



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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21st September 2018

Update on Mrs Brown – We can now confirm that Mrs Brown is returning to St Mary's and she will be returning on the 8th October on a phased return. I will be returning to my role of Deputy Head and SENDCo. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your support. I have really enjoyed the challenges of being Acting Headteacher and I have been proud to lead the school. Every child is very special and they have so much to offer.

Harvest Fayre – The village Harvest Fayre is on 22nd September from 11am – 5pm. St Mary's always supports this event with some homemade scarecrows which are displayed. We would love to have a large amount of scarecrows in Glebe Field for people to admire. The theme is 'Sporting Heroes'. There are 100 dojos on offer for those children who feel that they could support this village event.



Vine leaves – Billy Barnes for his attitude towards school, Lewis Bridge Showed love and consideration, Martina Smith and Alexander Bagnall for Friendship.



Kindness Shield – Congratulations to Rebecca Shepherd who received the Kindness shield for September.

The moon – A big crate came into school with lots of security that could only be broken by lots of numbers, there were small Moon Rocks in the crates and the larger ones were in plastic tubes. And from what I could see they were absolutely priceless. Article written by - William Orrell.

Jeans for Genes day – The school will be supporting Genes for Jeans Day on Friday 21st September. The children are welcome to come in their jeans and or Non-school uniform for a £1 donation. There will be a cake sale at the end of the day on the playground from 3pm and a competition can be found on <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/spongebobcomp> should your child wish to enter, all entries to be returned to school by Friday 19th October to be sent off all together.



Lizzie Williams – Inspirational is the word that quantifies Lizzie's visit to St Mary's this week. Lizzie is in training for the 2020 Paralympic games with her skill in wheelchair racing. Lizzie told us the dream that she has and how she has had to conquer some challenges to get to this point. Lizzie spent the morning answering questions about her disabilities and also her racing wheelchair.



Planetarium – What a fantastic super starter for Mexico and China class! We welcomed Herstmonceaux Planetarium. The children spent the morning looking at visual images and models and gaining lots of scientific knowledge. They asked some very thoughtful questions.



The Amex – Japan and South Africa Class went off to The Amex stadium for a day of PSHCE activities. This day included a tour of the stadium and meeting the Mascot. Albion in the Community are going to be working in the school during the Autumn term on a Friday. Their mentor will be organising some PSCHE activities as well as running a Y6 Girls football and leading some professional development opportunities for the teachers.



Harvest Eucharist – Our Harvest Eucharist is **Thursday 27th September**. This is a lovely celebration at this time of year and we like to create a Harvest display. This year we will be donating any gifts to FSW. These gifts can include dried foods, tins, personal hygiene items, pasta and packets. Thank you in anticipation of a donation.

Meet The Teacher – This event is on Wednesday 26th September at 7pm. There will be a short chat in the main hall followed by a presentation from the class teachers. It isn't a consultation evening – it is for information. If you are unable to make it then please ask the class teachers for notes from the meeting.

Dyslexic Type Tendencies 6 weeks Parents Support Group -This started this week and was offering brilliant advice for parents whose children may be experiencing difficulties. These sessions are on a Wednesday and will be helping parents to support their child/ren who may have Dyslexic type tendencies. **These sessions are continuing and will be from 1:30pm -3:15pm** and there will be some information sharing and then some discussion. **The next dates are the 19th Sept, 26th Sept, 3rd Oct, 10th Oct and 17th Oct. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending.**

Samba Drums - The children in Year 4 are very lucky to have the opportunity to take part in weekly Samba lessons this term as part of the West Sussex Music Enrichment Program. They really enjoyed their first session with Mrs Eames earlier this week, where they were introduced to a range of Brazilian instruments including surdos, tamborims, ganzas, agogo bells and caixa. We are looking forward to learning more and developing our skills over the coming weeks.



Billingshurst and District Lions Club Big Book give away – Next Wednesday we will be welcoming the Lions Club to the school who will be giving away books to the children throughout the afternoon.

