



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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Snow arrived this week and we saw a flurry of snowflakes – there was great excitement and the children headed out to explore this. A real treat! Please ensure that we have coats, hats and scarves ready and labelled for this.



## Church Links

**St Mary's Church - Christingle Service - St Mary's Church** – Advent / Christingle will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm and the children will all be given a Christingle to light and go home with. The star on the top of the church will be lit at 5pm. This is always a lovely service – so do come along! We will be making these at school next Friday – a huge thank you to Tesco for their contributions of the oranges.

**SPLASH** – We welcomed SPLASH to our whole school worship on Monday. The theme was Advent and they had a giant Advent calendar that they opened with the children and they looked at important messages through the Advent Calendar. Thank you to Ozzie, Bea, Daisy and Freddie for helping with the worship.



**Reflection** - This week's reflection - [Where do we find Hope?](#)

## Learning

**Worship at church** – NZ, USA and SL have been up to church this week for their worship with Fr Paul. They focussed on the Kings of the Old Testament - Saul, David and Solomon - ahead of celebrating Christ the King this weekend.



**Thailand Class** - In Funky Fingers, Thailand class have been using glow lightsabers to make the big movements that are needed. A great way to learn and develop these skills and such a lot of fun.



**Clarinet** – Clarinet performances are due to take place on Tuesday 3rd December. These will be at 10:50 and 11:30. Mrs Farrant and Miss Taylor sent out emails this week letting you know what time your child is performing.

**Thought-Full** – There is a parent Tea and Chat on anxiety on **Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm** in the small hall. Please contact the office for more details.

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](#).

## Sports

**Badminton** – Thank you to Mr Coomber for taking the children to Badminton at Collyer's Sixth Form College, Horsham this week. The children participated in skills based tasks like agility, movement, racquet control and the children went on to practise these skills in rallies.



## News

**Christmas Card competition** – Would you like to design a card for Andrew Griffiths MP? Andrew has shared his cards in the past with Prime Minister and the Speaker of the House of Commons. He also sends a card to His Majesty King Charles III.

**Christmas Postbox** – Our Christmas postbox will be running from 1st December. All cards should be posted in the box, which will be in the reception office, and these will be delivered daily by the Year 6 prefects – please ensure you put the child's name and class on the envelope.

**Uniform Sale** – The preloved uniform that we have will be out on the playground on Wednesday 27th November at 3.15pm – please pop this in your diary.

## Things to know...

**Parking** – This week we had complaints about cars blocking driveways during drop off and collection – these have been referred to Operation Crackdown ([www.operationcrackdown.co.uk](http://www.operationcrackdown.co.uk)). **Please be considerate when parking and use the Sports & Social Club car park wherever possible.**

**Film Night** – Year 4/5/6 are invited to a Christmas Film Night as part of the Year 6 'Big Top' fundraiser. A separate email with details was sent out earlier this week

**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.



### December Cut off Dates

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**

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

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

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

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Advent/Christingle Service in church at 4pm

**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** – Christmas lunch

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**- PTA Christmas Disco 5pm – 6pm EYFS/KS1 and 6.15pm – 7.30pm KS2

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

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Class 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.

**Italy** – 28th November

**NZ** – 4th December

**Japan** – 5th December



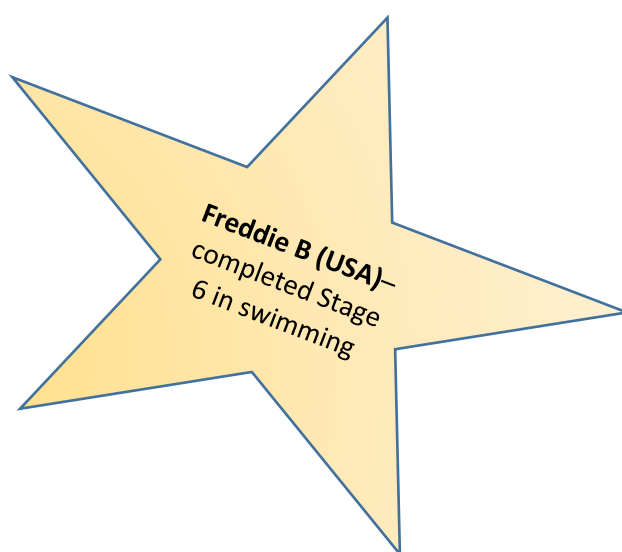
**Vine leaves** – **Josh E (Jap)** - Compassion and Service - for collecting litter around the village and talking to an elderly neighbour every morning making sure that he is ok **Ella S (Chi)** –

Perseverance - In an arithmetic test you kept trying with a tricky calculation until you finally got it **Nelly W (India)** –

Compassion - For always caring for children who have hurt themselves at play time. **Bowie L (Ita)** – Friendship - For taking a new member of the class under his wing. **Leonardo H (Ita)** - Courage - For starting a new school and settling in so quickly! **Indy S (Ita)** - Wisdom - For explaining her insightful ideas to our class and making connections between her learning. **Ivy D (Jap)** - Creativity - a brilliant clay model of an arctic fox made for homework this week. **Daniel P and Henry W (SA)** - Wisdom - fantastic teamwork and collaboration in division problem solving this week! **Harper (NZ)** - Friendship - a brilliant friend to so many children and is constantly putting others needs before her own.

