



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Humility, service, forgiveness

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Links to newsletters – class newsletters are on our website: <https://stmaryspulborough.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/57308>

Attendance – This week's highest attendance goes to **UK class** with **98%**

Vine leaves – Aggy (Jap), Lily (Mex), Alfie (NZ) and Rachel (Jap) for humility and tidying up on the beach – thank you for making a difference in our world. Charlie W (Thai) for Humility - Showing acceptance of others and focusing on his learning with an uncomplaining attitude. Riley G (Jap) for Humility - For helping tidy Little Explorers equipment away when they needed help.

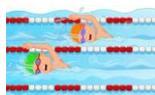
Spirit FM – We welcomed Millie Luxford to our KS2 singing assembly on Wednesday. The children sang with great gusto, 'Life is a wonderful thing'. Then some of the Year 5 and 6 children were interviewed with questions such as 'which planet would you visit in space and why?' and 'If you were Headteacher for the day, what would you do?' We also shared our favourite jokes. The singing will be on the Spirit FM Facebook page and their website <https://www.spiritfm.net/> from Monday 24th February.



Fairtrade Fortnight – Fairtrade Fortnight is taking place between 24th February and 8th March. This year's theme is all about cocoa. The children will have the opportunity to find out more about the lives of cocoa farmers and the challenges they face in places such as West Africa, including Sierra Leone. The Fairtrade Prefects will be introducing this to the school in an assembly after half term and activities will be running in classrooms throughout the fortnight.

Ash Wednesday Eucharist – We are having our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday 26th February at 9am**. If you would like to join us for this then everyone is welcome. Last year Father Paul modelled the ash crosses on the children's heads and this year the children will be given the opportunity to have an ash cross at the end of the service.

Swimming Gala – Well done to our amazing swimming teams, **Sam A, Freya C, Mae E, Daisy H, Chene du P, Jessie N, Callum T, Emily E, Rachel L and Albert G**, they all swam really well and worked fantastically as a team. Full results and certificates will be sent to the school in due course.



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March. We are celebrating this to raise awareness of the importance of reading and to develop children's love of books. We are inviting the children to dress up as a book character of their choice and we would like them to bring in a favourite book to share with someone else (this does not need to link to their costume).



Steining Book Shop will be visiting the school on **Friday 13th March** from 2pm for the children. The parents are invited to look at the books in the school hall from 3pm. As a school, we do get commission from the sale of these books, which in turn allows us to purchase new books for our library. The children will be receiving a £1.00 book voucher, which can be used towards a book of their choice. Books start from £1.00 and the children will receive their vouchers on the day.

Henry Adams are running a competition for 'World Book Day' that will be announced in an assembly after half term, details will also be put in the Newsletter after this time.

Giles Paley-Phillips - We will also be welcoming the author Giles Paley-Phillips who has written titles such as 'The Fearsome Beastie, Tamara Small and the Monsters Ball, Princess Stay Awake, Superchimp, Things You Never Knew About Santa Clause and Things You Never Knew About Dinosaurs. Giles will be joining us in the morning and will work with the KS1 classes and holding a KS2 assembly.

INSET Day – Friday 14th Feb – Just a reminder that we do have an INSET day next Friday. The staff will be in school looking at the curriculum, 'deeper diving' into curriculum area to ensure the coverage in learning is deep and purposeful and looking at how we can ensure that the children are knowing more, remembering more and being able to do more. We will also be developing our subject policies to reflect the entitlement of the children.

Peace Posters – We are entering the Lions 'Peace Poster' competition. The theme is Peace around the world. The teachers will be sending home further details. We normally win lots of the prizes.

Preparing for Communion – There is a letter coming home about 'Preparing for Communion'. If your child attends a church regularly and is baptised and you want your child to receive communion in our school Eucharist, then please look out for the letter.

Family Support Work – Please note that the session on the **11th February has been cancelled** and will now take place on the **17th February from 1.30pm – 3.30pm** in the Pulborough Youth Centre.

