



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



# NEWSLETTER

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

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**SPLASH** – Splash were in this week for assembly. They spoke to the children about judging others and what the impact can be of this. The use of puppets and games was really engaging and Albert commented that, ‘Assembly was good as I didn’t understand the Bible quote about the log and the sawdust and this really helped us to understand that sometimes we need to look inside first.’

**School Fayre** – Wow! What a day this was and it was great to see so many community volunteers as well as parents, staff and, of course, the children. The PTA were fantastic with their organisation and the highlight was the Colour Run. I am still washing the colour out of my hair but it was brilliant to see the children and adults enjoying this event.



**Classes for September** – As we approach the end of term, there will be messages coming out about classes ready for September. As you can imagine, this is a difficult task. As you will be aware, school budgets are getting tighter and tighter and we have to manage the resources that we have. If you haven’t heard of the Worthless Campaign that is running in West Sussex, then please take the time to look at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/WorthLessWestSussex/>. We will be running with 13 classes in September and this will be organised as follows;

**UK and Austria – Early Years**

**Thailand Y1, Canada Y1/2, India Y2 – Key Stage One**

**New Zealand and Ireland – Year 3**

**USA and Sierra Leone – Year 4**

**Mexico and China – Year 5**

**South Africa and Japan – Year 6**

We are now working on the teachers who will lead these classes and the class lists.

**Lions Peace Poster** – Derek Reynolds from the Lions came into assembly on Monday to present some prizes and certificates for the children's peace posters. Out of the locality schools, we had the most entries and the most prizes awarded – this shows the talent of our pupils. **First prizes went to Florence Flood, Holly McNamara, James Liu, Katie Osborne, Rosa Clarke, Lucy Aspell and Joe Ridout. Second place went to Evie Stauss, Isla Kendall, Isolde Kimberley, Wills Evans, Josie Russell Collins, Amelie Allen and Frankie Giles.**




**Vine leaves** – Rory McGregor has been given a vine leaf for courage during the swimming gala, he conquered some fears and swam like a true champion. Rhys Davies for perseverance as he participated in an abseiling activity whilst on residential. Raphael Satish is awarded for teamwork, kindness and selfless behaviour as he was putting everyone before himself and helping others during the activities. Henry Wilkinson for his positive encouragement towards others and for making sure that everyone would succeed. Jack Fuller is awarded one for giving up your time to help at the Summer Fayre for Year 6 fundraising. Jack Cole is awarded one for his leadership skills with generosity and service and helping with school responsibilities whilst other Year 6 children were on residential. Billy Barnes for helping Mrs Copus with assembly in the mornings – your service is very helpful. Emma Pullen for your leadership skills during the Sensory Challenge – you were such a leader with your clear instructions and Kallum Everitt for humility and for learning that good manners are important for team work. Huge congratulations to all these children.



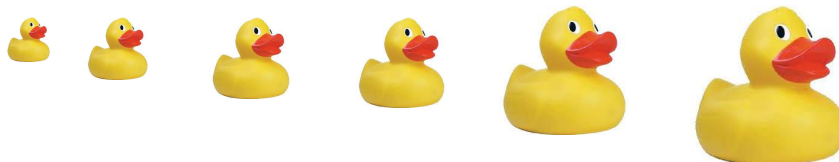
**Hi!** **Hellos and Goodbyes** As the end of term approaches change is inevitable as people's lives move on and we are saying **Goodbye to Mrs Berry, Mrs Nethercleft, Miss Field and Miss Moore.** Mrs Berry is leaving us to take up a position at Park Mead School in Cranleigh, this is an exciting opportunity for her, and her son Charlie, is starting there as well in September. Mrs Nethercleft is leaving us to go to Three Bridges to take up a part time contract with them. Miss Moore is moving to Andover and is taking up a full time teaching position there and Miss Field is leaving to explore other avenues other than teaching. We are so grateful for all of the time, effort, enthusiasm and love that they have given to the children at St Mary's and we wish them well on the next part of their journey. **We are welcoming Rachel Sleat and Dawn Rashleigh to our team in September.**



 **Gold Stars** – Annabel Powell and Albert Gooda has been awarded her gold star this week. Well done to them both for their hard work in their learning.

