



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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Staffing update

We welcome back Miss Bell from her maternity leave; Miss Bell will be resuming her role as our Spanish lead.

Easter Hamper Raffle

It is not too late to buy your tickets for the Easter Hamper Raffle. The Hampers are absolutely packed with wonderful Easter 'goodies' and all proceeds will be going towards the Year Six Big Top Fundraising. The Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Remember, 'You need to be in it to win it!'

Walking Bus

We are really keen to reduce the number of cars being parked in and around Link Lane, especially first thing in the morning. As well as suggesting people park slightly further away from school and then walk in I would also like to remind everyone that parents do have permission to park in the Sports Club car park just on the other side of the recreation ground. As the weather starts to improve please do take the opportunity to walk across from the Sports Club – it will only take a few minutes and will certainly be less stressful than struggling to find a parking space on the roads around the school.

We would also like to go one step further and encourage parents to set up a Walking Bus. The suggestion is that parents drop children off at the Sports Club between 8.15am and 8.30am from where they would be escorted across the Recreation Ground and brought safely into school. Of course this will only work if enough parents support the idea. Mrs Leach (Joshua, Rachel and Caleb's mother) has offered to supervise the Walking Bus on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but we are still looking for someone who could supervise on Monday and Tuesday.

If you would like to use the Walking Bus or if you think you could volunteer to help supervise it please get in touch as soon as possible. Ideally the Bus would start on the first Monday of the summer term – Monday 16th April.

If you have any other suggestions for either reducing the amount of traffic or encouraging parents to park safely please let me know. One suggestion has been that we publish photographs of badly parked cars in our weekly Newsletter. All we are really trying to do is make Link Lane safer for our children.

Children's Safety

Still on the theme of keeping children safe please note that we will now be locking the front school gate at 8.50am each morning. We therefore ask that parents leave the playground promptly when the whistle blows at 8.45am. If you need to leave the premises after that time you will need to go through the main reception area and collect a token for the magnetic gate. **PLEASE make sure that the gate closes securely behind you.**

Attendance

Congratulations to children in UK, Austria, New Zealand, U.S.A. China, Mexico and South Africa classes. All of these classes have had better overall attendance this week compared to last. Improving attendance is something that we are working hard on so please keep up the good work.



Pulborough Spring Flower Show

WOW!!!! What a fantastic number of entries we had in this year's Spring Show. The judges were both delighted and impressed by the number and quality of work produced by children from St Mary's. **Helena R won first prize for her picture of her home, Tom K won first prize for his model aeroplane, Bailey M won first prize for his book mark and Florence F won first prize for her paper flowers. Other first prize winners were Molly B, Ria J., Isla C., and Ella J.**

As well as a record number of first places children from St Mary's also achieved second, third and highly commended. **Congratulations to Aimee C., Dorothy R., Evie S (3 prizes!), Freya C., Evie B., Ella W. (2 prizes!), Louis B., Vansh Patel., Misty M., Holly M., and Abi H.**

I hope I have included the names of all the prize winners but I know that some children who were at the show collected their prizes on Saturday and their names may not been given to me.

Thank you to everyone who took part and thank you also to those people who give up their time each year to make the show a success.

Calling all Tree Surgeons

Would it also be possible to ask any tree surgeon parents if they have any good branches that we can have for sawing to make discs, mallets etc.

World of Work

We are holding a 'World of Work' day on **Thursday 14th June 2018**, with aim being to expose the children to as many different careers and career paths as possible from a young age. A letter has been sent out but if you have not received one and you feel you would be able to help us on the day please pick one up at the front office.

Stablebarn Farm

Over the last two weeks both UK and Austria classes have been to visit Stablebarn Farm, Brinsbury College, to see the lambing in progress. During our visits each child had the opportunity to hold a lamb and help bottle feed them too. Austria class were lucky enough to see some lambs being born during their visit - twins! The farm has named these after our classes - the first one out was called Austria and the second one UK. After all the excitement in the lambing sheds we then got to have a tractor ride around the rest of the farm land, during this we saw some of the older lambs out in the fields.