Thread worm – We have had a case of Thread Worm reported in the school, if you feel this is a concern please seek advice from the Pharmacy.

Dates for you Diary:

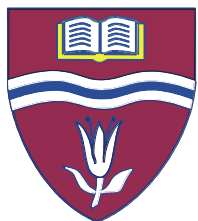
Friday 21st September	Jeans for Genes Day – Come to school in Jeans/Non-uniform (£1 donation)
Saturday 22nd September	Harvest Fayre – Glebe Field from 11am
Sunday 23rd September	Vélo South Cycle Race - Sun, 23rd Sep 2018
Monday 24th September	School- Afterschool Clubs begin
Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th September	2pm-3pm -Open afternoon for those starting school September '19
Wednesday 26th September	7pm – Meet the Teacher – All classes
Monday 1st October	Yr4 Trip to Drusillas Zoo Park

PTA News – Scholastic Books "Six times a year St Mary's send home a leaflet from the Scholastic Book Club. Scholastic sell a discounted range of books and gifts suitable for birthdays and Christmas. There are always excellent offers with some books from top authors priced at just £2.99.

Our school receive vouchers amounting to 25% of the total order value from parents. At present the scheme raises about £60.00 per year for school with only the support of a handful of families.

Your children should have brought home a Scholastic Leaflet in the last few days. To order, complete the form in the centre of the leaflet and bring it to the office by Monday 24th September. The books usually take a week to arrive and will be handed to your child to bring home. If you would prefer them to be handed to a parent, please make a note on the order form.

Any purchases you make will bring a direct benefit to the children of St Mary's by allowing us to buy new books for the library or classrooms. Thank you for your support."



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

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9th October 2018 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Friends of St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School would like to invite all parents and carers to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th October in the small hall at 3.30pm. You are warmly invited to share some refreshments and meet the existing PTA before we start our meeting. This is an important part of the PTA year, where we are hoping to be able to form a committee for this year, with new ideas and enthusiasm! We will also be electing the PTA Trustees for the next year. The trustees support the re-election of the existing trustees and propose Mrs Copus as an alternative trustee to Mrs Brown.

The PTA is a friendly committee of parents and teachers who are committed to raising funds to help all the children at the school. In the last academic year we had a fantastic year and raised around £20,000 for the benefit of the children but we could not achieve that sort of success without the support of all the helpers and volunteers that give up their time and talents.

You do not need to join the committee to come to this meeting but for the PTA to be successful we do need your help and input. We need to know what you think:

- About our events
- About what the money we raise is spent on.

So please, come along to the AGM - meet the existing members, let us know what you think and what you would like to see the PTA doing for your children.

I am able / unable to attend the Friends of St Mary's PTA AGM on Tuesday 9th October.

Signed _____

Child(ren) _____ Class _____



Draft AGM Agenda

Thursday 5th October 2017

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

1. Persons Present
2. Apologies
3. Head Teacher's Report
4. Chairman's Report, including
 - a. Friends of St Mary's CofE Aided Primary School, Pulborough as a Charity
5. Finance report
 - a. Treasurer's Report – followed by acceptance of the accounts so they can be audited and filed with the Charities Commission.
 - b. Reappointment of Alan Copus as the independent examiner of the accounts
6. Approval of Trustees
7. Election of Events Committee members
8. AOB
9. Date of next ordinary meeting of Events Committee



PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET AND CAFÉ

Saturday 22nd September



Artisan Food & Craft

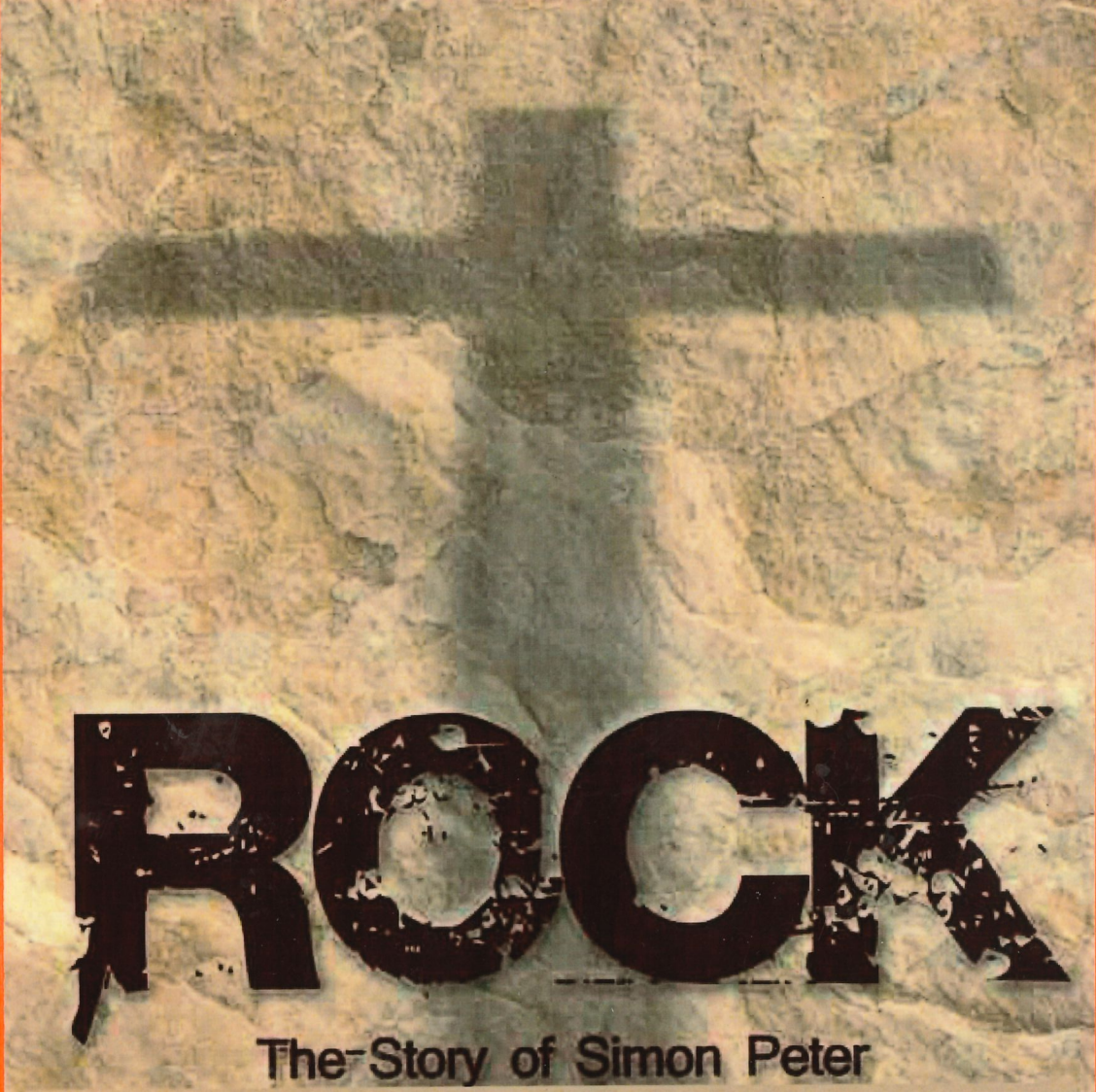
Join Terri and Louise in celebrating 1 year running the
Market with a free cuppa!

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL. 9am-12.30pm

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Huge selection of wonderful stalls

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



ROCK

The Story of Simon Peter

A musical written by Roger Jones

Presented in collaboration with
Pulborough Churches Together

Pulborough Village Hall

Sunday 21st October 4pm

Tickets £5 (U16's free)

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