgie Cargill, Amelie Allen, Evie –Rae Barnett as well as the parents who offered their support and cheered the children on.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday sees the start of Fairtrade Fortnight and we will begin the week with a specially prepared assembly to show the children how they can contribute to Fairtrade. I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Turner who has been organising this.

During the fortnight:-

- Tesco will be donating some Fairtrade bananas for the children to enjoy
- Chartwells will be running a competition to design a Fairtrade poster. Prizes are family tickets to Tulley's Farm - details will be included in this week's newsletter. (see attached poster)
- Nick Herbert MP will be coming into school this Friday to talk to members of Eco-Council/Eco-Club about Fairtrade.

Again, there will be photos on the school website showing the different things children have been learning and doing.

World Book Day

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March. In the usual tradition of the school, the children and adults will be dressing up as book characters and bringing their favourite book into school as a celebration of literature.

During the day the children will have the opportunity to share their favourite books and join in a drama workshop with the theme "Under the Sea."

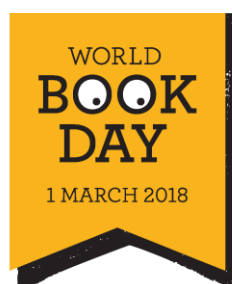
They will also be taking part in some of the following activities.

- Paired reading of favourite books or book making with their buddy class.
- Cosy time – children bring in soft toy/pillow and favourite book and "just" read.
- Writing a story of their own either based on a genre of the teacher's choosing or the child's favourite book.
- Making a class non-fiction book about what they have learnt in their topic work so far this term, to display in the classroom.
- Writing a character description or drawing and labelling the character they have chosen to be for the day.
- Writing a talk story of their favourite book and teaching it to friend.
- Rehearsing a powerful section/page of their favourite book to read aloud.
- Making a comic strip of their favourite book.
- Changing the ending, character or dilemma of their favourite book.

We are also running a competition to see which class can read the most books in one week.

Many thanks for your help and support, as always, in ensuring the children have the best experience possible!

Happy Reading!



Reception visit to RSPB Pulborough Brooks



We are fortunate to have RSPB Pulborough Brooks so near to St. Mary's School. It is a haven for a huge range of species, and has varied habitats to explore and get closer to nature. On Wednesday U.K. and Austria spent the day at Pulborough Brooks. The weather was kind to us and we had a wonderful day.

Both classes spent time at the pond where there's an unseen world of amazing wildlife ready to be discovered. In the woods the children were encouraged to touch, listen, see and smell. When children are engaged in learning about science and nature, they are also learning strategies for active exploration, thinking and reasoning and developing working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical and material worlds around them.

I would like to thank the staff at Pulborough Brooks who made such an effort to engage with the children. Mrs. Huntley-Hart and I would also like to thank our parents who accompanied us.

Lee Callender – Early Years Coordinator

Thank you

Thank you to the Key Stage Two choir who sang one of their favourite songs from the O2 Arena in this week's Songs for Worship. They sang a medley of well-known songs which the rest of the school really did enjoy.



Congratulations

Well done Lilia E-B and Isobel M who have both been awarded Vine Leaves this week. Lilia's was for Kindness because she always seems to put others before herself and Isobel's was for Service because she has worked so hard to keep the class book corner tidy so that everyone in the class can see the titles available and choose books more easily.

INSET days for next year – September 2018

Some of you have been asking about INSET days at the start of the next academic year I can confirm that **Monday 3rd September & Tuesday 4th September 2018 will both be INSET days.**

BOOK 1

Children will be expected to return to school on Wednesday 5th September.



