



NEWSLETTER

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Visits

It's been a really busy start to the summer term with children from different classes visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace, Aldingbourne Country Park, St Mary's Church, Marwell Zoo and Chichester Cathedral.

Assemblies and Music

We have also had some very exciting Assemblies led by Splash! and 'Rock Steady'. The Rock Steady classes have begun – I'm sure it won't be long before St Mary's has its own rock band! The junior choir have been rehearsing very hard and are looking forward to performing at The Hawth Theatre in Crawley on 23rd May. It should be a very memorable concert for all those taking part and I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Rogers and Mr Hancock for all their hard work.



Year 6



Year Six have also been very busy preparing for and sitting their end of Key Stage tests and are now looking forward to all the other things that make Year Six at St Mary's so special: the residential visit to the Isle of Wight, performing on stage in the Big Top in the Summer Production, the Year Six Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral and much more.

Swimming

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those parents who have been helping in school, especially in and around the swimming pool. Hopefully the pool will be open again next week, following an adverse water test. This has resulted in the closure of the pool for this week.



Eucharist for Ascension Day



Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our school Eucharist last week. As we are a church school, it is always nice to be able to participate as a community in these services and I know it means a great deal to the children if their friends and family are there.

Petworth Art Show

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Petworth Art Show. Mrs Nethercleft and the organisers of the show were impressed with both the number of entries and the originality that you have shown in your art work. We are very proud of all of you.



Vine Leaves – Christian Values



Vine leaves are awarded to those children who have demonstrated the Christian value for the term, which this past half term was Kindness. Congratulations to those children who have earned vine leaves so far this term: Thomas F, Eloise L, Freya C, Izzy K, Emily E, Cian M, James C and Amy K.

Grounds Working Party

We were certainly very fortunate with the weather and were able to achieve a great deal, including repainting the numbers on the front playground, painting the children's playhouse, clearing the composting area, removing a fence in the orchard, clearing out the poly-tunnel, painting the shed, re-stacking the woodstore, installing new posts in the car park, clearing the strawberry beds, fixing the table tennis tables to the ground and transporting over 50 black sacks to the recycling depot. Thank you to Mr Lewis, Mr Cordy, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Sharp, Mr and Mrs Cargill, Ms Farkasfalvi, Mrs Elvey, Mr and Mrs Hancock, Mrs Leach, Mrs Liu, Mrs Francis, Mrs A James and Mrs Batchelor and assorted children. I hope I haven't left anyone out!



Sun Protection



With the onset of summer (we hope!) please remember that children should be bringing a hat to school to protect them from the sun. If you wish your child to have sunscreen on, please remember that they may not swim if it has been applied recently. Sunscreen creates an oily film on the pool surface which can upset the water readings, leading to the closure of the pool. It is possible to buy sunscreen that only needs one application a day. Please ensure that any hats or sunscreen are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Time Out 4 Dads Annual Family Weekend

It's not too late to sign up for the Family Weekend at Dalesdown this coming weekend. There are a few rooms still available and there is room for camping. Games, Challenges, Entertainment, BBQ Sunday Lunch and more... This year the organisers are hoping to see some new faces, especially younger children. Please contact Richard Hatt at timeout4dads@gmail.com for further details.



School Post Box

Don't forget that there is a blue post box just outside the main door into the school building. This can be used to return permission slips, etc, if you wish to avoid queues at the Reception desk in the morning or afternoon.



Bad language



Sadly, we have a very small number of children who are using foul language on the playground. These are not words that other children should have to hear and if this inappropriate behaviour continues we will be sending children home. Please remind your children that even if they hear foul language on the television, on DVDs, or in the street, we do not use it at St Mary's.

HM the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration

On 10th June we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with a Garden Party in the school grounds. Class teachers will be sending out lists nearer the time to help provide party food. Children are invited to come to school on that day wearing red, white and blue clothing.



Sports Days



Reception and KS1 Sports Day is on Tuesday 14th June. Sports Day for KS2 will be on Thursday 16th June. Please make sure that your child comes to school on that day with a coloured T-shirt to match with their team colour. If your child doesn't know their team colour, please check with their class teacher.

School Uniform



May I remind you that the school uniform consists of a blue sweatshirt, ideally with a school badge on it, grey trousers/shorts for boys, summer dresses for girls and black shoes. There are an increasing number of children, especially boys in KS2, who are coming to school in brightly-coloured trainers. While these are good for sports and may be worn at lunch play, they should **not** be worn as part of the school uniform.

School Website

Don't forget that all the dates for the rest of this term are available on the school website. Please check it for information. It is regularly updated with photos, sports events, dates, newsletters, etc. It can be found at www.st-marys-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk

