



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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12th October 2018

Thank you to everyone for giving me such a warm welcome back to school. It really is lovely to be back and I know that we have lots of exciting things planned for the coming term. You will know by now that I will be leaving St Mary's in the not too distant future. I have decided that much as I love the school and my role of Headteacher is probably the most rewarding I have ever had, the time has come for me to take on new and different challenges.

It is lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and how much excellent learning is going on across the whole school. One of the biggest changes will have been for children moving from Year Two into Year Three as this signifies the move from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two. At this stage it is important that we encourage and enable them to become more independent. Therefore could I please ask that parents do not bring children all the way around to the Key Stage Two playground in the mornings. Children should be able to walk around on their own. Likewise, there is no need for them to come into school to put their things away until the whistle is blown.

Please also bear in mind that whilst we like to have an open door policy teachers are particularly busy first thing in the morning. It would be extremely helpful if you could either leave a message at the office or send your child in with a note for the class teacher

Year 5 residential – Many of the Y5 children are off to Marchant's Hill in Hindhead for a week of activities. This includes zip wire, archery, fencing, climbing, abseiling, giant swing, aeroball to name but a few. We are hoping for the weather to continue for them and we will be thinking of them on their adventure.

Mental Health Day – Thank you to all those who participated with Mental Health Day. We saw lots of the children with various bows, t-shirts, badges and other accessories all in yellow. The children came up with some reflective comments as part of their PSCH lessons.

Vine leaves – **Sam Ripley** – for a positive change in attitude.

Holly Doy - for consistently demonstrating our Christian values of Friendship and Generosity.

Kindness Shield – **Ava Dimmock** - for caring for others, Ava you have this great way of smiling at someone and reassuring them, you are someone that cares for other and wants others to succeed.

Justgiving – One of our ex-students Jack Stone has recently been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive bone cancer called Osteosarcoma. He is only 14 years old and is undertaking an intense course of treatment. Jack has a love of computers and his wish is to own a computer for his gaming. If you feel that you can support his wish please pledge on his justgiving site.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/100miles4jack>

William Orrell article – On the 5th October the West Sussex Fire Service came into St Mary's to give a talk on fire and actions. First of all we had some questions about what we knew about fires, I nearly got all of the questions right but I did have to guess

at some. There was some information on how fires can start, you need Oxygen and heat. We had a demonstration on smoke alarms and a slideshow with an actor called Sam showing us what to do if there is a fire and the consequences of hoax calls.

Inset day – Please don't forget that **Monday 29th October is an inset day**. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 30th October.

Splash Assembly – It was great to welcome Splash to school for our worship assembly. It was another fun, interactive and child centred.



Harvest workshop – It is the Children's Harvest workshop at St Mary's Church on **Saturday 13th October at 3pm – 5pm**.

Poppy distributor needed for the Pulborough area - Unfortunately we do not have a Poppy Appeal organiser in the Pulborough area this year so it is unlikely that any products will be delivered to schools or businesses that fall within this area. We rely heavily on individuals volunteering to take on this role and sadly if no one comes forward it has to go unfulfilled.

If someone would like to take on the distribution and collection of the products please contact **LISA EVANS** at :
West Sussex Community Fundraiser, The Royal British Legion, South East Area Office, First Floor, 100 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XF or on Mobile: 07458 047235, LEvans@britishlegion.org.uk - Monday – Friday; 9am – 5pm

Starting School – Our open afternoons are in full swing and it has been great to welcome many new faces to look around St Mary's. If you have a child that is 5 years old in 2019 – 2020 then please come and look around. We have another open afternoon on **Tuesday 16th October 2 – 3pm** or you can phone the school and make an appointment.

Little Explorer weekly News: - This week in fun phonics the children have focused on the letter 'a' and used items such as toy ants and ambulances to play with in the play dough as well as apple printing. Boogie beats was lots of fun and the children joined in with an interactive story 'The hare and the tortoise'.

We have been looking at mixing primary colours to create secondary colours and then creating firework splatter paintings. We have also been looking at the artist Andrew Goldworthy and the children have been re-creating their own natural art work.

Win £500.00 for your school Competition –The eco council would like to thank also those fabulous people who have been helping with picking up litter. We would also like to announce an exciting competition for children to make something from recycled rubbish. It can be a toy or a useful item. You can do this by using something you would normally put in the recycle bin at home, then take a photo of the item and write about its use in no more than 100 words. Then send your picture and description to R-Generation@circle.com by the 30th November. In doing this you could win £500 for St Mary's and your item could go on display at a recycle roadshow.

Toy Sale - Thank you to all those who supported our Toy Sale last Friday. We have raised £81.75 which will go to Chestnut Tree House. There are also four bags of remaining toys which will be donated to FSW.

PTA News:- A few ABBA Chique tickets still available for **tonight** on the door at £10.50 do come along and join in the fun.

The Giving Machine - Christmas card design competition. The school have received donations worth £980.00 through The Giving Machine when people shop online. PLEASE register now through:
<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-marys-ce-aided-primary-school-54871/>

Second hand book collection - We will be running a second hand children's book stall in early November on the school playground to raise money for the Year 6 end of year production. Please can you donate any books you no longer want so that these can be sold. All donations received with thanks. Please take them to the school office. Many thanks Year 6 Class reps: Annie, Carley, Debra

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12 th October	ABBA Night (PTA)	7.00pm
Saturday 13 th October	Grounds working party	9.00am – 11noon
Saturday 13 th October	Harvest workshop at St Marys Church	3.00pm
Monday 15 th October	Yr5 Residential to Marchants Hill	
Tuesday 16 th October	Open Afternoon	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday 19 th October	Yr R – Yr 4 Flu Nasal immunisation (Year 5 – Tue 13 th Nov)	
Monday 22nd October	Half Term	
Monday 29th October	Inset Day	



Design a Christmas card and win £100 for our cause!

It's time to get creative.

Enter **TheGivingMachine's** design a Christmas Card competition for a chance to win a £100 donation for our cause. Plus, the winning festive design will be used as **TheGivingMachine's** e-Giving card for 2018.

For full details and to download an application form visit:
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/christmas-comp

Competition ends 19th October 2018



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THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
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**Wednesday 24th
October
13:00 - 15:00**

Pulborough Family Activities Afternoon

**For all pre-school reception to year 6
children, parents and carers.**

Crafts, drama, stories, singing and more!

Join Rebecca and the FSW team at:

**Pulborough Youth Centre, Opposite St. Mary's
Primary School,
Link Lane,
Pulborough,
RH20 2AN**

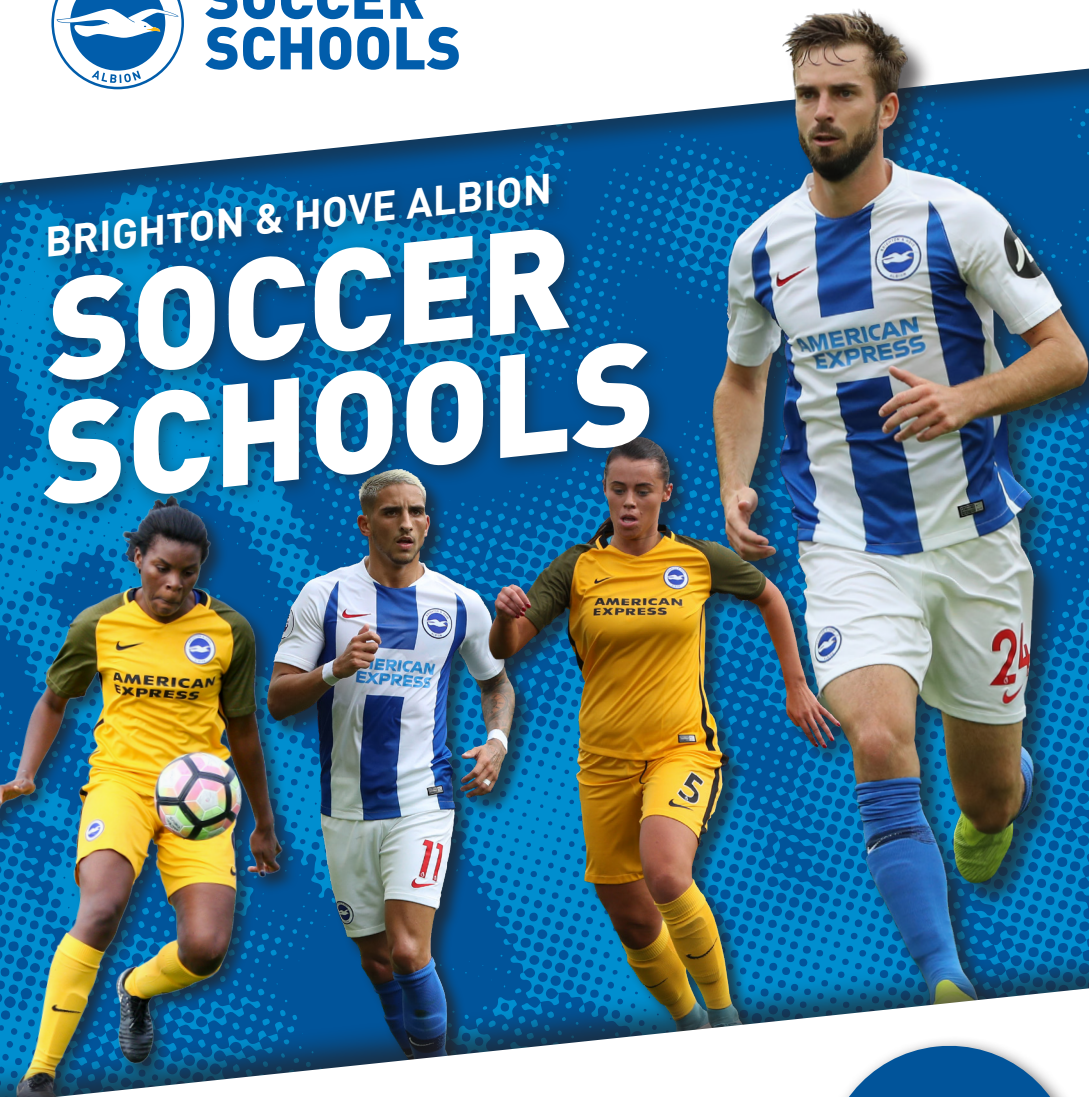


**For further information contact Rebecca on 07747 481 360 or
Rebecca@familysupportwork.org.uk**



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October half term 2018

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
Brighton	OK 22-24 Oct	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£54
	OK 29-31 Oct			
Billingshurst	25-26 Oct	9.45am-3pm	Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, RH14 0PX.	£39
Burgess Hill	25-26 Oct	9.45am-3pm	Burgess Hill Academy, RH15 9EA.	£39
Eastbourne	OK 22-24 Oct	9am-3pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£54
Hassocks	22-23 Oct	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£39
Steyning	25-26 Oct	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£39
Uckfield	25-26 Oct	9.45am-3pm	UCTC, TN22 3DJ.	£39
Worthing	OK 22-24 Oct	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£54

Courses for 4-5 year olds

Brighton	22-24 Oct	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£30
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Eastbourne	22-24 Oct	9am-12pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£30
Worthing	22-24 Oct	9am-12pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£30

Christmas 2018

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
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Uckfield	20 Dec	9.45am-3pm		
Worthing	OK 20-21 Dec	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£39

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

Single full-day bookings are available priced at £23 for 5-13 year olds.

Single half-day bookings are available priced at £10 for 4-5 year olds.

Please call: 01273 878277 to book.

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.

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OPEN MORNING TO CELEBRATE BEN'S 30TH BIRTHDAY

Arundel Riding Centre

Wednesday 24 October 10 am - 1pm

Come and join Ben and the rest of the Arundel Riding Centre team. Free admission. Free pony rides and grooming. Face painting. Demos and activities. Free tea and cake. Something for everyone - bring your family and friends for a fun filled morning. A great way to come and learn about your furry friends!

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