The Early Years Team



Swimarathon

Congratulations and thank you to our team of swimmers who went along to The Pavilions Leisure Centre on Sunday. Our team of six managed a total of 116 lengths in just 60 minutes. They were raising money for the Lions and also for our own chosen charity, So far over £100.00 has been raised, they are hoping for more sponsorship so if you would like to sponsor them please put the money in an envelope marked 'swimathon' in the blue 'office' box on the side of UK class.

Thank you to Michelle Leach for organising the team and the children, **Tilly Haynes, Caitlin Russell, Raphael Satish, Jessica Butler-Roberts, Adelaide Gooda and Sophia van Leeuwen.**



Lions Peace Poster Competition

Final judging has not yet taken place but we have been told that the following children's posters have been sent through to the regional finals: **Rosa C., Katie O., Lucy A., James L and Florence F.** Well done to all of you.



Year Six Bikeability

The children in Year 6 have had a very cold, but enjoyable, week on their bikes. Bikeability is designed to give children the confidence and skills to ride their bikes on today's roads. They have been instructed to a Government approved National Standard for Cycle Training. Aspects of the training include: Their ability to start and stop quickly; swerving to avoid objects; looking over their shoulders; and the ability to use clear signal to other road users. Well done to all the children who took part!

Easter Play

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been working tremendously hard in the run up to this year's Easter Play! Final preparations have been taking place this week and the children have been busy rehearsing on the stage with props and costumes. They are looking forward to performing in the Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's Church on Sunday and in school on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Tickets for Monday afternoon have now sold out but there are still some available for Tuesday's performance; please contact the office to purchase these if you have not yet done so and would like to attend. We look forward to sharing photographs of the performances in next week's newsletter.

If you have requested extra tickets already, these can be collected and paid for at the school.

Easter Eucharist

Our Easter Eucharist will be held on **Thursday 29th March starting at 9.00am.** Please do come along and join us if you possibly can. Celebrating the Eucharist in school is a very special event and is even better when we have parents, grandparents, friends and parishioners joining us.

Good Friday Workshop

There will be a morning of Easter themed craft activities in Church on **Good Friday between 9.30 and 11.30am.** There is no entry fee and everyone is welcome.

The only request is that pre-school children are accompanied by an adult.

Recorder Club

Thank you to Mrs Leach and Mrs Batchelor who have been leading our Recorder Club this term. On Tuesday of this week three of the regular members of the club performed for the whole school. **We heard Rachel L., Holly M. and Audrey L playing Terrapin Tim, Time Flies and Breathtaking Butterflies.**

Year Four Cornet Concert

Thank you to Mr Satchwell who has been teaching the Cornet to our Year Four children this term. Their performance on Monday was watched by their parents and also by the Year Four children who had Cornet lessons last year. If your child has really enjoyed learning to play the cornet and would like to have more lessons please get in touch with West Sussex Music.

Easter Chicks

Very many thanks to Mrs Norgate who, once again, has brought eggs into the staffroom for hatching. We already have 24 baby chicks and are hoping for a few more before the end of term. All the children and staff have enjoyed the opportunity to see the chicks and, if they wanted to, they could have a hold of one. The children are always surprised at how quickly the chicks grow and how noisy they are!



Parent Consultation Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Consultation Evenings this week. Generally the feedback has been very positive and most people found the new system worked well. Initial concerns that conversations might be overheard did not materialise and it was certainly much easier for everyone to keep to the time allocations.

Thank you also to everyone who took the time to complete a Questionnaire. I will be looking at these during the Easter break and a summary will be available at the start of next term.



Easter Disco

Next **Tuesday, 27th March**, please see attached the poster!

EY & KS1 - 5pm - 6pm

KS2 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm.

If you are able to help please let us or your class rep know.

