



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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WB 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Twitter** - We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to follow us on 'Twitter' as this is now becoming the new way forward to inform you of news updates, events last minute changes, reminders etc. The twitter address is: - @Pulb\_school



**Class newsletters** – Class newsletters are now on our website with a copy of the homework grid. If you have any questions then please email the class email address and the teacher will answer questions that you have.

**New second gate** – we are in the process of putting in a second gate on the bottom fence line, this is to help with the one-way system and getting the children into school quicker in the morning. Please bear with us on this.

**Christian values** – **Daniel H** (Jap) has been awarded a value vine for kindness. He has been a real ambassador for the school since we have returned and shown kindness. To **Michael B** (Thai)...for his kindness, helpfulness, his enthusiastic contribution and all-round positive attitude to life. **Ruben and Elba S** (Ind/Fra) for kindness and compassion for helping a member of our community who needed support. It was great that you noticed and could help.

**PE** – some of the girls are asking about bringing in roll on deodorant. Most roll on deodorants are 24 hours so this isn't necessary and the weather is getting cooler.

**Yellow photos** – This year we are having a new company to take our school photos 'Yellow'. Due to current circumstances, they will not be taking sibling group pictures only individual photos with NO exceptions. We realise that it is disappointing that sibling group ones will not be done but they are pleased to be able to offer individual ones in line with Yellow's policies and procedures.

Yellow will be offering a Family sibling 25% discount to support parents wishing to purchase the 2020 individual photographs of their siblings. "Family discount" will provide a 25% reduction on their individual photographs purchased

*For example*, a sibling family purchasing of 2 individuals of Pack 7 (10x8) at £12 each would cost £24, but after applying Family 25% discount on total purchase new lower price will be £18. This reduction will automatically be applied at Checkout for online orders, or parents returning orders to our Drop Box in the school, are to place the individual photo Proofcards into the **one order bag** and reduce total price by 25% with cheque/cash payment

**Meet The Teacher** – A Zoom invite will come out to you on Friday this week for our 'Meet the teacher'.

**Wednesday 23rd September. Austria, UK, Thailand, France and India will be at 3.30pm.**

**The rest of the school will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm.**

This is just for parents, not for the children. It is an opportunity for parents to meet the teacher, find out more about procedures in the classroom and ask questions. When you log on, we will ask that you mute, the teacher will do the presentation. Whilst they are presenting, if you have question then put them in the chat bar and at the end the teacher will answer individual questions. The questions shouldn't be about individual children, those questions can be sent via an email to the class email address. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Special educational needs and disability (SEND)** – If your child receives interventions in school then details about these will start coming out to you as parents with a copy of your child’s individual learning plan (ILP). Please be aware that we can only run certain interventions due to COVID 19 restrictions. If you have any worries or concerns please contact the class teacher in the first instance and then Miss Wilkins if you still have concerns.

**Parents comments** – If you have any comments about things that you working well (we like to celebrate our successes) and things that are not, then please put comments in the post box which is attached to the fence on the way out in the one way system or email [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**PTA News:-** As a PTA we are always keen to support the school in providing the children with as many learning opportunities and experiences as possible. Due to the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in, we have been unable to hold our normal fundraising events that provide much needed funds for the school.

We are currently looking at ways we can continue to raise funds, particularly for sails for the outside space to offer much needed shade and shelter, allowing outdoor learning to continue and also reorganising the poolside changing rooms to aid cleaning.

If you have any ideas re fundraising of the virtual kind, please do not hesitate to contact us on [pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[PTA AGM by Zoom – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm](#) We are running Zoom PTA AGM as above please see the Zoom meeting details below if you wish to attend please let the office know.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/3898575698?pwd=MnFrNDVYSmZQQmhJb2Fma2lVZ1ZmQT09>

**Meeting ID: 389 857 5698 Passcode: 6ByYKt**

**The Giving Machine** - We are keen to plan ahead for the winter and ensure we can use the outdoor spaces so we are looking at investing in sails for shade and for rain cover and also possible improvements to the swimming pool changing rooms.

**Remember!** When you are shopping or buying ANYTHING online, you can generate a free cash donation to the school with every purchase via [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk). There are over 1500 popular retailers and service providers taking part in the scheme, making it so easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.

Just go to [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk)

1. Join as a shopper
2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School
3. Find online store, do your shopping Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

**Pick up** – Just a reminder, children must stay with their parents on the playground, they must not be running around.

**Behaviour Policy** – Please click on the link below and read our updated behaviour policy, this can also be found on the website. The updates we have made reflect the current COVID-19 risks together with a greater emphasis on our vision statement. We would like to ask you to share and discuss the new policy with your children so that they understand the behaviour expectations in school. Thank you for your support in this matter. Please do have a look.

[St Mary's CofE \(Aided\) Primary School Behaviour Policy](#)

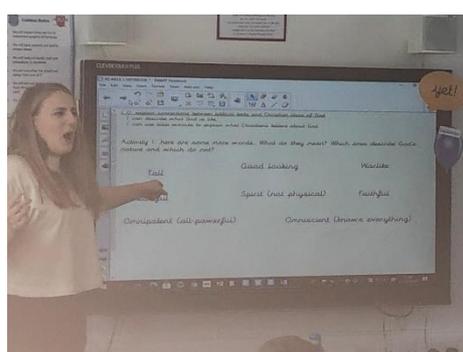
**Please be aware for the safety of the whole school community, we are running a ‘zero tolerance’ if children cough in each other’s faces or endanger the safety of others in a purposeful way.**

# Window to the classroom

## Stone Age Day – Ireland Class



## Teaching & Learning





**Reaching  
Families**

Empowering families of children and  
young people with special educational  
needs and disabilities

## Autumn Workshops (first half term)

### Making Sense of It All Foundation Course **\*NEW\***

Wednesday 30th September, 7th & 14th October 10.30am

This new three-part course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parents and carers. It aims to empower parents of children who are undergoing or have recently undergone diagnosis but it will be helpful to any parents who would like to learn more about how SEND processes work.

### Making Sense of Wellbeing **\*NEW\***

This six session course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax.  
*(each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage you to attend all if you are able to)*

Workshop: Active listening — Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Listening to your inner experience—Tuesday 22nd September 7.15pm

Workshop: Problem solving — Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Finding peace in the storm—Tuesday 6th October 7.15pm

Workshop: Positive thinking — Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

Mindfulness: You are not your thoughts—Tuesday 20th October 7.15pm

### Making Sense of Transitioning Back to School

Wednesday 16th September 10.30am

Looking at how children may be reacting to the return to school, covering many issues including separation anxiety and emotionally based school refusal; changes to the school environment; communication with and expectations from school; transitioning to a new setting and ongoing anxieties that children and parent-carers may be experiencing.

### Making Sense of the Annual Review Process of an EHC Plan

Tuesday 22nd September 10.30am

An overview of how the Annual Review process works including statutory timeframes, how the review meeting should be conducted and what happens afterwards, and when/how to request interim or emergency reviews.

### Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence (11+)

Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm

Exploring how your young person's brain works, how hormones and puberty impact upon our children, how we can support them and respond to challenging behaviour to achieve positive outcomes.

All of the workshops are free of charge and will be delivered online via Zoom.

For more information and booking please email [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk) or visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058>



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# VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 24 September 2020**

**LIVE AT 12PM ON OUR WEBSITE**

- *Explore the school with a virtual tour*
- *Watch speeches from our Headteacher and students*
- *Meet our staff and find out about different subjects*
  - *Join us for a live online Q & A at  
6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm with senior staff*

Discover what makes The Weald an inspirational community where pupils excel