



NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear all,

Following on from my newsletter last week and the school is preparing to open for all pupils in September, Monday to Friday. This newsletter will now go through the new classes for September and how we are hoping to staff them. This maybe subject to change should we be given additional guidance on COVID 19. Thank you for your patience with this.

Classes for September – We are so very lucky that all the current staff are staying at St Mary's as we go into the Autumn Term and we are truly grateful for this. They are so passionate about what they do and have been the backbone of the school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all children on the 7th September 2020.

Class	Teachers for September
UK - EYFS	Mrs Callender
Austria – EYFS/Y1	Mrs Huntley Hart
Thailand – Y1	Mrs Hubble
France – Y1/2	Miss Sleaf
India – Y2	Miss Wilkins/Miss Gorecka
New Zealand - Y3	Ms Frances
Ireland – Y3	Mrs Benson
USA – Y4	Miss Lyons/Mrs Martin-Wells
Sierra Leone – Y4	Mrs Rashleigh
Mexico – Y5	Miss Callender
China – Y5	Mr Coomber
South Africa – Y6	Miss Turner
Japan – Y6	Mr Rogers

Staffing – Mrs Burbidge will be returning from maternity leave on Wednesday next week. We are looking forward to welcoming her back. Mrs Burbidge will be in the key worker bubble until the end of term and then covering PPA in Key Stage Two as we move into September.

Key worker provision for key worker children, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP – **This provision will close on Friday 17th July.** We are not providing any summer care provision. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Last day for YR, Y1 and Y6 – The last day for the children in these year groups will be **Thursday 16th July** and then school will close for the summer holidays. **We will reopen to all year groups (in some capacity) on Monday 7th September**, as Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September are INSET days to ensure that we are ready to reopen. More details to follow.

PPA staff – In September, Miss Dunstall will be supporting PPA in EYFS and Year 1.

Mrs Burbidge will be teaching in KS2 and taking a role in the delivery of PE.

Mrs Vanieris will be teaching Spanish whilst Miss Bell is still on maternity leave.

Mrs Shuter will be working across the school at times to allow senior leaders to work on school improvement issues.

Staggered start and finish times – The Government are clear that we need to have some social distancing in September so we will be continuing with staggered start and finish times and a staggered lunch hour in zones. Staggered starts will stop parents congregating in a small space outside the gate and the staff will come in at staggered times to avoid each other in corridors and shared spaces.

We will be asking parents to continue to leave their child at the gate so your child will need to be able to come in on their own. At this time, temperature checks and hand sanitizing will continue but this may change over the summer holidays depending on guidance.

If we do get a case in a bubble then the bubble will be shut down until we have test results so please be aware that a bubble can be shut down at any point to stop the spread of the virus.

Drop off	Pick up	Classes
8.30am	2.45pm	Thailand, France and India classes
8.40am	2.55pm	New Zealand, Ireland, USA and Sierra Leone classes
8.50am	3.05pm	China, Mexico, Japan and South Africa classes
9.00am	3.15pm	UK and Austria classes - Once in full time

Peace posters – Well done to **James L** (Jap) for winning a £10 voucher for the best peace poster. We are very proud of your achievements. This has been already been presented to him in his bubble.

Gifts for teachers – We have been asked about gifts for the teachers for the end of year. It can only be electronic gifts due to not being able to bring anything on to the school site. Please let me reiterate that a *‘thank you’* is more than enough at this time.

New outdoor classroom – We now have a new outdoor classroom and what a space it has created. We are looking forward to the children being able to use it soon.



Kindness shield – The kindness shield for July was presented to **Lucy C** (UK) – Mrs Callender wrote “I have enjoyed watching you grow and develop into the lovely person you have become. “You are filled with kindness and love for everyone around you. These are qualities that are noticed and valued.”

Achievements – **Scarlett H** (India) has been awarded a vine leaf for resilience and perseverance. **Lynden C** (Jap) for his humility and understanding and participation in the leavers’ assembly, we have seen you grow into a mature and knowledgeable young man. **Oscar D** (Ind) for friendship – you have been noticed for the support you show to your friends. You should be proud! **Isobel H** (UK) has been recognised for her politeness – it is a pleasure to have a conversation with you.

Early Help – There are many virtual training dates. Please look at the list of dates for MIND – see attached flyer



‘500 word competition’ – This is a great opportunity to allow the children to write freely. Do have a look.

<https://edu7.sprintsend.co.uk/b1/display.php?M=5133449&C=b48c58c1ffe7646fd505072214b6fae&S=611&L=248&N=209>

Transition – Over the next two weeks, a transition booklet will come out with your child’s new class in it. This is to help with transition, as we are aware that we can’t do our normal ‘Move up’ session. We will also be sending out **Zoom** invites for the new classes for **Friday 10th July**. This is so the children can be introduced to their new teacher; they can see each other and ask any questions that they may have. We understand that this is not ideal but, with the current situation, this is all we can offer.

Virtual Sports –Last week the virtual sports was Rugby. Well done to:- **Lewis B (Jap), Chene D (Mex), Elani D (Ind), Victoria C (UK), William C (USA), Noah E (USA), Toby B (USA), Misty M (USA), Molly B (USA), Keely L (USA), Alicia B (SL), James T (Chi), Elba S (Fra), Ruben S (NZ), Jessica L (Ire) , Holly A (Ire), Freddie G (Ire), Jessie W (Ire), Joseph S (Ind), Caleb S (USA), James M (NZ), Holly M (Chi).**

Giving machine - We are very keen to keep raising money for the school even remotely. Please visit <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> "For Shoppers" menu, search for "St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School" Select it and click Support.

Parents will need to sign up and when they visit shopping websites via the links on the giving machine website you will start donating. You can also download an extension for your web browser that will remind you every time you go to a listed site to make it even easier to give us **free** money. Please support the school with this at this difficult time.

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. This will cease on Friday 17th July for the summer holidays.

Leavers’ Service for Y6 – We welcomed Father Paul, Mr Holloway and Mr Hancock to the bubble services on Wednesday as we had a church service. I hope that the Year 6 children came home and told their parents about the service. It was such a lovely occasion. A link to the recordings will be shared shortly once the videos have been edited. The children have been given a service booklet for their memory boxes (should they have one).



Music on the Menu - Please click on the link - [Music on the Menu](#)

Emails to staff – The school is receiving a lot of emails at the moment as this is the main communication method. Can I please remind parents that emails should be sent during working hours and under WSCC guidance we do have ten days to reply. We try to make it on the same day but sometimes this is not possible with teaching commitments. Please be patient with us as the school is not at capacity with staff and we all have many commitments.

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.

Mrs S Copus
Headteacher

Aspens Charities presents



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Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Save the date

A virtual weekend of activities and workshops themed around transition.

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Free Virtual Learning Events

Course Title	Date	Time
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
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

For more detailed course information and to sign up, please visit our Eventbrite page

www.westsussexmind.eventbrite.com