



NEWSLETTER

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

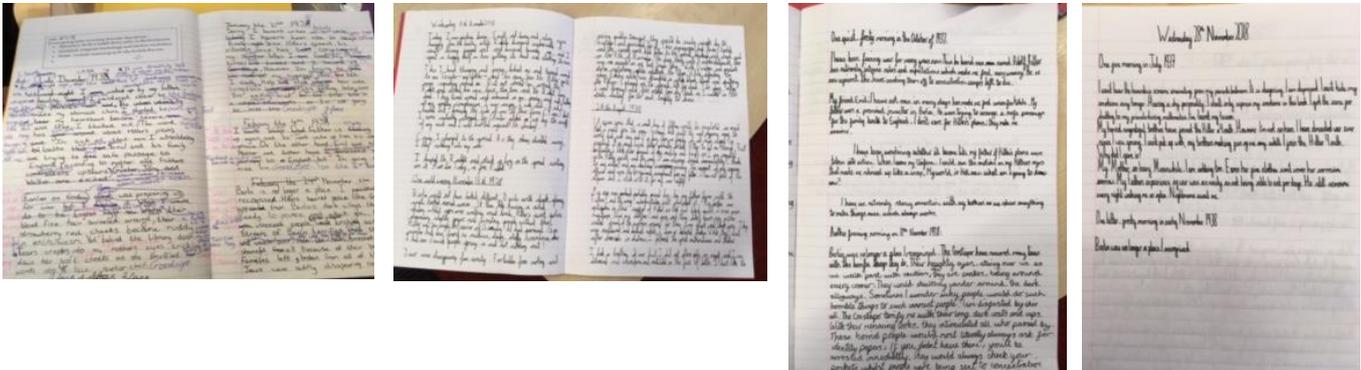
Hope, perseverance and courage

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30th November 2018

Christmas has started creeping into St Mary's this week. The Christmas trees have gone up, Mary, Joseph and the donkey are off on their journey around school and every class has an advent calendar ready to talk about the true meaning of Christmas. I am just waiting for the glitter!

Teaching and Learning – What a busy week for learning! Year 6 have been writing diaries and it has been great to see the drafting, editing and writing process embedded in what they do. There are some high expectations going on across the school of what the children can achieve – just look at this writing – well done!



Lodge Hill – Sierra Leone Class enjoyed a fantastic activity day at Lodge Hill on Tuesday, courtesy of the Rotary Club. They showed great communication and listening skills, working effectively as a team to complete challenges involving wobble boards, low ropes and archery. We were impressed with the way that the children encouraged and supported each other to challenge themselves and the determination that they showed during these activities. We would like to say a huge thank you to Matthew and everyone at the Rotary Club for providing the children with such a valuable experience.



Parking enforcement officer – There will be a parking enforcement officer looking at the parking near the school from 3rd December. Please do not park on single or double yellow lines as he will be issuing fines.

Book Sale – Year 6 are having a Book Sale on Monday 3rd December at 3.15pm to raise money for the Big Top for next year's Summer Production – do come along and support them and buy some stocking fillers!.



Kindness shield – December - **Martha Lewis** – You are such a kind, helpful and understanding member of India class and we are so lucky to have you in our class. You always look to see how you can make school life a little better for someone else. What is so special about you is that your kindness and generosity are so completely genuine and you never expect anything in return.

Library visit – Staying with our school focus on reading, it was lovely to see the children from U.K. and Austria class going off to the library on Wednesday. Bev Kinahan, Wellbeing Librarian for the rural Horsham district including Pulborough, talked about the benefits of having a library card, the types of resources and books we can borrow and where to find them in the library. She read a story to us and then everyone had time to choose a book to take home using their library card.



Many thanks to Bev and Carolyn who opened the library on Wednesday morning especially for us.

PTA Pop-up shop – The PTA will have their Pop-Up shop on Wednesday 5th December at 3.15pm and our school choir will be getting us in the festive mood with some singing. Please come and see what they have on offer. Advent Raffle tickets need to be returned today to be in with your chance to win £100 cash, £50 Amazon voucher or one of our many fabulous prizes to be drawn for the 24 days of Advent. We will be on the playground this afternoon with extra tickets if you would like to purchase more. See the end of the newsletter for a poster.