Dates for your diary

February			
Tue 27th	PTA Film Night - KS1	3.30pm - 5.15pm	See posters for more details
	PTA Film Night - KS2	5.30pm - 7.30pm	See posters for more details
Wed 28th	O2 Photo veiwing for Choir parents	3.30pm-4.30pm	Mexico Class
March			
Thur 1st	World Book Day - Book costumes required		
Fri 2nd	Christ's Hospital Choral day	During School day	Christ's Hospital
Fri 2nd	Anchorage Visit	During School day	
Sat 3rd	PTA Race Night	7.30pm	
Tue 6th	Year 3 - 'Hawking About'	During school day	School hall
Thur 8th	Steyning Book Shop - Book Fair	2.00pm - 4.00pm	School Hall
Fri 9th	School Reports sent home		
Sat 10th	Grounds Working Party	9am - 12noon	
Sun 11th	Mothering Sunday Service		See Church website for details
Wed 14th	Ash Wednesday Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	School hall
Sat 17th	Spring Flower Show	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Village Hall
Mon 19th	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS		
Mon 19th - 23rd	Year 6 Bikeability - All consent froms must be retuned ASAP		
Mon 19th	Mr Satchwell Cornet Concert	9.15am	School hall
Tue 20th	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.30pm	School Hall
Thur 22nd	Parents Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	School Hall
Sun 25th	Easter Play	10.00am	Church
Mon 26th	Easter Play	2.00pm	School

March			
Tue 27th	Easter Play	2.00pm	School
Tue 27th	DISCO - KS1	5pm - 6pm	School Hall
	DISCO - KS2	6.15 - 7.30pm	School Hall
Wed 28th	Team Party	During the day	School
Thur 29th	Easter Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	School Hall
Thur 29th	Last day of Term		

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



DESIGN A POSTER TO PROMOTE FAIRTRADE

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with Chartwells

Order and eat our Chartwells meals everyday for Fairtrade Fortnight and design a Fairtrade poster.

The lucky winner will receive a family ticket to Tulleys Farm



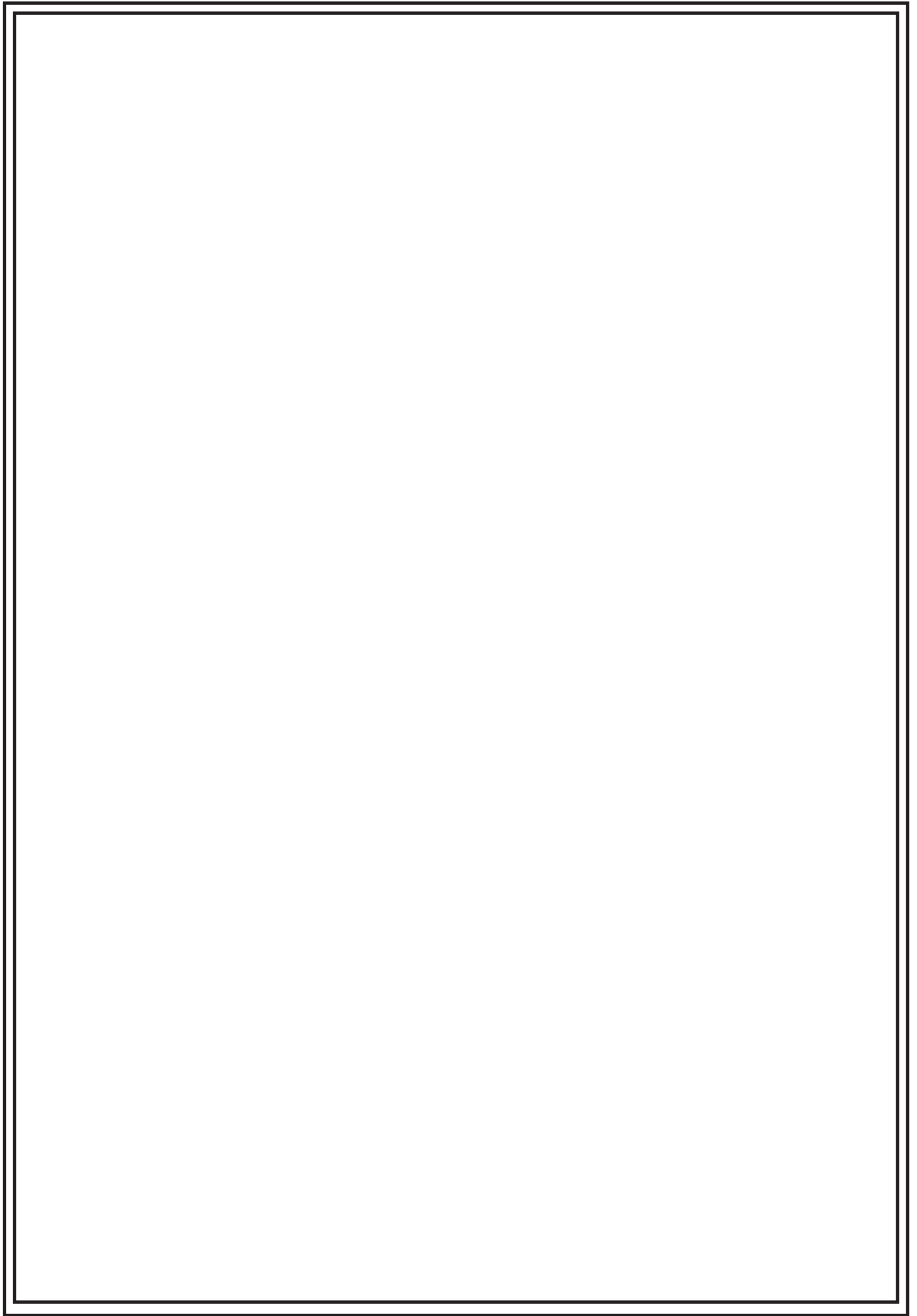
Please complete your details
and your Fairtrade poster design then
return to your Chartwells service counter
by Friday 16th March

