



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



# NEWSLETTER

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

**FAITH, TRUST, TRUTHFULNESS**

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20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **Welcome Back**

It has been lovely to see all the children back from their Easter holidays and looking forward to a very busy summer term. I know there will be many highlights including our own special way of celebrating the forthcoming marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan, visits from the RSPB, residential visits to the Isle of Wight and Marchant's Hill, the Year Six 'Big Top' production and, of course, the Summer Fayre.

## **Walking to school – Walking Bus**

On Monday you would have seen several members of staff, Governors and our Neighbourhood Wardens handing out leaflets and talking to parents about our plans to set up a **Walking Bus**. Although it is still early days we are hoping that this new initiative will be well supported and that as the weather improves we will see more and more of our children walking to school across the recreation ground rather than being dropped off right outside the school.



Even walking part of the way to school will help to increase your child's level of fitness as well as reduce the volume of traffic in and around the school.

Children who regularly walk some or all of the way to school will be given rewards either through the class Dojo system or by receiving special badges.

## **Swimming**

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with swimming this term. We are so fortunate to have our own pool on the school site and your help is very important to us. This term we are joined by Mrs Treadwell who, as a qualified swimming coach, will be providing staff training so that children's experience of school swimming will be of the very highest standard. Mrs Treadwell has also been supporting our Cross Country Running Club.

Could we ask parents when helping with swimming to talk to the teacher about the health and safety around the pool and pool cover and collect some safety notes from the office to read at your leisure. Please come suitably dressed with covered shoes, **No flip-flops** as we don't want any injuries.



## **Keeping children safe in the sun**

Please apply sun cream to children before they come to school, as a school we not permitted to hold sun cream in school or apply sun cream to a child. Children must **NOT** Share sun cream with any other child for Health & Safety reasons. All children must bring a sun hat and a refillable drinks bottle. Children must not apply sun cream immediately before going swimming as this reacts to the chemical levels in the pool, if you child is swimming during the day it is fine to put sun cream on them before coming to school.

## **The Easter Story**

The children in Years 3 and 4 gave three fantastic performances of 'The Easter Story' during the final week of last term. This was a real team effort; the children had worked with energy and enthusiasm since January and it was great to see their confidence grow. The Year 4 children delivered their lines clearly and confidently and were ably supported by the Year 3s who sang beautifully in the choir.

We would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Play this year: Mrs Castle, Mrs Lee, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Bryan and Mrs Ansell for your help with costumes, props and the choir; Mrs Bridge, Mr Leach and Josh Leach for your expertise with lighting and sound; everyone at 'Company Presents' for their assistance with organising the staging for the performances; Mr Harrison for your contribution to our props department; Mrs Lees, Mrs Russell and Mrs Gabriel for your help with organisation of letters and tickets; Mr Hancock for your invaluable musical expertise during the rehearsals and performances – it would have been impossible to put on the production without you and we are hugely grateful for your continued support.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the children who attended the Palm Sunday Eucharist to perform a section of the play in St Mary's Church – it was lovely to see so many of you there!

Miss Turner, Mrs Burbidge, Miss Moore, Mr Coomber and Miss Lyons

## **Easter Hamper Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to make up the three Easter Hampers. Hugh congratulations to Robyn D, Laurence W and James C who had the lucky tickets! In total, around £250.00 was raised towards the Big Top fund so we thank everyone who bought a ticket and those who gave up their time to sell the tickets. A particular thanks to Kerry Sharp who put the hampers together - it was a fabulous idea!



Thank you from Year 6, Mrs Berry and Ms Frances.

## **Easter Disco**

Thank you to the PTA for organising this year's Easter Discos and also to members of staff who stayed to help out. The new DJ proved to be extremely popular as were the 'light-up hair decorations, stress balls and coloured slinky springs'. We had a record turn-out for the KS2 disco and, you will be pleased to hear, behaviour was exemplary. A great time was had by all.

## **Team Party**

Sadly we had to postpone the Team Party at the end of last term because there were technical problems with the class Dojos and it took a while to work out which team had won. Be assured the winning team will get their party next week.

## **Easter Workshop at St Mary's Church**

Mrs Copus and her twins attended the Easter Workshop at St Mary's Church and had a very creative and fun time; she said how lovely it was to see so many of our school children there and having such a lovely time.

## **Easter chicks**

Our little chicks now have feathers instead of down and are out and about enjoying the sunshine.



## **Art Competition – Japan Class**

Before the Easter Break, Japan class were visited by Mr Rowe who, together with Mrs D, instructed them on an art competition using mixed media. The competition could lead to them having their work displayed. Tilly and Jacob won the class prize and we look forward to seeing how their work compares to Mr Rowe's London school pupils. Well done!