**Bugsy Malone** – The Year 6 are now aware of the end of year production and we are all excited at the prospect of Bugsy Malone. This is a fun and exciting production to put on and I know that the children will rise to the challenge. The Year 4 and 5 are taking on the supporting choir and the Year 6 the performers. Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks. The performances are Tuesday 10th July at 1.15pm and 6pm, followed by a performance on the Thursday 12th at 6pm and Friday 13th at 6pm. The rest of the children will be watching the matinee performance on the Tuesday afternoon. **Ticket prices £6.00 per adult & £3.00 for Under 11's and OAP's.**

**Sports Days** – Sports days are approaching. **Key Stage One/Early Years is on Wednesday 20th June at 1pm.** The school gate will open at 12.50pm as before this the children will be at play and we need to keep them safe within the school grounds. At the end of the event we ask that Key Stage 2 classes are not disturbed and that parents wait on the front playground for the children to come out. The children will need coloured tops to reflect the team they are on and a drinks bottle. **Key Stage Two sports day is Wednesday 27th June and it starts at 1pm.** Gates will be open from 12.50pm. They will need to be in coloured T-shirts as well. At the end of the event, please do not disturb KS1 and EY and wait on the front playground for the classes to come out as normal.



**Duck Race** – WE NEED MORE SOLD! Tickets are on sale for this event. The school are working hard benefitting from the profits of this event so we are keen to sell as many ducks as possible. Do come and grab a duck!!  
**Reminder; Duck Race tickets will be on sale in the playground every Wednesday and Thursday at 3.15pm.**

**Music lessons** – Mrs Osborne and Mr Satchwell have been in this term to promote woodwind (current Y1 and up) and brass instruments (current Y2 and up). We are keen to get the children playing instruments as music can really help children. If your child is interested then please speak to the office. Thank you to all those children who performed in the assembly – your progress in your music lessons is brilliant.



**Christ's Hospital** – Science day – A few Year 5 pupils went to Christ's Hospital this week with Miss Wilkins to look at forensic science. They had a great idea being scientists and carrying out investigations.



**Sporting Events** - It has been a busy week of sporting events this week with three teams of children going off to events around the county. On Monday afternoon, a group of children from Year 4 and 5 went to The Weald for a Dance Workshop. They learnt lots of new skills and were able to practice dances with specialized coaches.

**Kwik Cricket photos** – Year 4/5 played 6 games yesterday in Horsham and the team have got through to the quarter finals and came 4th place overall. Brilliant team work – thank you to Mrs Castle



**Swimming** – A swimming Gala was held at Billingshurst Leisure centre on Tuesday this week. The whole team have been praised for their behaviour, perseverance and courage. Some of our children swam against club standard swimmers and should be very proud of their efforts. The team were awarded 2nd place and narrowly missed out on first place by ONLY 2 points! **Congratulation to Raphael S, Kristof S, Rory M, Fleur H, Jessica B-R, Brooke S, Tilly H, Caitlin R, Lucy A, Emily M, Adelaide G and James C.**

Well done to all the children who took part in events this week and a big thank you to the parents and adults who helped with lifts to make them happen.



**Music Festival** – The choir were at The Hawth Theatre on Monday for the annual Music Festival concert with Mr Rogers and the other locality schools. This is such a lovely event where the children get to perform in a theatre on a stage to a large audience. They rose to the challenge and the concert was spectacular. Well done to the choir of St Mary's and thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Leach, Mrs Allen and the school staff for supporting the children with this and ensuring that the event could happen.



**Bring a Teddy to Church - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July** is 'Bring your teddy to church day' - Teddies welcome to Early Birds from 9am - 10am. The Main Service will starts at 10.30am where everyone welcome, this is in aid of Family Support Work (FSW).



**\*\*Please note the Leavers assembly for Year 6 immediate family only is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am – 11.00am in the school Hall.**

**Year 6 Fund Raiser Campout – Cancelled due to lack of interest.**

**Feedback form:**

This week we are attaching a 'Feedback Slip' this is in response to comments made on the parent questionnaire. We are always keen to engage with our parents so if you have any comments regarding the Newsletter or the school then please fill out the slip below.

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