Wed 5th December 3pm - Christmas Pop Up Shop and Christmas Carols

Thurs 13th December - Christmas Disco KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.15-7.30pm

William Orrell on the Year 6 visit to St Mary's Church for Remembrance – We looked at the war graves from the people who died and it was a good experience to see what we have in Pulborough.

Little Explorers - This week the children have been practising hard for their nativity which will be next week. The children have enjoyed splashing in puddles and playing in the mud kitchen in our garden and have started Christmas art activities. The children have also enjoyed yoga, fun phonics sessions and Boogie Beats.

FSW – The charity Family Support Work are running a Christmas craft session in the Youth Club on Tuesday 4th December from 3pm – 5pm. Please do go along if you are interested and feel that this would be a great activity to do with your child.



Chartwells – Chartwells, our school meal providers, are going to be on the playground on Tuesday 4th December to raise awareness of the service that they provide and the hot meals that they are supplying within school. Do stop by and have a chat with them.



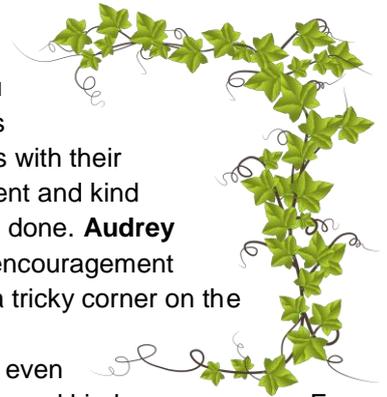
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Christingle there will be a special celebration in St Mary's church. We are making Christingles in school and then these will go up to church. We had so many families attending the Remembrance service and it would be lovely to see as many families in church on 2nd



December at 4pm. To mark the 50th anniversary there are going

to be some exciting effects in church so please come and see the lighting display as well as participating in the Christingle service. 50 dojos for the 50th year are on offer for those who come up to church and support this community event. Many thanks to Sainsbury's for their kind donation of the oranges.

Vine leaves - Fleur Hopkins – such a lovely moment in a game where someone came over and you moved up and invited them to join. **Freya Carruthers-Grassie** – We have seen you really helping others this week and being so kind. This culminated in you helping someone inside who had tripped over and having such a caring attitude towards them. **Tilly Wilson** – kindness - for taking the time to help two other children in the class with their science investigation without being asked. **Jack Reimoser** – you have shown your patient and kind side this week and we are proud of you for the way that you reacted to an incident. Well done. **Audrey Lewis** - thoughtfulness and wisdom. For the amazing team work that you showed and encouragement that you gave others at Lodge Hill. You came up with a solution about how to navigate a tricky corner on the low ropes course and patiently explained it to the rest of your team. **Luke Gladman** - perseverance. For the perseverance that you showed during all activities at Lodge Hill - even those that you found more of a challenge. **Amy Harber** and **Guy Bradbury** - For service and kindness. **Niamh Aspell** - courage and perseverance. You impressed us greatly with the courage and determination that you showed on the high wobble board at Lodge Hill, challenging yourself to overcome your fears and climb right to the top. **Harry Clayton** – forgiveness and compassion. For forgiving someone who had been unkind to him. Olivia Andrews – for caring and doing all she can to be a great team player. **Mary Edlin** and **Brooke Spiers** – for being great play buddies. **Joseph Stauss** – for courage and perseverance in taking part in his class assembly after being so unwell. Well done!



Staff training - The staff this week looked at children with a Special Educational Need and how we can make our classrooms as communication-friendly as possible. We also looked at how we can help children with Speech and Language difficulties. Talking is the key and role-modelling for the children all the time will help to improve their sentences. Do give it a go with your child and just spend some time talking about anything, but in depth and adding to their vocabulary.

Nick Herbert's visit – It was great to see Nick Herbert MP in school today and the children were delighted to show him they were making Christingles. In addition to this, he looked at the art work produced by some of the Key Stage 2 children and judged them. Well done to Taylor Young, whose card was chosen as Mr Herbert's official Christmas card this year and James Liu, who was runner-up.