Jacob Gillam



Tilly Haynes

## Year Five visit to The Anchorage

Just before the end of last term a group of our Year Five children visited The Anchorage to get to know some of the residents a bit better. Each child took along an item of special interest to them so that they would have something to start their conversations off with. Rebecca had taken along her most recent certificate for playing the flute, Zac took some photographs, Mary took rosettes won by her guinea pigs and Amy talked about her love of football and her family's links with Arsenal Football Club. It was a great way of strengthening our links across the Pulborough community and the children realise that older people not only have wonderful memories to share but are also genuinely interested in what is going on at St Mary's School.

## Rock Steady

Once again we were treated to an exciting and energetic end of term performance from our very own rock bands. It would be impossible to single out just one band for a special mention because they were all amazing. What is important to mention though is the teamwork and great listening skills that are involved. The bands also provide an opportunity for children from across the school to come together and develop their different talents.

## Congratulations

Well done to Tilly H for being the first person to achieve a Gold Star this year. Gold Stars are highly coveted and we only award about 35 each year. To get a Gold Star before the summer term has even started is a really great achievement.



Well done also to Buddy S who was awarded a Vine Leaf for Courage and Perseverance last term.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed this questionnaire. Overall the results are extremely positive especially regarding children's safety and progress.

The issue surrounding the behaviour of some children is one which we had already identified and we are continuing to work closely with these children and their families.

How the school deals with bullying is also an area that we are working on and, in particular, we are looking for ways of developing children's resilience and encouraging them to tell an adult whenever an issue arises. It was interesting to see that nearly 20% of parents were not sure whether or not we deal with bullying effectively; presumably because it has not been an issue for them or their child.

Likewise the percentage of parents who were not sure how well the school is led and managed or how well the school deals with concerns suggests that these may not be issues that they have had any reason to consider.

Naturally we are concerned that nearly 10% of parents would not recommend St Mary's to another parent. This figure is significantly higher than we would have hoped and is clearly something that we need to address. On looking at this more closely a number of parents who said they would not recommend the school qualified their response by adding that this was due to individual children rather than staff or any other underlying issues, **please see summary of the results attached.**



### **'Caring, Sharing and Daring' U.K. and Austria class**

As part of our topic entitled 'Caring, Sharing and Daring' U.K. and Austria class were interested to learn about two careers that involve caring for people and animals. Each adult talked to the children about what they have to do on a day to day basis as part of their job. Mrs. Elvey talked about her day at Worthing Hospital which involves catheter angiography; this produces very detailed, clear and accurate pictures of the blood vessels around the heart.

Mrs. Richardson- Livesley works in the Equine Department at Brinsbury College and teaches students how to care for horses. The children then had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and to find out more information. Both inspired lots of role-play! We would like to thank Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Richardson-Livesley for giving up their time.

The Foundation Stage Team



### **Little Princess Trust**



Congratulations and thank you to Holly Doy who has raised over £700 in aid of the Little Princess Trust by having her hair cut and donated to the charity. The following link can still be used if you would like to make a final donation.

### **Tesco Bags of Help**



Great news from the PTA, St Mary's came first in the Tesco Bags of Help vote and have been given a £4000 grant from Tesco for the new swimming pool liner. Later this term we will be having a special photo opportunity and official 'Thank You' ceremony with the PTA and Tesco. Well done to the PTA and of course a very big thank you to Bags of Help.

### **Multi-Sports Club**

Just a reminder that the Multi Sports Clubs will continue to run this term every Tuesday morning from 8.00am - 8.45am and every Monday and Friday Lunch time EY & KS1 1.00pm - 1.30pm and KS2 12.30pm - 1.00pm.

Unfortunately the David Ruff Club will not be running on a Wednesday morning any more.

There is no need to inform the school of your child's attendance to any of the above clubs; anyone is welcome to attend on an ad-hoc basis.

## **Please be aware:**

### **Public Health announcement from Gaston Farm**

There have been diagnosed cases of the highly infectious diarrhoea illness caused by *Cryptosporidium* in the area.

The warning from Public Health England states that anybody diagnosed with this should not attend school for 48hrs after recovery and not swim for two weeks after the symptoms have ended.

As we begin our swimming sessions at St Mary's please let the school office know if your child has been diagnosed with *Cryptosporidium* during the Easter holidays.

May we also take the opportunity to remind you of the school policy for any sickness and/or diarrhoea, a child should not return to school until 48hrs after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

### **Mining Bees**

We have a large colony of Mining Bees at the end of the driveway; these are a protected species and are very docile and unlikely to sting posing little or no threat to people.

