



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



NEWSLETTER

A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum

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Christian values: Compassion, wisdom, justice, peace and love

Firewood for Forest School



We are looking for assistance from anyone who might be able to supply us with firewood for our Forest School sessions. Ideally we need small ready cut logs or kindling rather than large branches. Please contact the School Office if you are able to help.

Pulborough Flower Show

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Pulborough Flower Show. We are very proud of all of you. The pictures of spring flowers, especially the daffodils, and the Easter cards were absolutely lovely.



Parking in the driveway



May I ask you please to NOT stop in the school entrance driveway. This has not only resulted in staff and visitors not being able to get in, but there have also been times when children have found it difficult to cross the entrance safely. If you are the person who arrives on a Wednesday by taxi to collect your child from a club, please ask them to park elsewhere while they are waiting for you.

Poster for Peace

Our thanks to all the children who took part in the 'Poster for Peace' competition. The standards in all three year groups were high and we look forward to finding out shortly whether or not there are any winning entries from St Mary's this year.



Pick up time



May I request that when parents gather on the front playground at the end of the day to collect their children, they stand a little further away from the pencils and the wall. This will help the teachers to see parents more easily and make it easier for children to find their parents.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Parents' Evenings. It was lovely to have such a good turn out and to be able to share your children's learning and achievements with you. Thank you also to the teachers for giving up their time.



Vine leaves



Congratulations to the following children who have received Vine Leaves recently: Amy K, Oscar C, Cian M, James C, Freya C, Albert G and Emily E.

Mr and Mrs Partis

Special congratulations and best wishes to Mr Partis who got married on Saturday 19th March. We wish him and Mrs Partis every happiness together for many, many years to come.



Easter Play



Well done to all the children in Years 3 and 4 who took part in the Easter Play in school last week and also at St Mary's Church on Palm Sunday. Thanks especially to Mr Rogers, Mrs Robinson and Mr Hancock for all their hard work. Also to the teaching assistants who worked so hard on the costumes and props. This was a really lovely occasion, made even more special by being able to follow the Easter story through the school grounds. I am certain that this is something the children will remember long into the future. Special thanks should go to those children who took on additional roles at short notice, especially Jessica C who took the part of Jesus in Sunday's performance in church, and to those who came in from their sick beds for the performance in school.

Staffroom chicks

It has been a delight to have the eggs, the hatching and finally the chicks in the staffroom again this year. All the children have had an opportunity to see them and hold them. Thank you to Mrs Norgate for providing the eggs and all the equipment for this.



Scooters and bikes in the playground



It is lovely to see so many children riding scooters and bikes to school, but I do need to remind all of you about not riding bikes or scooters on the playground. This is for safety reasons; if children are focusing on riding they are not able to keep a good enough look out for young children. This rule applies to St Mary's children as well as to younger siblings and parents.

Good Friday Workshop

The Good Friday Workshop will be taking place at St Mary's Church on Friday, 25th March, 9.30 - 11.30 am. Registration and consent forms can be obtained from the School Office.



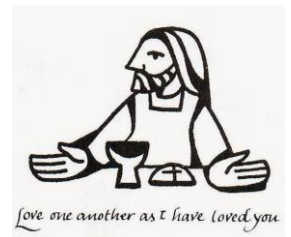
Fairtrade Fortnight



The children enjoyed celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight (29th February - 13th March) this year and particularly liked the theme of 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers'. Tesco's in Pulborough made a generous donation of Fairtrade products to the school, including bananas and hot chocolate, and children across the school were given the opportunity to sample these goods before undertaking a range of activities that helped them to understand the difficulties that many farmers across the world face on a day-to-day basis and how they have been supported by the Fairtrade Foundation. Many thanks to Tesco's for their contribution which enabled the children to link the produce they can buy in supermarkets with the farmers at the beginning of the supply chain!

Easter Eucharist – Thursday 25 March

There will be a whole school Eucharist on Thursday 24 March at 9.00am in the School Hall. All are welcome, but if you are bringing younger children, please sit near an exit. We look forward to seeing you.



Sport Relief



We had an amazing day last Friday when the children came into school in various types of sporting attire. We had footballers, ballerinas, judo kit, riding kit – the children really entered into the spirit of the day. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £268.25. Thank you very much.

Easter Eggstravaganza – Thursday 25 March

On Thursday we will be holding our annual Easter Extravaganza. If your child wishes, they may bring in a decorated egg (hard boiled, please!) and / or an Easter bonnet. These should be taken to their classrooms until after the Eucharist, when they will be taken into the hall so that everyone can come and look at them. They will be judged later in the day. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt and an Easter Bonnet Parade for both KS1 and KS2 during the day.

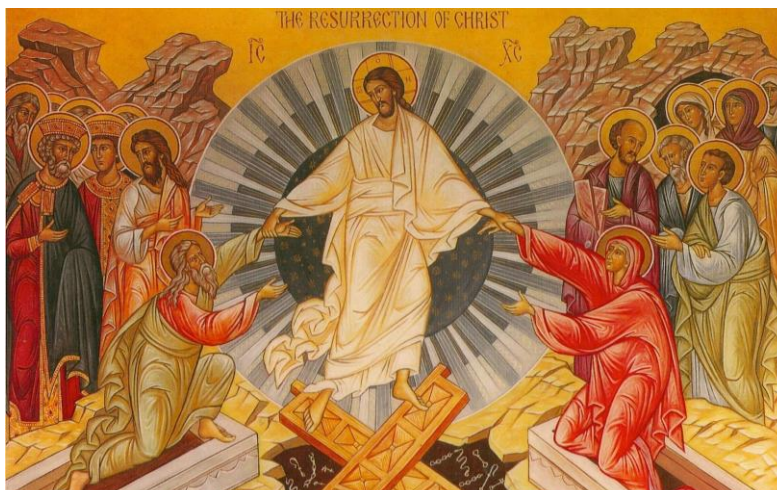


I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and reflective Easter break.

There is **NO** INSET day at the beginning of next term.

Term starts on **Monday 11 April** at 8.45am.

Happy



Easter!