Remember to take care of yourself too Harper! **Teddy E (Tha)** – Perseverance – for trying so hard with writing this week - you kept tryinh even though it was a bit tricky at times **Skyla E (Tha)** – Service - for being such a good helper and tidying up after others and without being asked. **Freddie B(Jap)** – Kindness – for helping a younger child in the corridor when she was having a problem **Ross H & Teddy L-C (Chi)** – Perseverance – for making a concerted effort to improve their overall attitude to learning this week

## **Achievements** –





**Max H (Mex)** –  
awarded Man of  
the Match in his  
football match



**Dan P (SA) &  
Mattie P (USA)** –  
finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their  
respective KidsTri  
categories

**Freya C (Chi)** –  
qualified for the  
Atlantis  
swimming  
squad

**Oscar D (Jap)** –  
got Man of the  
Match at  
football

**Daisy E, Indi P, Charlie  
M, Immie W (SA),  
Freddie B, Seb H, Rex  
W (Jap) and Fred M  
(USA)** – all competed  
in a rugby tournament

**James H (NZ)**–  
was invested into  
Cubs this week

# Christmas Lunch



Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for

**Monday 9th-Thursday 19th December**

## **MAINS**

Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
or  
Quorn Roast in Gravy

## **SIDES**

Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn  
Mini Sausage & Stuffing



## **DESSERT**

Festive Cupcake

Order on ParentPay, ask your school which day they have booked.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A YEAR 4, 5 AND 6

# Christmas MOVIE NIGHT



**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

AFTER SCHOOL FOR A 3.30PM START

FINISH 5.15PM

**£3 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO BE  
PAID ON THE DOOR**

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE  
CASH ONLY





**ANDREW  
GRIFFITH**  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
ARUNDEL & SOUTH DOWNS

# Christmas Card Competition 2024

**Andrew Griffith MP** is inviting children under 12 to send their Christmas Card designs to **[andrew.griffith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrew.griffith.mp@parliament.uk)** with the **subject heading** **CHRISTMAS CARD**

The winning entry will be used as my Christmas Card, **with prizes for the winner and two runners up!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE**



**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**



Come and join us for a chat and a play

Stories, crafts and refreshments

Thursdays (term time) 10-11.30am

# Ladybirds

St Mary's Church

Everyone welcome

£1 donation

Follow us on Facebook - @stmarysladybirds

Contact Tony Holloway 01798 874146

stmaryschildreuschurch@gmail.com





# SPORTXPLORE SOCCER CAMPS!!

WE ARE RUNNING TWO CAMPS  
ACROSS THE CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS,  
COME AND JOIN THE FUN. SEE  
ALL THE DETAILS BELOW:

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- ✓ SKILLS & BALL TECHNIQUES
- ✓ FUN GAMES
- ✓ MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS
- ✓ HAVE LOTS OF FUN!



### CHRISTMAS CAMP

23RD OF DECEMBER  
4-12 YEARS OLD  
09:45 - 15:00

£25 FOR THE DAY!

### NEW YEAR CAMP

2ND + 3RD OF JANUARY  
4-12 YEARS OLD  
09:45 - 15:00

£25 FOR 1 DAY, £40 FOR 2!

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LINK LANE, PULBOROUGH, WEST SUSSEX, RH20 2AN.

BOOK NOW  
[WWW.SPORTXPLORE.ORG/BOOK](http://WWW.SPORTXPLORE.ORG/BOOK)

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# RECYCLE YOUR TREE

**Rotary**  
Storrington &  
Pulborough District



**C**  
**Chestnut  
Tree House**  
{Children's  
Hospice Care}



TO REGISTER"

## SCAN HERE!

[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

- Registration Opens 15th Nov 2024
- Registration Closes 7th Jan 2025
- Collecting 11-14th January 2025

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Registered with  
**FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR**

After costs, 50% of the monies raised will go to Chestnut Tree House. The remaining 50% will be distributed by Storrington and Pulborough District Rotary Club to many worthy causes in the local community.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.







FREE ENTRY

CASH ONLY FOR ACTIVITIES

# Christmas Fair

Raffle, tombola, stalls,  
cake stall, hot beverages,  
and...



At Kaleidoscope Preschool,  
Hampers Green

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

11am-1pm





# PROJECT SOLAH

**Safer Online At Home**

**Free 1 to 1 support  
for young people**

Helping young people to manage their online world safely,  
including friendships and relationships, social media, peer  
pressure and potential sexual exploitation.



**Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.**

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