Please keep away from them as we don't want to disturb them.



## **Other News:**

### **Royal Wedding**

As a school we are going to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Friday 18th May with a Red, White and Blue themed street party. More details to follow closer to the time.

### **Family Campout**

On Saturday 23rd June from 3pm to 11am Sunday 24th June Book your pitch for our family camp out!

Pitch per family - one adult £15, two adults £20 (All money raised will go towards the Big Top costs) Evening Campfire—bring your marshmallows! Games and Activities for all the family Bring your own tent and equipment Tea, coffee and hot chocolate included in the price (please bring your own camping mugs if possible) No BBQ's please.

A BBQ will be provided approx. 5.30pm (burgers / hotdogs £2.50) Breakfast Bacon Rolls (£2) or Croissants (£1) available

**Please pick up a letter from the School Office to sign up.**

### **Chartwells Vacancies**

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?

If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Position is term time only

Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact

Kellie Oldfield, Area Manager on 07917210121 or email

Kellie.oldfield@compass-group.co.uk

# **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE – SPRING 2018**

	Strongly agree or disagree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.	94%	6%	0%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	93%	6%	1%
3. My child makes good progress at this school.	92%	5%	3%
4. My child is well looked after at this school.	96%	3%	1%
5. My child is taught well at this school.	96%	2%	2%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	90%	7%	3%
7. This school makes sure its children are well behaved.	72%	24%	4%
8. This school deals effectively with bullying.	60%	21%	19%
9. This school is well led and managed.	79%	13%	8%
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	82%	8%	10%
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	90%	9%	1%
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?	91%	9%	

Dates for your diary			
<b>April</b>			
Tue 24th	Year 1 Phonics Meeting	3.30pm	
Wed 25th	KS1 SATs Meeting	3.30pm	India Classroom
Thur 26th	Tea & Chat with Mrs Copus (children with anxiety/ stressed)	2.00pm	Small Hall
Fri 27th	China Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Mon 30th	After School Clubs Start - Outside providers may differ		
<b>May</b>			
Tue 1st	PTA Film Night KS1 (not EYF)	3.15pm - 5.00pm	School hall
	PTA Film Night KS2	5.15pm - 7.00pm	School hall
Fri 4th	Non uniform day - bring chocolates/bottles for Summer Fair Raffle		
	New Zealand Class Assembly	9.00am-9.30am	School hall
Mon 7th	<b>Bank Holiday - School Closed</b>		
Wed 9th	UK Class to Ingfield Manor- <b>Drop off and pick up by parents at Infield</b>	9.15am-2.00pm	
Thur 10th	Ascension Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	
Fri 11th-Sun 13th	Yr 5 Residential to Bethany House/Marchants Hill	Depart 2.00pm approx	
Fri 11th	PTA Quiz Night (watch out for posters)	Doors open 7.00pm	School hall
Mon 14- Fri 18th	SATS Week & Breakfast Club for Yr 6	8.00am	
Wed 16th	Austria Class to Ingfield Manor - <b>Drop off and pick up by parents at Infield</b>	9.15am-2.00pm	
Fri 18th	Royal Wedding Street Party (Non-uniform Red,White & Blue)		
	Canada Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Tue 22nd	New Parents for September 2018 Meeting	7.00pm	School hall
Wed 23rd	Yr6 Transition Group to The Weald (invite only)	1.30pm	The Weald School
Thur 24th	Cake Sale in aid of FSW	9.00am - 9.45am	School hall
Thur 24th	FSW Cake Sale	Break time	

Fri 25th	USA Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Mon 28th - 1st Jun	<b>Half Term - School closed</b>		
<b>June</b>			
Mon 4th - Fri 8th	Yr 6 Residential Week to Isle of Wight		
Tue 5th	Uk & Austria Class to Dell Quay		
Thu 7th	UK Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Fri 8th	Woodwind Assembly		
Sun 10th	PTA Summer Fayre	Afternoon	
Mon 11th	Walk about Week - New Parents from September 2018		
	Year 1 Phonics Week		
	Music Festival - Choir		The Hawth Theatre
Wed 13th	Yr6 Transition Group to The Weald (invite only)	1.30pm	The Weald School
Thur 14th	World of Work Day		
Fri 15th	Year 4 to Lodge Hill		
Fri 15th	Mexico Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Sat 16th	Grounds Working Party	Morning	
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	New Reception children for Sept 2018 visit week		
Wed 20th	KS1 Sports Day		
Thu 21st	USA Class & SL Class - Intech Centre Visit		Winchester
	KS1 Reserve Sports day		
	Austria Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Fri 22nd	Whole School Photo		
Sun 24th	Pulborough Duck Race		Swan Bridge Corner
Mon 25th	Sports Week - Opened by Lizzie Williams (Para Athlete)		
Tue 26th	Yr 6 Transition Day to The Weald		



