



# NEWSLETTER

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## Grounds Working Party – 'Thank you'

We would firstly like to say a very special 'Thank you' to everyone who was able to join the Grounds Working Party last weekend. Once again we were really lucky with the weather and were able to get a great deal of work done. It's amazing just how much can be achieved when people are working together.



## Sunday School at St Mary's Church

A reminder that Sunday School meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month in St Mary's Church from 9.00am til 10.00am. Sunday School is followed by the Family Service which has a children's theme.

Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to see a few more families there.

## School Uniform



A letter has been sent out to all parents with information about how to purchase the St Mary's school uniform through the Tesco website. There are spare leaflets in the school office if you need one and please remember that there is a direct link from our school website to the Tesco uniform site. There is a full range of embroidered uniform and accessories (book bags, baseball hats, rucksacks) as well as blue gingham dresses for the girls and standard grey, navy and white uniform items. Don't forget to collect your Tesco clubcard points every time you place an order.

Feedback from parents on the new service has been that ordering is very straightforward and delivery has been within three or four days. However, the sizes are coming up fairly small when compared with our previous supplier and you may want to order a size larger.

[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)



## St Mary's School Choir

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June our school choir took part in The Weald Locality Summer Concert at The Hawth Theatre in Crawley. Tickets for the Concert sold very quickly and the children found themselves performing to a sell-out crowd. The theme of this year's concert was 'Voyages of Discovery' and the children sang a wide range of songs including, 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines', 'Going Places', 'Space Iddity' and 'Somewhere, over the Rainbow'.



## URGENT – CHILDMINDERS need for AFTER-SCHOOL from SEPTEMBER.

We have had a number of parents of children who will be joining us in September asking about after-school care. They are pleased that we have an EarlyBird Club but we also need childcare from 3.15pm until around 6.00pm. If you are an existing childminder or know of any local childminders who may have some spaces from September, PLEASE contact the school as soon as possible. There is a huge shortage of childminders in the area and we really do want to do everything we can to help these new parents.



## Congratulations

Very well done to Jack Kendall and Emily Mariner who have both earned 'Vine Leaves' for showing Friendship and to all the children in China class and Ireland class for their wonderful Class Assemblies. I know that the children really look forward to sharing what they have learned and the rest of the school always learn something too.

## Emergency contact numbers

Thank you to all of you who keep us up to date with new contact numbers, especially new mobile numbers. This really is important as we can never tell when we might have to contact you in an emergency.



## Behaviour at St Mary's

You will already have received a letter about children's behaviour at St Mary's and how we are putting new strategies in place to help everyone follow our Golden Rules. The good news is that most of the children really do behave extremely well. However, it would be helpful if all parents could remind children of what our Golden Rules are.

By working together there is no reason why we cannot raise the standard of behaviour at school so that every child feels safe and happy both in class and on the playground.

Finally, if you have any concerns about children's behaviour please remember that we do have an 'open door' policy and are always happy to meet with you. We would much rather be made aware of problems early on so that we can deal with them before they develop into major issues.

### OUR GOLDEN RULES

- **We will always listen and try to understand people's differences**
  - **We will move sensibly and quietly around school**
  - **We will keep our hands, feet and possessions to ourselves**
  - **We will look after the school and always take care of it**
- **We will sort out problems by talking them through with each other or an adult**
  - **We will talk kindly to everyone**

## Welcome back

We are all looking forward to next week when Mr Rogers, Miss Turner and Mrs Huntley-Hart will all be returning to school. Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during what has been a difficult time for children, parents and staff alike.



## Staying safe in the sun

We have had some exceptionally warm weather this week. In order to help us keep your children safe please make sure they come to school with a water bottle and a hat. Sun protection cream should be applied at home please.



We will also be making sure that the children are given time to sit in the shade and are not allowed to spend too long in the sun.



This is another very busy half term with Sports Days, Parents' Evenings, trips to Chichester Cathedral, Marwell Zoo, Portsmouth Naval Dockyard, Dell Quay and Ingfield Manor. We also have our Year Six production of Aladdin, the Summer Fayre, the Weald Reading Festival, class assemblies and several sports events to look forward to. Please do keep an eye on the school website to make sure you don't miss out.



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**Reminder: Lions Belarus Appeal 2017**

This year the Lions International are collecting clean second hand clothes for children and teenagers, these will be transported to Gomel in September and distributed throughout the local orphanages and schools by the Gomel Lions club.

We will be collecting on behalf of Lions for the next few weeks.

Thank you.

Joanna Brown, Headteacher