



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



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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Dear all,

There seems to be some normality returning and the weeks seem to be passing quickly for some and not for others. We are taking each week a day at a time and we are answering as many questions as we can with the limited information that we have. Please be reassured that we miss the children who are not with us and they are in our thoughts. Thank you to all of you who are working so hard to support the home school learning – it may not feel like it – but you are doing an amazing job!

Mr Aschettino – A huge thank you to Mr Aschettino who came and spoke to the Year 6 bubbles, this was to share information about The Weald and what it might be like when they start, and how The Weald can support the children during this difficult period. It gave the children an opportunity to get to know a familiar face and also ask their questions. We can't underestimate the value of this in this difficult time for the children at St Mary's.



Children accessing home school learning – we know that it is difficult for children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are still at home. We would love some more ideas of what might motivate the children. We can't guarantee anything but we would like any ideas that you have.

If you have any ideas, please do email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Recreation Ground - Parish Council has received some complaints about people using the outside gym on the rec and it's been reported that sometimes it is children of St Mary's at the end of the school day. Please could I remind you that under the Government Guidelines the equipment is not to be used. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Your Space – Online training flyer attached below.

West Sussex Mind – Flyer attached

Learning opportunities - When you are next out for a walk, how many trees can you identify? The Natural History Museum has created a **Tree Identification Key** to help you with any mystery trees:

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/content/dam/nhmwww/take-part/identify-nature/tree-identification-key.pdf>

...or take a virtual trip to the museum itself (if you are into dinosaurs there's a particularly good activity page.)

Achievements – **Ellie (SL class)** has been praised by Carol, the Community Warden, for picking up lots of litter over on the recreation ground. This is great to hear that she is looking after our village – well done Ellie.

Michael Rosen (Author) - Great news this week that Michael Rosen is on the mend after a long spell in hospital with Coronavirus. Why not share Michael reading Chocolate Cake?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BxQLITdOOc>

Here are some recipes for making mug cakes

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/mug-cake>

Also don't forget:

Clean-up and Create Art Competition which is open to all 5-16 year olds. Closing date 10.7.20

This is being organised by South Downs National Park Trust in partnership with Sussex Green Living on behalf of the Boltini Trust.

Full details: <https://www.southdownstrust.org.uk/clean-up>

A great home-learning activity with prizes of £150! Entries by photograph

Coronavirus - Please find below the links to two animations produced for 'Reaching Families' which might be helpful. The first is about Coronavirus and the new normal and the second about returning to school.

<https://youtu.be/86CuDvNIhbU>

<https://youtu.be/KRXTDSuHsTQ>



Sussex day – Sussex Day was on Tuesday and we were proud to fly the flag.

Timings – I have had a few parents ask if their child can come in earlier. Please stick to the timings as the teachers are on staggered entry into classrooms and I have to ensure that they are ready once the children come through the gate.

Early Years must arrive at 8.30am and pick up at 2.45 pm, Year 1 at 8.45am and pick up at 3pm and Year 6 (must be accompanied by an adult at drop off) at 9am and pick up at 3.15pm. Parents who are standing outside the fence, please come into the playground at pick up as this stops a surge of children running through the gate and then we can't social distance them. We had year 6 crossing the road unaccompanied and this nearly resulted in an accident.

YR, Y1 and Y6 bubbles – If you are sending your child back because you feel that they are safe then the expectation is that they will do all four days in school, they are taking up a space in a bubble and therefore **need to attend everyday Monday to Thursday**. If your child is in these year groups and they have not started back, but you would like them to then please contact head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Christian values – We are focussing on friendship, generosity, thankfulness and love this half term.

Pastoral support in school – If your child is still at home, we will continue to 'check in' with you. This might be a phone call, an invitation to take part in a class zoom meeting, a conversation at the gate or when we see you out and about.

We are here for you, so if you need a chat about home school learning or need specific guidance or a link to someone or something, then please phone Miss Wilkins, Mrs Lee or Ms Harrison who are at the end of a phone to help.

Fr Paul – Father Paul was on the playground on Wednesday and he really enjoyed seeing the children, staff and parents.

Feedback on opening the school to YR, Y1 and Y6 – We are very grateful for the feedback we have received, as it has been overwhelmingly positive with the policies and procedures that we have put in place. Comments have praised the system on the playground in the morning and afternoon for parents and for pupils. The enjoyment of the pupils in lessons, the enthusiasm and commitment of the teachers in all the bubbles and the helpfulness of the communications coming out about every step and process. If you have feedback to give, then please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Virtual Sports – Last week the virtual sports was Athletics. Well done to Jessica L (SL), Albert G (Jap), James H (Mex), Matthew H (Mex), Freddie G (Ire), Noah E (Ire), R S (Year 1), Chené D (Mex), Leo D (Ind), Mae E (Chi), Ella W (USA), Scarlett E (Ire), Livia H (Fra), Isla B (Tha), Archie T (Tha), Bea K (Tha), James M (Ind), Misty M (USA), Holly M (Chi), James T (Chi), Elani D (Ind), Molly B (USA), Anna E (Ind), Keely L (USA), Max D (USA), Jessica L (Ire), Toby B (USA), Angel W (Mex), Freya C (Chi), Ava D (Ire), Ruben S (NZ), Elba (Fra), Martha L (Ire), Lewis B (Jap), Caleb L (Ire), Freya W (NZ), Rosie O (Tha)

At this difficult time, please follow Government advice and stay safe. We are thinking of you all, and we are looking forward to getting back to school when the time is right.

If there is anything that you would like me to discuss in the newsletters over the next few weeks, have some feedback, or you would like a photo of something your child/children has been doing to go in the Newsletter, please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and I can add things in or address any issues.

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Free Virtual Learning Events for Parents and Carers

	Course Title	Date	Time
June	Behaviours of Concern	Wednesday 17 th June	10:00 – 12:00
	ASC and Gaming Addiction	Tuesday 23 rd June	10:30 – 12:30
	Building Your Child's Self-Esteem	Wednesday 24 th June	10:00 – 12:00
	5 Ways to Wellbeing	Wednesday 24 th June	13:00 – 14:00
	Wellbeing and Resilience	Tuesday 30 th June	14:00 – 16:00
July	Behaviours of Concern – An Autistic Perspective	Wednesday 1 st July	14:00 – 16:00
	Meltdowns and Shutdowns	Thursday 2 nd July	14:00 – 15:30
	5 Ways to Wellbeing	Tuesday 7 th July	12:00 – 13:00
	Autism, Adolescence and Education	Tuesday 7 th July	10:00 – 11:30
	Understanding and Supporting LGBT+ Young People with ASD	Wednesday 8 th July	13:30 – 16:00
	Computer Games – Addiction or Aid?	Thursday 9 th July	10:00 – 13:00
	Building Resilience	Thursday 9 th July	14:00 – 16:00
	Autism and Girls	Tuesday 14 th July	10:00 – 11:30
	Youth Mental Health First Aid Awareness	Tuesday 14 th July	12:00 – 15:00
	Sensory Processing	Thursday 16 th July	10:00 – 12:00
August	Social Anxiety and Returning to School After Lockdown	Tuesday 4 th August	10:00 – 11:00
	Social Anxiety and Returning to School After Lockdown	Wednesday 26 th August	18:00 – 19:00

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Telephone Counselling

Reaching Families has adapted its services to provide support for parent-carers during the coronavirus pandemic.

If the lockdown is having an effect on your mental health and wellbeing we can provide you with short term affordable counselling to support you during these times*

For further details

Email: counselling@reachingfamilies.org.uk

***£10 per session (£5 for parents on work related benefits)**



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