



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



# NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"  
Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 15 v 12

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WB 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday and spent time doing lovely things and creating memories together.

Reflection - [Remembering](#)

## News

**Kindness Shield** – Sienna-Jane C-G (SL) – Sienna is truly amazing. She is kind, caring, encouraging and sees the good in others and she helps them to see the good in themselves. Sienna should be so proud of the compassion she shows and we are so proud of her and the kindness she shows. Keep being you Sienna!



**Remembrance** – This year for Remembrance Day there will be a walking parade. The parade will begin at the Memorial Gardens and end at St Mary's Church. The A29 will not be closed, but safety measures will be in place to assist participants in crossing the road. We, as a school, would love to see as many children as we can in their school uniforms showing their respect. If you are able to, we will be meeting at the Memorial Gardens by 10am to parade to the church for the Wreath Laying Service. The church service will follow this at 11:15am. Please note that all children attending will need to be accompanied by an adult.



**Fireworks** – What a fantastic community event for the fireworks. It was great to see so many families enjoying the fireworks. The PTA raised £2766. Thank you so much to the PTA for their organisation and putting on such a fantastic event! Thank you to Mr Howe for capturing our fireworks from above!



## Learning

**Diwali** – UK and Thailand class have been learning about Diwali. It was great to see their outfits and see the range of learning activities that were going on.



**Greek Day** – China and Mexico had a Greek Day this week. They made a Greek buffet to try a range of Greek foods, the Greek Olympics, Greek dancing and Greek alphabet sessions. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this.



## Sports

**Cross Country** – It was great to be able to run! That is what one of the pupils said after the Cross Country event at Jubilee Fields in Billingshurst. The children did well and a special mention goes to Daniel (SA), Olly (SA) and Ruairi (USA) class for their finishing positions in their respective age groups.



## Things to know...

**Parking** – A reminder that all parents can park at the Social Club and walk over to the school. This reduces parents parking outside residents houses. We have received complaints about parking – please can I ask that you park with consideration at all times and do not block driveways.

**Children In Need Day** – We will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The children can come to school wearing spots or pyjamas and donate a £1 which will go towards this charity.

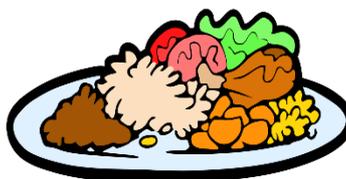
**Thought-Full** – Thought-Full are currently seeking parent and carer views about engagement with schools. All the information received will be used to inform what advice Thought-Full give to schools to improve engagement from parents and carers and how we can support schools further. All information obtained will be anonymous. We have produced a short survey for parents and carers to complete which can be accessed [here](#).

**SEND - There are some dates coming up for Journey, see details attached.**

**Chartwells meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

### November Cut off Dates

Thur 07/11 for w/c 18/11  
Thur 14/11 for w/c 25/11



### December Cut off Dates

Thur 21/11 for w/c 02/12  
Thur 28/11 for w/c 09/12  
Thur 05/12 for w/c 16/12

**Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - please ensure you order in time.**

## Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Remembrance Service at church 10.45am – meet 10am at the Memorial Garden by the Library

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Anti Bullying week

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Prayer Meeting 2.45pm

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children In Need – Dress down day for £1

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Bikeability starts for Y6 – the children will need a bicycle and a helmet

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Advent Eucharist – Parents are welcome to attend

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Cubitt and West - Homes at Christmas competition starts

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Advent/Christingle Service in church

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Film Night for Y4/5/6 (Big Top fundraiser)

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Nativity performance – 2pm and 5pm

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** India/Italy Christmas Production – Cock-a-doodle Christmas! 5pm **and Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** –2pm and 5pm

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**- PTA Christmas Disco 5 – 6 pm EYFS/KS1 and 6.15pm – 8pm KS2

**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Pantomime in school – Jack and the Beanstalk

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Parties PM

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of the Autumn Term

## Celebrations

**Class Assemblies** – These will be at 9am for this term and it is so valuable for parents to share the learning that has been going on.

**India** – 13th November

**China** – 14th November

**Mexico** – 20th November

**Italy** – 28th November

**NZ** – 4th December

**Japan** – 5th December



**Vine leaves** – **Millie (SL)** for perseverance. Millie has worked really hard on her times tables this term mastered one that she has been finding tricky. **Darcy (SL)** for perseverance in clarinet and always trying her best. **Oakley S (Ita)** for perseverance - For trying your best to move up the leader board in Numbots. **Edward S (NZ)** for generosity. He was happy to let another child borrow his guitar when they had forgotten theirs.

## **Achievements** –



**Violet H (NZ)** –  
completed Stage  
2 at swimming

**Rosie O (Jap)** –  
completed her  
200m  
swimming  
badge

**Josh E (Jap)** –  
was invested  
into Scouts