



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



# NEWSLETTER

**“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”**

**Humility, service and forgiveness**

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1st February 2019

**Mrs Metaliaj** – We are wishing Mrs Metaliaj lots of luck as she heads off on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her news at some point in the near future. Mrs Haley Chattaway (Mrs HC) will be replacing Mrs Metaliaj in Austria class. She has worked in Early Years before and has lots of experience.



**School Photographs** – It is class photograph day on Wednesday 6th February. Please ensure children are in full clean school uniform.

**Litter** – Please could I ask that parents and children are considerate with their litter when they leave the school playground. Residents near to us really do not want the school's litter in their gardens. Many thanks for your help with this.

**PTA Bingo – Tonight (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February)** – Don't forget doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. This is always a fun evening.



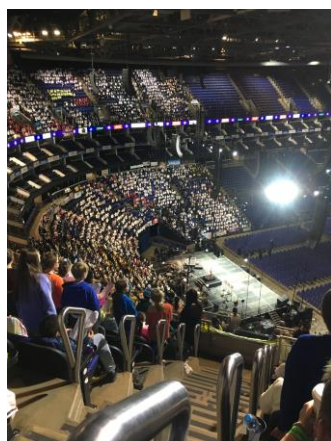
**The O2 and The Young Voices Choir** – It was an absolute delight to accompany Mr Rogers and the St Mary's choir to the O2 in London. The children were so beautifully behaved and it was fantastic to be part of something so big with 8, 500 children in the arena. The children were put through rehearsals in the afternoon and we were accompanied by Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet. Also Sharlene Hector who is the lead vocalist of Basement Jaxx and sings regularly at Ronnie Scotts in London, also Beau Dermott from Britain's Got Talent. In 2016, Beau Dermott – the girl with the big voice and big heart signed a major record deal with Decca Records. Beau shot to fame when her electrifying audition on BGT earned her the Golden Buzzer from Judge Amanda Holden – taking her straight into the live finals. Beau sang 'Defying Gravity', and inspired the children with her stories about being part of Young Voices when she was a child. The children sang their hearts out and made the school very proud of their achievements.



**Parent's view**



**Children's view**



**Leavers Hoodies - last chance** - Orders must be in no later than **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**



**Eco Assembly** – On Thursday we welcomed some visitors to assembly to talk about ‘Less Co2’ Carrie Court and Steven Green, who spoke to the school about ways in which St Mary's could continue the good work that is being done with saving energy and ultimately the planet. The eco council found meeting with them very interesting, as they shared their experiences of how they have turned schools around to recycle and reuse. Thank you for all your great advice Carrie and Steven!



**Maths** – Times tables – Another link that might be useful for the children is <https://www.mathschase.com/> Maths Chase is a completely free site where you can quickly test your times tables. The site is a very simple game but I think kids will find it a really fun way to learn their times tables.

**Reading** – It is World Book Day coming up and we are lucky enough to have Steyning Bookshop coming to visit us. This is a perfect opportunity for the children to use their £1 voucher and invest in some quality reading material. A percentage of book sales goes back to the school for us to invest in books. They will be in the hall from 3pm on Wednesday 6th March.

**Vine leaves** – **Merry (Japan)** with a group of friends, **Alisha, Georgie, Scarlett, Rebecca, Amelie, Rosa, Fleur, Megan** have raised £6.72 from selling friendships bands and other things that they have made. What a kind thing to do. Also **Flynn in France Class** – was awarded a Vine leaf for kindness in his class.



**Attendance** – Well done to **Mexico** class last week for the highest attendance. We are striving to improve our attendance as this can have an impact on your child's educational attainment.



**Tea and Chat sessions – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.** We are working hard to further improve our progress in Maths and Literacy. Mrs Martin Wells is going to run a session for parents on calculations and how parents can support with Maths.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am,** Ms Frances is going to run a workshop on quality picture books and how to use them at home with your children.

**Reports/ Parent's Evenings** – Reports will be coming home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and **Parent's Evenings** will be on the **19<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 – 6pm and 21<sup>st</sup> March 6 – 8.30pm.**

**Chartwells - Pancake Day** - Those in EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2 that normally have hot school meals will have the menu on the poster and those in KS2 that pay for meals will have to **order and pay by 24th February 2019.**  
**See poster attached**

**Food & Nutrition** - club started this week and dish of the day is awarded to **Isla K** who made a Berry Trifle.



**The Walking Bus** - The Walking Bus still walks all weathers



**Little Explorers** – This week we have been celebrating story telling week. We have looked at stories which include the Gruffalo, Goldilocks and the three bears, The three little pigs and Farm stories. We have then made clay Gruffalos, explored with porridge oats by measuring and looking at capacity, we have had a farm sensory tray with hay in where the children have been building enclosures for the animals. Outside the children have been exploring ice, snow and investigating how liquid changes to solids.



**Safer Internet day** – The school will be raising the children's awareness of using the internet safely on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.** WSCC have produced a Guide for parents & carers called, 'Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe Online' <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12312/parent-carer-guide.pdf>

<b>February</b>			
Fri 1st Feb	PTA BINGO - See posters for details	Doors open at 7pm	
Tue 5th Feb	Safer Internet day		
Wed 6th Feb	Class Photos	AM	
<b>Mon 18th - Fri 22nd</b>	<b>Half Term</b>		
Mon 25th Feb	Fair Trade fortnight		
<b>March</b>			
Wed 6th Mar	Ash Wednesday - Eucharist		School Hall
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day - Costumes required		
Fri 8th Mar	Tea & Chat - Maths and Literacy	9.00am	Multi Purpose Room
Fri 8th Mar	School Reports		
Wed 13th Mar	Ingfield Manor - UK Class	9.30am - 2.15pm	Ingfield Manor
Tue 19th Mar	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.30pm	School Hall
Thur 21st Mar	World Poetry Day - Details to follow		
Thur 21st Mar	Parents Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	School Hall
Mon 25th Mar	Bikeability week - Year 6		
Wed 27th Mar	Ingfield Manor - Austria Class	9.30am - 2.15pm	Ingfield Manor
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tea & Chat - Quality picture books and how to use them at home	9.00am	Multi Purpose Room
Fri 29th Mar	<b>School Clubs Finish</b>		
Sat 30th Mar	PTA Race Night - Details to follow		
Sun 31st Mar	Mothering Sunday Service		St Mary's Church
<b>April</b>			
Tue 2nd Apr	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow		School Hall
Tue 2nd Apr	DISCO Reception & KS1	5.00pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
	DISCO KS2	6.15pm - 7.30pm	School Hall

Wed 3rd Apr	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow		
Fri 5th Apr	Eggstravaganza - Details to follow		
Fri 5th Apr	The Weald Mental Health Morning - Details to follow	10.00am - 12.00noon	
<b>Fri 5th Apr</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>		
<b>Tue 23rd Apr</b>	<b>Return to School - Summer Term</b>		





£2.35

# Pancake Day

Tuesday 5th March

*Choose a main meal...*

BBQ Chicken & Rice

or

Veggie Sausage & Bean Casserole

*on the side...*

Carrots & Sweetcorn

or

Fresh Salad

*for dessert...*

Pancake with Chocolate Sauce

or

Fresh Fruit Salad



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by Sunday 24th February

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