



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Hope, perseverance and courage

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23rd November 2018

Author visit – The visit from Jill Atkins made The Great Fire of London come to life. Jill gave us a quiz about the Great Fire of London. She explained the process of writing and getting books published. She said that she had over 100 books published, across a variety of topics and a variety of ages. We gave her some ideas of adjectives and conjunctions to use to make her writing more exciting!



Vine leaves – **Georgie Cargill** and **Amelie Allen** for the help and kindness you have given in the mornings to get worship ready. You persevere with a task and want it done to the best of your ability. **Emilia Bolton** and **Bella Tobin Crawford** – thoughtfulness and resilience – you are normally in the hall before me and you ensure that the hall is ready to receive the children. Thank you. **Reggie Ludgater** – you are so enthusiastic and helpful with getting the act of worship carried out. **Brooke Spiers** for resilience – you are so keen to impress this year and you are showing that you are not giving up.

E-safety – We are always keen to keep parents informed. Attached is some information about Fortnite. Please ensure that you spend some time with your child whilst they are playing this game to find out more about what they are doing.

Christingle - 50th year – special celebration in 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 year there is going to be some exciting effects in church so please come and see the lighting display as well as participating in the Christingle service.

World War 2 – Year 6 have been learning about the World Wars and we were lucky enough to have some WW2 veterans come and visit. This was a great opportunity for the Year 6 children to develop their spoken English in a formal way. It also enhanced their historical knowledge of WW2 from first hand experiences. Thank you to the Rotary club who organised this with Mr Rogers and Miss Frances.



Forest Schools - Austria had a fantastic day exploring the woods at Ingfield Manor in Wednesday. They made Stickmen, cooked eggy bread and had a competition to find which tree had the largest leaves! We have brought the leaves back with us to measure in class. Many thanks, to our regular helpers and parents who volunteer and make these events possible.



Christmas Lunch – We have booked the Chartwells Christmas Lunch for Tuesday 18th December. This is a lovely time for the children to have a traditional Christmas meal. If you wish your child to participate then please book online at Meals selector. If your child is in Early Years, Y1 or Y1 and normally brings a packed lunch then let the office know that they would like this Christmas meal by 1st December.



Little Explorers - This week the children have enjoyed working on arts activities to create our new winter board in the classroom, this has included hand, foot and finger printing. The children have been working hard on practicing for our nativity play for Christmas. This week's boogie beat session was based on transport where the children have enjoyed listening to interactive stories and songs.

Community Wardens – Thank you to the community wardens who were in school this week. They have been talking to the children about safe bike and scooter riding but were concerned that very few children were wearing helmets. If your child is riding to school in anyway, then please send them with a helmet. It could stop an accident being very serious. Many thanks.

Nick Herbert – We are looking forward to welcoming Nick Herbert our local MP on Friday 30th November to judge the Christmas cards that some of the children have designed. St Mary's was lucky enough to be chosen to design the MP's Christmas card this year.

Advent raffle – The PTA have organised an amazing Advent Raffle this year, a prize for every day of advent. The children were given books of 5 last week, if you have managed to sell these and would like some more, please let the PTA know.

Posada – Posada will start next week. At St Mary's, we celebrate the journey of Mary, Joseph and the donkey by statues of these figures moving between classrooms.

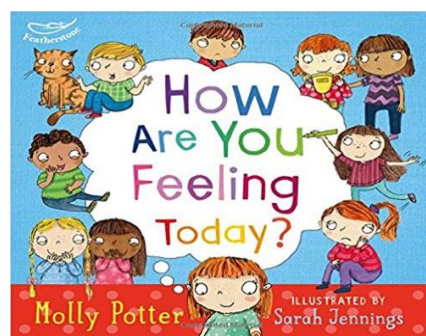
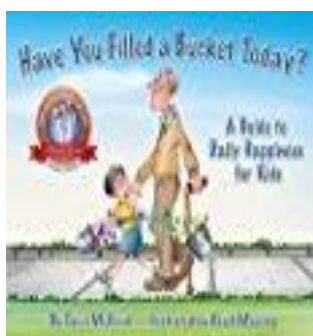
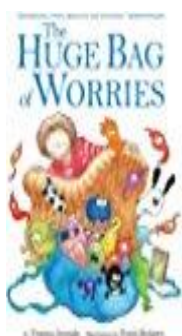
Teaching and Learning – We have been looking at Maths this week and it has been great to see so many learning opportunities within class. Here are some from the learning lessons this week.



Staff training – As a school staff we are always looking at improving our subject knowledge and enhancing the children's learning in the classroom. The staff, this week were exploring 'Working scientifically'. They really thought about Science in the classroom and how to inspire the children to become scientists. The staff, had lots of fun and were reflective about where this would fit in their curriculum. Here is a sneaky peak of what they got up to.