Little Explorers – This week the children have been enjoying the 'baby clinic' role-play area where they have been caring for the babies, bathing them and making up bottles filling and emptying them. They have also been measuring each other to see who is the tallest / smallest. We have started a display of the children as babies, which they love to look at.



On Tuesday, we welcomed 'Little Science Stars Class' which is an interactive session developed and run by qualified teachers. The children get opportunities to learn by mixing, measuring, pouring and experimenting. The theme this time was rainbows and the children had great fun with the experiments as well as singing and dancing.

At Forest School this week the children had opportunities to make hedgehogs using pinecones and clay, and made Robins by drilling holes in the wood for its feet, developing hand eye coordination, hammering tees into vegetables and made s'mores on the campfire, as well as playing on the tyre swing and slack line.

Job Opportunity: Teaching Assistant at The Weald School, Billingshurst - Up to 28 hours 45 minutes per week, term time only (fixed term contract) 38 weeks worked per year from March 2020
Grade 4 Points 5-6 Actual salary £12,132 per full year

We are looking for a highly motivated and committed Teaching Assistant to join our Learning Support Department from March until 17 July 2020. Successful candidates will need to be well qualified, as they will be supporting students in a range of different key stages and curriculum areas. Good literacy skills and numeracy are essential.

Qualifications: A minimum qualification of GCSE A-C or equivalent in Maths and English

An application pack is available from our website www.theweald.org.uk. To apply, please download and complete the application form and return it to jobs@theweald.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday 24 February 2020 (10am) and interviews will be held shortly afterwards.

DINOSAURS ROAR!



Stomp into your library for
roarsome stories and crafts!

Everyone welcome

Tickets are free but please reserve your place to avoid disappointment



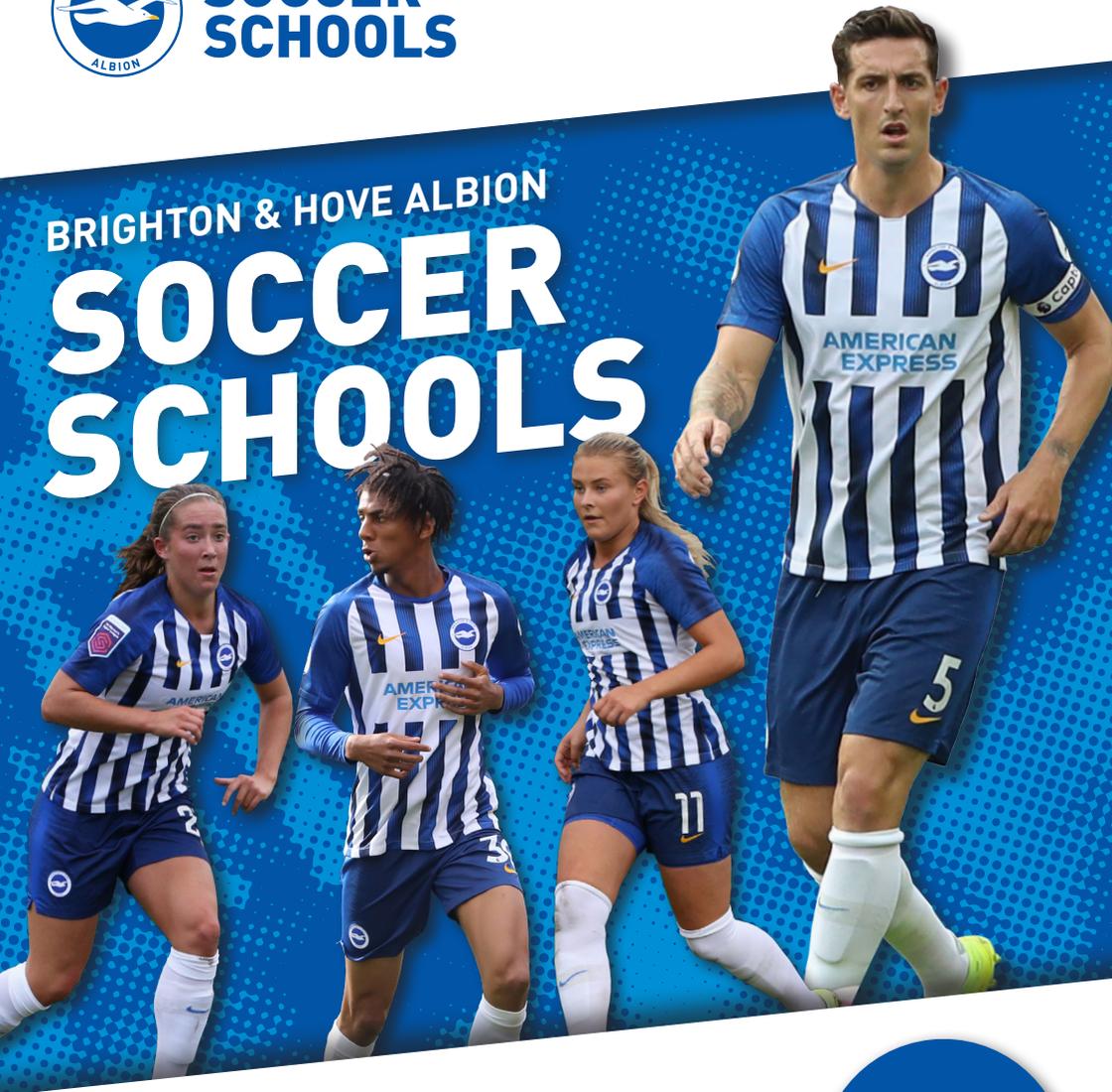
Parents and carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity.
Everyone is welcome at our regular activities and special events.
Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk for our inclusion statement.