Year 4 Samba - USA and Sierra Leone classes brightened up a damp Wednesday morning with their Samba



performances to parents this week! Wearing their colourful rainforest headdresses, inspired by the Brazilian carnival theme, the children shared their learning from the past ten weeks with tremendous energy and enthusiasm. They performed three pieces: We Like To Samba, Brazil and Samba Insetos, along with different vocal warm-up activities that they have learnt throughout the term. Several of the children also explained to the audience what they have learnt about different Samba instruments during their lessons. The children have learnt a huge amount during their sessions; we would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Eames for sharing her expertise, enriching our topic work and inspiring the children. Well done to Year 4 for really embracing this opportunity - you should feel very proud of the progress that you have made! Thank you to all of the adults who attended the performances to support the children. Our roving reporter, William Orrell, was at the scene and wrote this report:



On the 28th of November, USA and Sierra Leone performed a samba concert for their parents. It kicked off with some exercises to get ready for the drumming they were going to do. Then they introduced us to the instruments, such as surdo drums, repinique drums, riosa drums, agogo pasos and tamborims. I felt a little bit ill when listening to their instruments. After a long round of drums, it was time for the parents to leave.



Medicines – For school to administer medication, it must be prescribed by a GP, and for a minimum of 4 x doses a day for us to be able to administer during the school day. If the medicine is prescribed for 3 x a day then it must be given at home as follows: before school, after school and at bed time. This is in line with our school policy (directed by Managing Medicines in School by WSCC).



If your child is prescribed medication for 4 x a day then you must bring the medication in in its original container with the GP printed label, and a form must be completed at the School Office; the child must not bring in medication in without an adult. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

Fri 30th Nov	Last day of school clubs (external club dates may vary)		
Fr 30th Nov	PTA Wreath Making Workshop	7.00pm	School Hall
Sun 2nd Dec	Christingle Service	4.00pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 4th Dec	FSW Christmas craft making workshop	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Youth Centre
Wed 5th Dec	PTA Christmas Pop-up Shop & Choir	3.15pm	Front playground
Mon 10th Dec	Rock Steady Concert	9.00am	School Hall
Mon 10th Dec	UK & Austria Class Nativity - Stable by Starlight	1.30pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
Tue 11th Dec	KS1 Production - The Magic Christmas Jigsaw	1.30pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
Wed 12th Dec	KS1 Production - The Magic Christmas Jigsaw	6.00pm	School Hall
Thur 13th Dec	Christmas Eucharist	9.00am - 9.50am	School Hall
	Christmas Disco KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.15-7.30pm	5.00pm - 7.30pm	School Hall
Fri 14th Dec	Led by a Star	6.00pm	The Chequers
Sun 16th Dec	Village Carol Service	6.00pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 18th Dec	EYF & KS1 Christmas Lunch	12.00noon - 12.40pm	School Hall
	KS2 Christmas Lunch	12.50pm - 1.30pm	School Hall
Wed 19th Dec	Last day of Autumn Term	School finishes 3.15pm	