Children's mental health – These are fantastic books that can support your child if they are prone to worries or get anxious.



Premises advert – We have a vacancy for a Premises Officer, please see attached letter if you are interested.

Dates for your diary			
Sat 24th Nov	Yr 6 Fundraiser - Bingo	7.00pm	School Hall
Tue 27th Nov	SL Class to Lodge Hill day	DO 8.45pm - PU2.30pm	Lodge Hill
Wed 28th Nov	SL Class Samba Concert	10.00am - 10.30am	School Hall
Wed 28th Nov	USA Class Samba Concert	11.00am - 11.30am	School Hall
Wed 28th Nov	Parent Consultation afternoon	2.40pm / 5.20pm /3.00pm	Classrooms
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
Mon 3rd Dec	Year 6 Book Sale	3.15pm	Playground
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	1.30pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
Tue 11th Dec	KS1 Production - The Magic Jigsaw	1.30pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
Wed 12th Dec	KS1 Production - The Magic Jigsaw	6.00pm	School Hall
Thur 13th Dec	Christmas Eucharist	9.00am - 9.50am	School Hall
Thur 13th Dec	School DISCO KS1 (See poster for details)	5.00pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
Thur 13th Dec	School DISCO KS2 (See poster for details)	6.15pm - 7.30pm	School Hall
Fri 14th Dec	Lead by a Star	6.00pm	The Chequers
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	



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School, Link Lane, Pulborough, RH20 2AN

Premises Officer

Salary: Grade 5 : £18672 - £19446 pa (pro rata)

Contracted hours 25 hours per week, 52 weeks of the year

- During term time: 5.0 hours per day - hours but can be discussed at interview
- During school holidays these timings may be varied by prior arrangement with the Head Teacher.

Applications are invited from caring, enthusiastic, well- motivated and suitably qualified, flexible and reliable person to take responsibility for and pride in maintenance and upkeep of our primary school, to start as soon as possible after 3rd January 2019.

The successful applicant will possess a range of building management, maintenance, D.I.Y, supporting pool operations (seasonal), caretaking and gardening skills, together with the ability to supervise and work alongside cleaning staff. As Premises Officer, you will ensure that the school environment is maintained to a satisfactory standard and your aim will be to deliver a quality service in a school where high standards are set and expected. Personal qualities will include versatility, tact, commitment and initiative.

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School will offer opportunities for overtime for occasional opening up for lettings and larger maintenance projects such as painting classrooms.

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School is an equal opportunities employer and the posts are subject to enhanced DBS clearance. We expect all candidates to share a commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

Visits to our school are most welcome.

To visit the school or request further information, please phone the school and speak to Sue Mitchell on 01798 872007 or email office@st-marys-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Closing date: 9am on 30th November 2018

Interviews: 4th December 2018



'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are made admirable for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies with each game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play until they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile in April 2018 meaning it can be played without a games console at home. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes said it had seen "dozens" of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones in the game to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and work towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game IS free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription to play the game which is chargeable.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'v bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

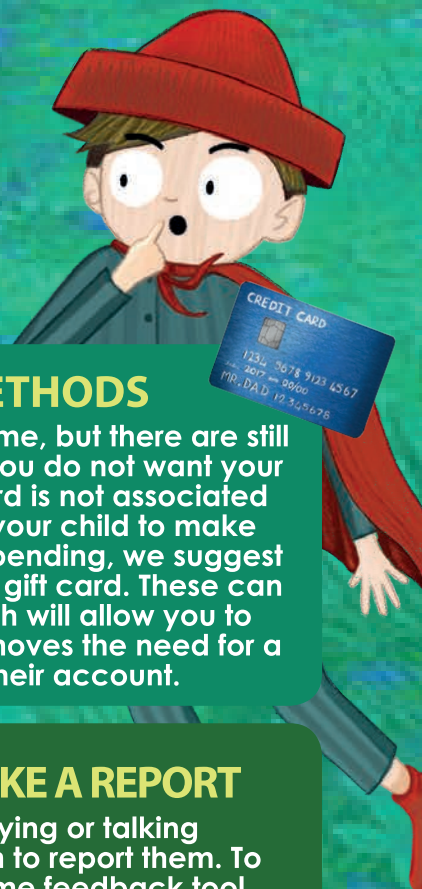
WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap", making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.



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Top Tips for Parents



#1 LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time your child is playing games on the devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to spend on games. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

#2 RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

#4 PREVENT THEM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means they wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. Your child will still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

#3 SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

#5 LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

#6 USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.

Sources

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