Congratulations

Vine leaves have been earned this week by FIVE people:

Amber C, for helping someone really find their voice;

Patricia K., Hattie H-N. and Robyn D., for giving up so much of their time to help keep the playground free of litter

And finally Josh L., for giving up his place in the Swimarathon so that someone else could swim.



Photos from last week's Sports Relief day:



Waitrose Community Matters

“During April, Waitrose at Storrington will have a collection box for the school library refurbishment as part of their Community Matters Scheme. Please do visit and with every till exit, place the green token in our school’s box.

Thank you for supporting the school.”

The Rocksteady Easter concert

The time has come!

This email is a reminder that The Rocksteady Easter concert is just around the corner! Everybody has been working extremely hard throughout this term and the concert is their opportunity to show you just how far they’ve come.

Concert details: Monday 26th March at 9am in the School Hall

After the concert, please feel free to speak to me with any feedback or questions you may have.

Thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kind Regards,

Rocksteady

This will be out last newsletter for the Spring Term, all the staff at St Mary’s would like to wish you all a very relaxing Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16th April ready for a full and exciting Summer Term.



Dates for your diary

March			
Mon 19th	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS		
Sun 25th	Easter Play	10.00am	Church
Mon 26th	Rocksteady concert	9.00am - 9.45am	School Hall
Mon 26th	Easter Play	2.00pm	School
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
Wed 28th	Jewellery sale on the playground in aid of , EWA	3.15pm	Playground
Thur 29th	Easter Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	School Hall
Thur 29th	Easter Eggtravaganza	All day	In School
Thur 29th	Last day of Term		
Fri 30th	Good Friday - School closed for End of Term		
Fr1 30th	Good Friday Workshop	9.30am-11.30am	Church
April			
Mon 16th	Summer Term Starts / Swimming Timetable Starts		
Tue 17th	Yr 5 Parents Residential Information Evening (Marchants Hill)	3.30pm	School hall
Wed 18th	YR 6 SATS & Residential Infomation Evening (Little Canada)	3.30pm	School hall
Thur 26th	Tea & Chat with Mrs Copus (children with anxiety/ stressed)	2.00pm	Small Hall
Mon 30th	After School Clubs Start - Outside providers may differ		

May			
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		
Mon 7th	Bank Holiday - School Closed		
Fri 11th-Sun 13th	Yr 5 Residential to Marchants Hill		
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	
Thur 24th	Ascension Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	School hall
Thur 24th	FSW Cake Sale		
Mon 28th - 1st Jun	Half Term		

Dear Parent/Carer

School milk is available for ALL children

If your child is currently under 5, we're delighted to confirm that we have arranged for them to receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme.

When your child turns 5 or if they are already over 5, you have the option to pay for their milk. We have made arrangements with the UK's leading school milk supplier, Cool Milk, to supply milk at a small subsidised daily cost.

What you need to do:

- ❖ Visit www.coolmilk.com as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay

OR

- ❖ Ask the school office for a registration form - send your completed form to Cool Milk, and they will send you a payment request.

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class.

Please ignore this letter if your child is already registered for over 5's milk.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly on customerservices@coolmilk.com or call 0844 854 2913.

Kind regards

The Head Teacher



EASTER DISCO

Tuesday 27th March

EY & KS1 5pm-6pm

KS2 6.15pm-7.30pm



Join in the woodland fun
@
Five Oaks, Billingshurst, W. Sussex

'Eggsplore with Us'

Tuesday 10th April 2018

6 yrs +

10:00—14:00 hrs

£25.00 per child

Snack cooked over the fire

Hot & cold drinks provided

Bring a packed lunch



For further information & bookings email judy@greencaterpillar.org or call 07525 484749

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET AND CAFÉ

Saturday 24th March



Artisan Food & Craft

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL 9am-12.30pm



PULBOROUGH PARISH
COUNCIL

Huge selection of wonderful stalls!



EASTER TOMBOLA

