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





"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum" FAITH, TRUST AND TRUTHFULNESS

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25th May 2018

New Christian Values – After half term our new Christian values will be friendship, generosity and thankfulness.

Vine leaves - Well done to Jonty Batchelor on receiving his Level 1 music certificate for his playing of the Euphonium and, not only did he pass, he received a distinction as well. Callie Nelson and Freya Capildeo have received their gold stars for effort so far in the summer term and I have been thrilled to see so many children receiving their silver and bronze stars. Also Bailey Stenning for working so hard to show that he is a member of India Class and persevered even when school is difficult.

Gold Star – Well done to Reuben Norris-Jones who has achieved his Gold Star.

Early Years – There have been some additions to the Early Years area over the last few weeks. There is now a revitalised mud kitchen for the children to play in, a sandpit and a stage area for the children to perform on. We look forward to seeing these budding actors perform over the next few months. Thank you to Mrs Tiller for her idea and Nick Church, Brett Flood and Alex Swyer for the materials and their support in completing it.

Summer Fayre – Please watch out for messages about the School Fayre on **Sunday 10th June**. We are hoping for a lovely day and we are excited for the new event of the Colour Run.

New Parents evening – It was wonderful to see so many new and old faces at our New Parent evening. We always welcome new children and their families but it was fantastic to meet so many personally and to talk about the school and the experiences that the children can look forward to. If you know of anyone who is looking for places for September then please ask them to contact the school office directly and arrange an appointment to come and look around.

Sunshine!!! – Over the next few weeks I am sure that the weather will improve. Could I remind parents to send in a water bottle that can be refilled, together with a sun hat and suncream. We want the children to be protected against the sun.









Royal Wedding – The children were keen to talk about the festivities that accompanied the Royal Wedding at the weekend. I would like to thank all the parents for contributing food and putting the children in red, white and blue, the children for joining in with the lunch and the parent helpers that gave up their time to make this such a memorable event for the children. We have put more photographs on our website. Do have a look!







Walk to School week – It has been great to promote Walk to School week and we have also had over 30 children on the walking bus. Thank you to the community wardens for helping with this. It was great to hear from local residents that there has been an improvement around the school in side roads.

Refurbishment – Following on from last week's newsletter, we now have some plans for the layout of the Early Years and Key Stage one area. In half term there will appear a container on the front playground for us to store equipment during the work. This has very kindly been donated by Thakeham Client, through David Shepherd – our Chair of Building, Health and Safety Committee of the Governing Body. We really appreciate this donation and apologise for any inconvenience this will cause

Christian Aid – Thank you to everyone for the coins that you have been sending in so that the children can complete their 'Hurricane house' pictures. This charity carries out such amazing work and we, as a school, support the work that they do.



Would your child be interested in an instrument? We are lucky enough to have many teachers coming into school from the Music Service. Mr Satchwell was in assembly this week to promote brass instruments such as the Euphonium, trombone, cornet and trumpet and Mrs Oborne is showing the woodwind collection in a couple of weeks. If you would like your child to learn an instrument and they are in Year 2 or up then please contact the office who can give you more details.





Forest Schools – After Half Term Forest School Dates are as follows;

Tue 5th June – Sierra Leone / 12th June – USA / 19th June USA / 26th June Mexico / 3rd Jul China / Thurs 12th Jul Mexico (am) China (pm).

Walking Bus - It has been Walk to School Week and an amazing number of children have participated. The Walking Bus - departing every morning at 8.30 from the Pulborough Sports and Social Club - has had 7 new members this week. In total we have 49 members signed up and have on average 16 pupils per day this half term and numbers have increased recently.



On Tuesday Terry, from the Sports and Social Club visited to give the children their Walking Bus Hi-Vis Jackets. The Pulborough Wardens also joined us.

On Wednesday Mrs Bryan came with us, on Thursday Miss Turner and on Friday Mrs Callender walked along too. If you want to join us - please do! The staff and pupils would like to say a big thank you to Pulborough Sports and Social Club for this sponsorship.





Wishing you all a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 4th June.

St Mary's School is supporting



The Great



Pulborough Duck Race

Sunday, 24th June from 1pm

Old Swan Bridge, opposite the Corn Store

Free entry - racing ducks plus floats, canoes, stalls & food

Buy £1 duck race tickets from the school office between 2:45 & 3:30pm on any Wednesday or Thursday

£100 for the winning duck plus lots of other prizes

Each class will be making and entering a "float" (as can any family)

50% of profits to St Mary's school, the rest to other village causes

The event is run by Pulborough Community Partnership

For more information or to see how you can get involved, call 01798 873137 or email pulboroughduckrace@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page



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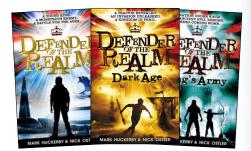
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As one of the brilliant schools we've visited over the last couple of years on our **Defender Of The Realm** tour, we thought you should be the first to know that the epic final part of the trilogy, **Defender Of The Realm: King's Army** will be published on 7th June and is available for pre-order **NOW!**

With the Defender gone, "Lord Protector" Lock and his undead Viking army have taken control of Britain. But Lock serves the ancient plague goddess Hel, and she wants more. Alfie must find the courage to return home, reclaim his powers and face his enemies in a battle that could be the Defender's last stand.

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Best wishes,

Mark & Nick

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- Aged 18+
- Living in Croydon, Littlehampton, Pulborough or Storrington
- Have the right to work in the UK
- Unemployed, economically inactive, or have not been in employment, education or training for 6 months or more



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PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET AND CAFÉ Saturday 26th May





Artisan Food&Craft

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL. 9am-12.30pm





Huge selection of wonderful stalls

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



Come along and join our small very friendly Zumba class in Petworth. Tuesday night's 7.30-8.30pm at the former Herbert Shiner School hall next to Petworth Primary School.

£5.50 per class and come and try your first class for free!

Ideal for anyone who isn't the gym type and just wants to get a little fitter in a fun way. I apprehensively tried my first class a year ago and was very surprised by how fun it was. We're now keen to get some more lovely locals along to join in.

Please feel free to just come along and give it a go, or for full details/information on class content you can contact our instructor Judith Marriner direct either via her Zumba facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/midhurstandpetworthzumba/</u> or reply to this email and I can send you her mobile number to call or text.

Hope to see some new faces there.

Adele (weekly Petworth class attendee - adelecaton@gmail.com)