Wed 27th	KS2 Sports Day		
Thur 28th	KS2 Reserve Sports Day		
Fri 29th	Mexico Class & China Class - Submarine Museum Visit		
	Siarra Leone Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
<b>July</b>			
Mon 2nd	Art Week		
Tue 3rd	Leavers Service - Time TBC		Lancing College
Tue 3rd	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.00pm	School hall
Thur 5th	Parents Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	School hall
	Jamaica Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Fri 6th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CLUBS		
	NZ Class & Ireland Class - Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit		
	India Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Tue 10th	Yr 6 Production	1.15pm & 6.00pm	Big Top
Thur 12th	Yr 6 Production	6.00pm	Big Top
	Thailand Class Assembly	9.00am - 9.30am	School hall
Fri 13th	Year 6 Production	6.00pm	Big Top
	Ireland Class Assembly		
Sat 14th	Year 6 Leavers Ball		
Mon 16th	New class letters home		
Tue 17th	Leavers Service at St Mary's Church	2.00pm	
Wed 18th	Moving up day	PM	
Thur 19th	DISCO KS1	5.00pm - 6.00pm	School hall
	DISCO KS2	6.16pm - 7.30pm	School hall
Fri 20th	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>		



# BOYS AND GIRLS... WHY NOT TRY CRICKET?

## We have spaces in our Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 groups

- Coaching is on Friday nights from 27<sup>th</sup> April until the end of August at our ground in Mill Road, West Chiltington  
Years 2 and 3 from 6-7pm  
Years 4 and 5 from 5.30-7pm
- All equipment is provided
- Coaches are ECB qualified and DBS checked
- We are a sociable, family friendly club
- We run boys' and girls' teams

