



NEWSLETTER

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Comic Relief – Friday 24 March



There will be a fund-raising day on Friday 24th March 2017, for Comic Relief. The children may come into school wearing red or something silly, for a suggested donation of £1. NO HAIR DYE OR FACEPAINTS. On the day the school council reps are going to have 1 minute to make their class laugh - if the class laugh or smile in that minute they have to pay a suggested donation of 20p.

Pulborough Youth Club

Don't forget that Pulborough Youth Club is now up and running. It is open for children in Years 6 - 9 on Wednesdays during term time, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Entry is only £1.00 and it takes place in the Youth Club building opposite the school.



Vine leaves



Congratulations to the following children who have received vine leaves this half term

Rebecca S, Freya C, Kaylan P, Courtney D and Jack R.

Ash Wednesday Eucharist – Wednesday 1 March

Our next School Eucharist is Wednesday 1st March at 9.00am. We would like to see as many parents as possible. Father Jack will not be using ashes and parents do not have to receive Communion if they don't want to. Absolutely everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.



School Uniform



Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform; there has been a notable increase in the number of children wearing trainers and home clothes during the day. We do have a selection of uniform items that we can put them into if necessary. If your child has outgrown their school shoes or uniform, there is a perfect opportunity to replace them over half term.

Parking on site



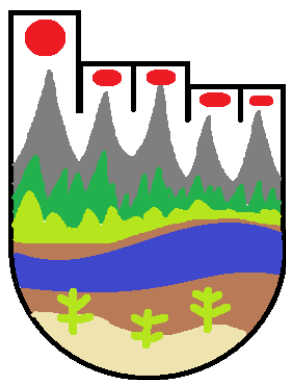
On the question of parking please remember that the staff car park does get very congested and is not therefore available for parents' use. There have been a number of occasions recently when cars have been blocked in. We are hoping that the safety barrier will be replaced shortly but in the meantime please only use the car park if you have a blue disabled badge.

Drop off

Unfortunately the 'A' Frame reminding parents that the school drive should not be used as a dropping off or pick up point seems to have 'gone missing'. This is a real shame, but we are confident that even without the 'A' Frame parents will remember that it is not safe to drop children off here. Please do not stop in the driveway. May I also ask that if your child is late, for whatever reason, you do not just leave them in the car park. Please make sure you bring them into school as they must be signed in by an adult.



WOW design a badge competition



The Eco-Council would like to introduce one of the UK's largest art competitions, managed by Living Streets (The Pedestrians' Association), in which they are keen for the whole school to get involved! We are inviting all children to design their own WOW (Walk Once A Week) badge, based on this year's theme, 'Walk the Americas.' From the dramatic landscapes of Canadian national parks, through Brazilian rainforests teeming with life, down to the icy glaciers in Southern Argentina; the Americas have lots on offer. Children from across the school have the opportunity to celebrate the nature, culture and history of these continents by designing a badge that captures a specific feature of this region.

Each class will vote to decide their winner, and the Eco-Council will then select a winner from KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2. The three overall winning designs will be entered into the Living Streets competition, with a chance to win a WOW trophy and goody bag, as well as a year's supply of WOW resources for the school, up to the value of £500! The 11 winners of the overall competition will be turned into more than 400,000 badges, featuring in next year's WOW challenge.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE COMPETITION IS MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017.

If anyone is unable to print their own copy of the form, there will be copies available to collect from the School Office.

Smoking / Vaping on School Premises

May I remind you that smoking and/or vaping is not permitted on school premises. If you are attending an event in school, such as Bingo or Slimming World, please go right down to the road if you have to smoke, do not just stand outside the gate into the car park.



Young Voices – O2 Arena

Congratulations to all those children who performed at the O2 Arena last week. This was a truly memorable occasion and our special thanks go to Mr Rogers who has worked so hard to prepare the children. Thanks also to the many parents who went along to support St Mary's School choir and to Mrs Bryan who painted our magnificent school banner.



School Council news

School Council Representatives, having met with their classes, have come up with some ideas they would like to put to the school Senior Management Team. These ideas include:

- ❖ replacement of the playground hopscotch;
- ❖ organising a debate on homework;
- ❖ use of balls and equipment at break time;
- ❖ safer use of the pirate ship.



All these valid ideas have been put to Mrs Brown and a meeting will be arranged between the School Council and Mrs Brown in the coming half-term, to discuss them further. The School Council are working hard to ensure the pupil voice is being heard in school and we are very proud of the effort they are putting in on behalf of their peers and the charities they are supporting.

Bikeability



Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have taken part in Bikeability this week. With the spring approaching, and hopefully some warmer weather, it is especially important that they understand about road safety and are able to ride their bikes in a responsible way. Please emphasise to your children the importance of wearing cycle helmets – they are not just for the course!

Please remember that next week is Half Term

and that Monday 27th February is an INSET day.

Children should return to school on Tuesday 28th February at 8.45am