Thursday 20th February
10.30am-11.30am



SOCCER SCHOOLS

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Holiday and weekly football courses for boys and girls of all abilities, age 4-13.

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February half term 2020

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
Brighton	OK 17-19 Feb	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£55
Eastbourne	OK 17-19 Feb	9am-3pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£55
Hassocks	19-20 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£40
Steyning	17-19 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£40
Uckfield	17-19 Feb	9am-3pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£55
Worthing	OK 17-19 Feb	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£55

Courses for 4-5 year olds

Brighton	17-19 Feb	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£36
Eastbourne	17-19 Feb	9am-12pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£36
Hassocks	19-20 Feb	9.45am-12.30pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£36
Uckfield	17-19 Feb	9am-12pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£36
Worthing	17-19 Feb	9am-12pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£36

Easter 2020

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
Billingshurst	9 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, BN15 9FP.	£24
Brighton	OK 14-16 Apr	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£55
Eastbourne	OK 8-9 Apr	9am-3pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£40
Hassocks	6-8 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£55
Shoreham	16-17 Apr	9.45am-3pm	St Nicholas and St Mary Catholic School, BN43 6PE.	£40
Steyning	14-15 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£40
Uckfield	14-16 Apr	9am-3pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£55
Worthing	OK 6-8 Apr	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£55

Courses for 4-5 year olds

Brighton	14-16 Apr	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£36
Eastbourne	8-9 Apr	9am-12pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£24
Hassocks	6-8 Apr	9.45am-12.30pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£36
Uckfield	14-16 Apr	9am-12pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£36
Worthing	6-8 Apr	9am-12pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£36

Courses for girls only (aged 5-13)

Lancing	9 April	9.45am-3pm	American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, BN15 9FP.	£20
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Single full-day bookings are available priced at £24 for 5-13 year olds.
 Single half-day bookings are available priced at £12 for 4-5 year olds.

Children aged 5 years can attend courses of either age category.

OK = Goalkeepers included. Goalkeepers will receive individual specialised training during the mornings, followed by integrated team sessions in the afternoons. Goalkeeper courses can be booked separately online.

Places must be booked online in advance. Full terms and conditions can be found on our website: albioninthecommunity.org.uk