Name:

Age: Class Year:

School:

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St Mary's School, Pulborough

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 3rd March 2018



“A splendid time is guaranteed for all”

**Ticket only
£4 adult £2 child**

or

**Ticket + Fish & Chips Supper
£8 adult £4 child**

Please note: All tickets must be purchased before 23rd Feb



Takings

Two thirds of the takings are divided among those who have winning tickets.



Syndicates

All horses are auctioned every other race, punters can form syndicates if they wish.



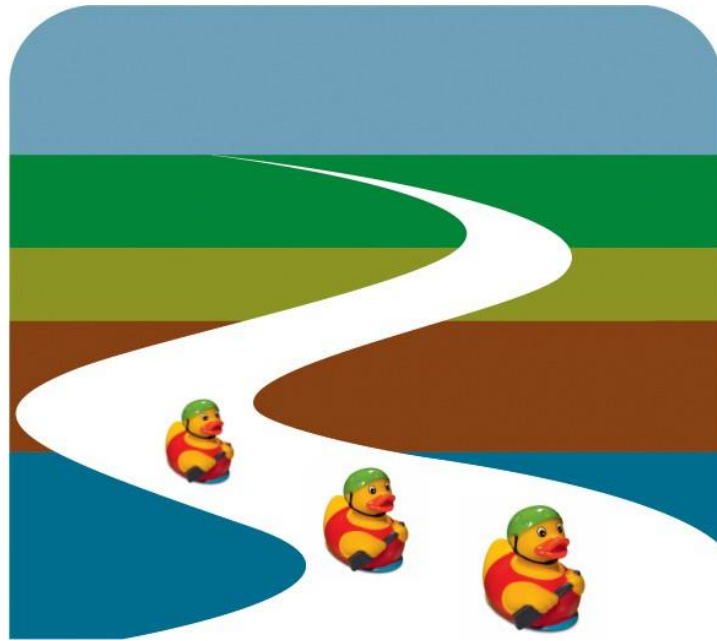
Owners

The owner(s) of the winning horse receives two thirds of the total spent.

Licenced Bar and an impressive raffle!

Tickets tel: 07968 151 526

7pm | First race starts at 7:30pm



THE PULBOROUGH DUCK RACE.....

.....Not all of our ducks were in a row.....

Same Ducks, Same River

New site –Swan Bridge Corner – opposite the
Corn Store

New Date – Sunday June 24th

& not just ducks on the river!

Fun for all the Family

Find us on Facebook or

email pulboroughduckrace@gmail.com for
more information or to see how you can get
involved!