TOY SERVICE

Sunday 2nd December 2018



10-30am

at St Mary's

Church,



Pulborough

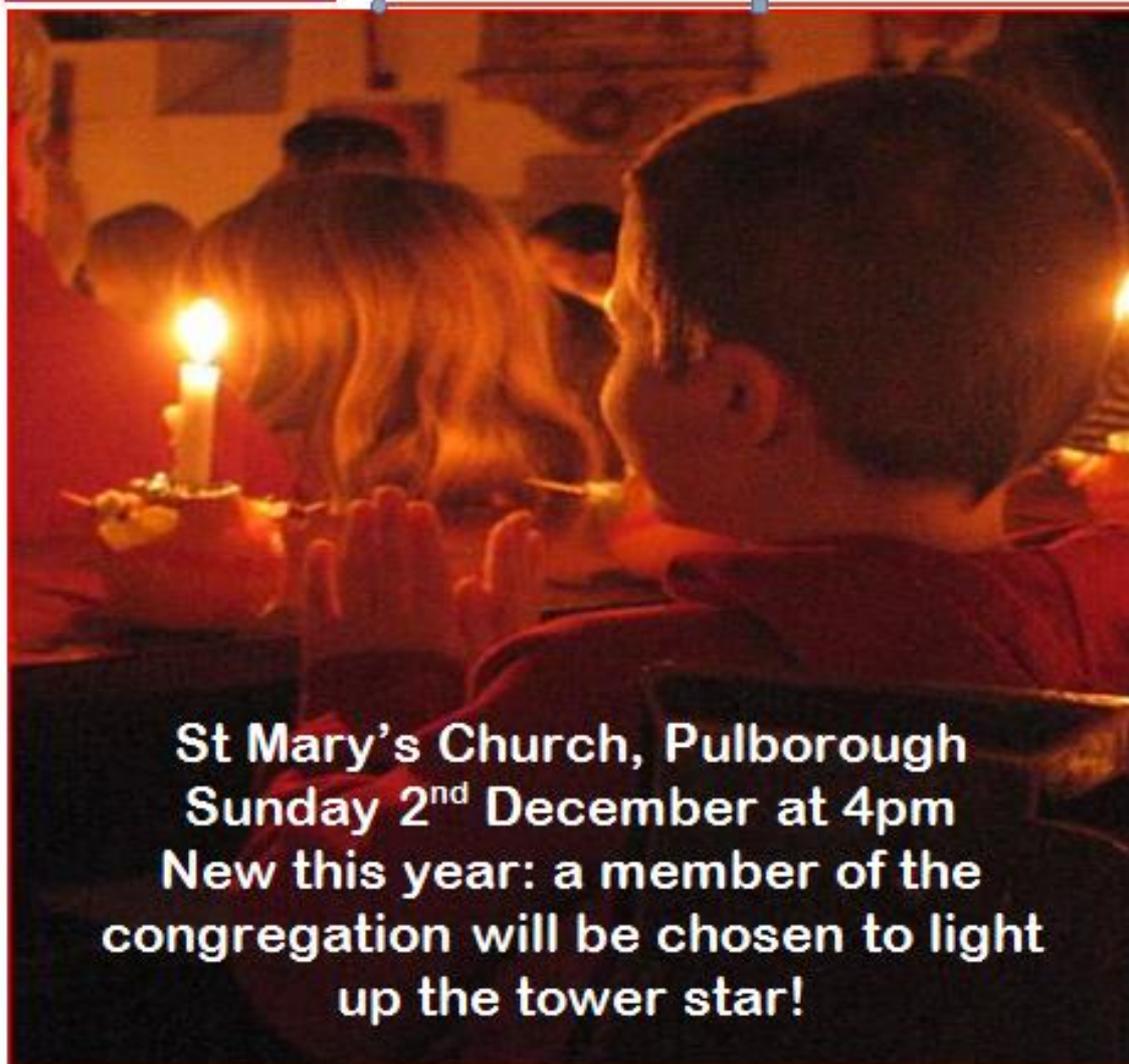
**Please bring new or as good as
new toys to support Family Support
Work (FSW) Christmas Appeal**



LIGHT, SOUND....ACTION!

Help us
celebrate
50 years of
Christingle
with the
Children's
Society

Christingle
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St Mary's Church, Pulborough
Sunday 2nd December at 4pm
New this year: a member of the
congregation will be chosen to light
up the tower star!



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
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Pulborough After School Club Christmas Arts & Crafts

 Tuesday 4 December 3.15 - 5.15pm

 All families welcome, pre-school to
11 years

*children must be accompanied by a parent / carer at all times

Refreshments Arts & Crafts Festive Fun

 Pulborough Youth Club

*Opposite St Mary's School, Link Lane, Pulborough, RH20 2TB

 Contact Family Support Practitioner Becca
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CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP

Wednesday 5th December 2018

3:00pm

On The Playground

A very exciting one day shopping event



Christmas Carols with The Choir, Hot Chocolates
and treats, Lucky Dip and lots to buy



Tuesday 18th December

£2.35

Festive Menu

Choose a main meal...

Roast Turkey
with Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage & Gravy

or

Quorn Fillet
with Stuffing Ball & Gravy

on the side...

Roast Potatoes
Peas and Carrots

for dessert...

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread
or

Fruit Salad

for a drink...

Fruit Squash

Milk

Water



To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please
order via our website at
www.measelector.co.uk
by Sunday 9th December