



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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19th January 2018

Little Explorers Pre-School

I am delighted to be able to let you know that after just a few weeks of opening at St Mary's, the Little Explorers Pre-School have not only doubled but almost trebled their numbers. I have visited the pre-school several times and I have been impressed not only by the range of activities available but also by the warm and welcoming atmosphere that Nadia and her team have been able to create. It has also been lovely to welcome the pre-school children into our Forest School and outdoor learning areas.

Meeting for Year Six parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the meeting on Wednesday after school. Mrs Berry and Ms Frances gave out lots of really useful information about the forthcoming SATs and answered questions ranging from the length of each test to what parents can do at home to support their children. One very clear message was that we want to keep this as stress-free as possible for all your children. Any concerns please let Mrs Berry or Ms Frances know sooner rather than later.

At the same meeting there was an opportunity to see samples of the Year Six Leavers' Hoodies. Thank you to members of the PTA for organising this and for collecting in all the orders. It is a really big task; much more complicated and time-consuming than anyone realises.

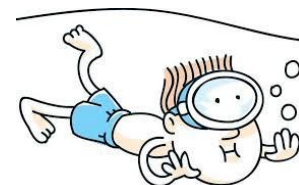
The meeting was also an opportunity to share ideas for raising funds for this year's Big Top production. Although details of the production are still a closely guarded secret there were plenty of new suggestions for how money might be raised. These ranged from a Silent Auction to an overnight Camp on the school field. Ms Frances and Mrs Berry will be contacting parents very shortly with more details of these events which are, of course, open to all parents.

Thank you

'Thank you'. There has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of lost property this term and this is mainly due to the fact that almost all items that are found on the playground or in classrooms or corridors do have children's names in them and can therefore be returned directly to the children.

Swimming pool

Just to keep everyone up to date, thanks to the amazing work of the PTA, we are now in a position to start work on re-lining the school swimming pool. Work will start on Monday and will probably take several weeks. The good news is that by the time the weather has warmed up and children are able to start swimming they will have a completely refurbished pool to enjoy.



Year Five Greek Day

Yesterday we saw all of our Year Five children, together with their teachers and teaching assistants, dressed in some very impressive Greek costumes. By coming into school dressed as ancient Greeks everyone was able to really engage with their role play which included everything from trying Greek food, listening to Greek music and taking part in Olympic-style PE sessions. Thank you to Mr Rogers and Mrs Benson for arranging this and for giving the children such a memorable day.



Internet Safety

This is always a big issue and this week children have been preparing for 'Safer Internet Day' which takes place on 6th February. Mrs Robinson led a whole school Assembly which really did highlight the dangers of putting unkind messages or pictures on social media sites. Whilst we want the children to recognise all the good things that the internet and social media have to offer we also need to make sure they are aware of potential dangers.



**Safer
Internet
Day 2018** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Security

For security reasons would like to remind you that children need to be in school in the mornings by 8.45am. To ensure the safety of all the children the front gates will be locked at 8.50am, and any late children will need to be brought in via the pedestrian gate and signed in.

FREE before school and lunchtime Sports Club

These Multi Skills sports clubs will offer pupils the chance to participate in a variety of games and enhance their sports skills.

Monday (lunchtime) Activ8

Tuesday (before school) Purely Sport

Wednesday (Before school) David Ruff (Lunchtime) David Ruff

Friday (Lunchtime) Activ8



Please see the office for more details – all children welcome, great fun to be had!

PTA News

Bingo on 2nd February has sadly had to be cancelled.

Race Night 3rd March – Please see poster attached.

Dates for your diary

January' 2018		Time	Location
Wed 24th	Year 5 Trip to Lodge Hill (Second Group)	8.45am - 2.45pm	Lodge Hill
Wed 17th	Year 6 SATs Meeting	3.30pm -4.30pm	School Japan Class Room
Thur 18th	Year 5 Greek Day (costumes required)	During the day	
Tue 30th	Reception Classes - Pyjama Party	5.00pm-6.00pm	Small Hall
February			
Thur 1st	Young Voices - Pupil's coach leaves at	9am	
	Parents coach leaves at	3.30pm	
Friday 2nd	PTA Bingo	7pm	School
Wed 7th	Class photos		School
Fri 9th	INSET DAY		
Mon12th-Fri 16th	HALF TERM		
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
March			
Thur 1st	World Book Day - Book costumes required		
Sat 3rd	PTA Race Night	7.30pm	
Sat 10th	Grounds Working Party	9am - 12noon	
Sun 11th	Mothering Sunday Service		See Church website for details
Mon 19th	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS		
Mon 19th - 23rd	Year 6 Bikeability (Letter to follow)		
Mon 19th	Mr Satchwell Cornet Concert	During school	

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

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

Join in the woodland fun
@
Five Oaks, Billingshurst, W. Sussex
‘Wild Things Woodland Day’

Monday 12th February 2018

6 yrs +

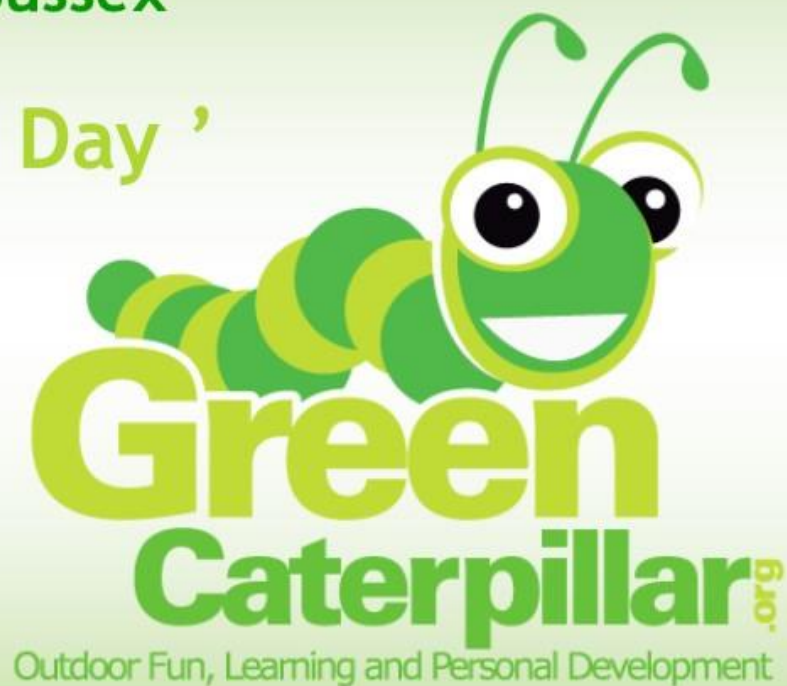
10:00–14:00 hrs

£27.50 per child (sibling discount available)

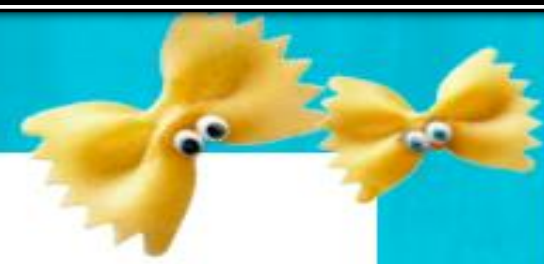
Snack cooked over the fire

Hot & cold drinks provided

Bring a packed lunch



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