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU  
TO OUR CLUB**

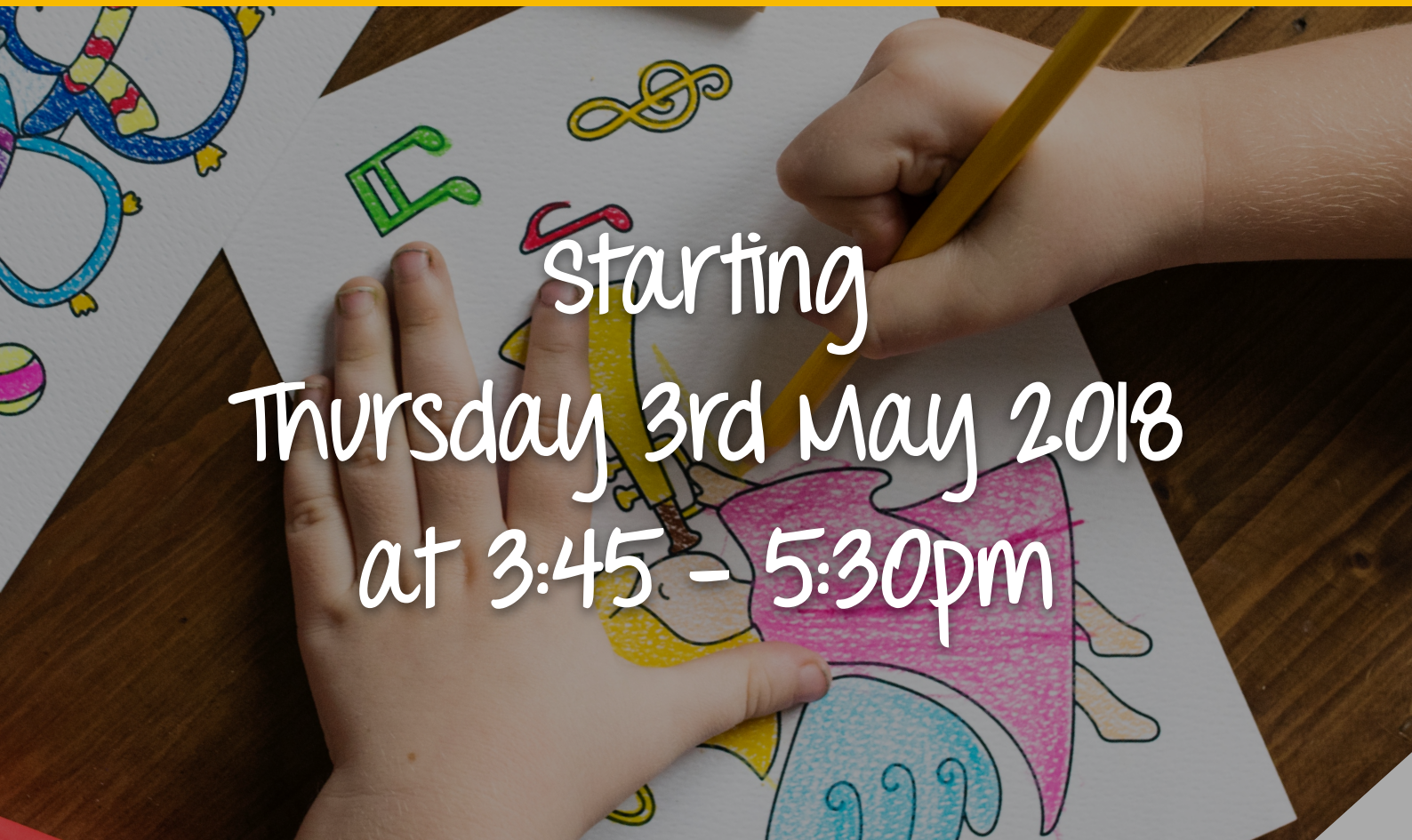


We also run ECB All Stars sessions at our club on Tuesday evenings starting on 15<sup>th</sup> May for 5, 6, 7 and 8 year olds



Please see our website for more information [www.wctcc.org.uk](http://www.wctcc.org.uk).  
Or you can call us on 07707079807 or email us at [info@wctcc.org.uk](mailto:info@wctcc.org.uk)

You are invited to...

A close-up photograph of a child's hands coloring a drawing on a piece of paper. The drawing depicts a person with a large pink hat and blue hair. The child is using a yellow crayon to color the hat. Other drawings on the paper include a blue and yellow snake and a green musical note.

Starting  
Thursday 3rd May 2018  
at 3:45 - 5:30pm

Join us for fun, food and crafts centred around the Bible.

Messy Church will be held on the first  
Thursday of the month during term time at

**Trinity Methodist Church**

Address: Thakeham Road,  
Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3NG

(suggested donation £2)

For more information and dietary requirements - Please email [lyanna@tccstor.org](mailto:lyanna@tccstor.org)





The  
Community Church  
Storrington

# **RUDGWICK NETBALL CLUB**

## **ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS**

### **CURRENTLY IN YEAR 3**



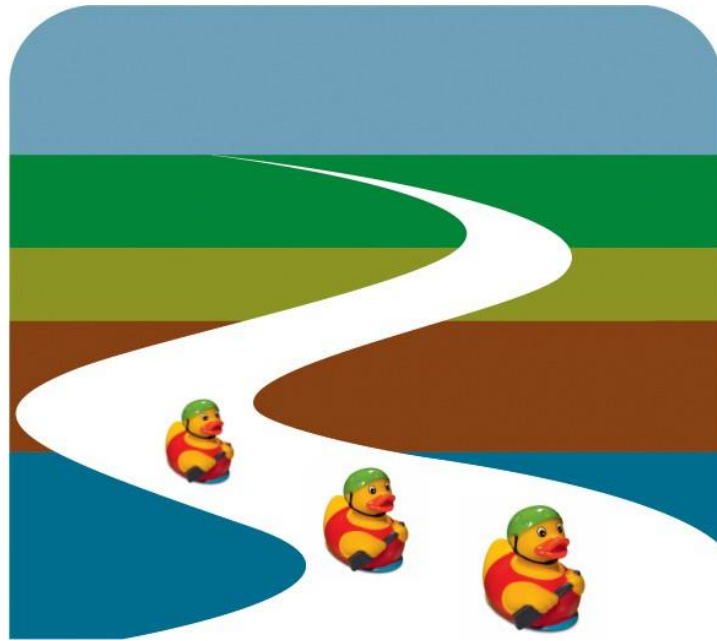
**BRING FRIENDS &  
COME FOR A TRIAL AT RNC  
BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Rudgwick Netball Club is a highly successful and friendly club with over 150 members.

We currently have opportunities for local girls to come and try out and see if netball at RNC is for them. Our coaches are qualified at national level and we offer indoor and outdoor training in Rudgwick and Cranleigh, as well as competitive and friendly matches against other local clubs.

Please get in touch at [rudgwicknetball@gmail.com](mailto:rudgwicknetball@gmail.com) to find out more.





# **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](mailto:pulboroughduckrace@gmail.com) for  
more information or to see how you can get  
involved!