



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



NEWSLETTER

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

LOVE

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Welcome back! It is great to see everyone back and sharing so many great stories about their summer holidays. Whilst everyone has been enjoying their holidays, lots of people have been working very hard to refurbish the school. It has been transformed with freshly painted classrooms which was completed by, 'Ladies that do'. Then new lighting, carpets for Early Years and Key Stage One as well as the front entrance of the school. In addition to this, the hall floor has been re-laid. Do take some time to have a look because it has made a huge difference to the learning environment and will enhance the children's environment and help with their learning.



Staffing – The children's classrooms are amazing and the teachers have given above and beyond during the holidays to ensure that they are welcoming for the start of the Autumn term. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff. The teachers are now establishing their rules and routines so that the environment is ready for outstanding learning. I am continuing the role of Acting Headteacher, Mrs Callender, Mr Rogers and Miss Turner have become part of the senior management team.

Autumn Term – There are so many exciting things happening in the Autumn Term for all year groups and we feel that this is important to enthuse the children and make it engaging for them all.



Inset days – We have spent two days working on school priorities for the year. The teachers focussed on the role of the middle leaders to improve learning, handwriting and presentation with a focus on writing and a consistent approach to Maths with a focus on challenge and engagement of boys particularly. In addition to this our Prevent, Child Protection and Safeguard training has been renewed for the year. Please be aware that our Designated Safeguard Leads are Mrs Brown, Mrs Copus, Miss Turner, Mr Rogers and Miss Wilkins. If you are helping in school then we have a volunteer leaflet to read with safeguarding information in and there is a leaflet at the office that shows how we keep the children safe. Attached is also a leaflet that tells the children how to keep safe at school in different situations. This is advice from the NSPCC about information that children need.

Uniform – The children have looked very smart in their school uniform this term. Thank you to all of you for following our school policy.

Forest Schools - Forest Schools will be running for Early Years and Key Stage One across the Autumn Term. Our link with Ingfield is still in place so that we can visit a different Forest School site as well. This relies upon volunteers. If you feel that you could give some time, please look out for the letter.



Christian values – Our Christian value for this half term is 'Love' and the front display board shows the children's thoughts about love, do pop in and see their comments if you are in school.





Class Newsletters

The class teachers will send out their newsletters by the end of next week. This will have significant dates on them as well as the learning that will be taking place over the Autumn Term. Please do liaise with the teacher if you have any queries over the learning, groupings, friendship issues etc. We are keen to work with parents and get it right for the children. They are best placed to know how your child is progressing. **Meet The Teacher evening will be on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7pm. We will also running consultation afternoons in November so that you can ask how your child has settled.**

Clubs – Club letters will be coming out next week. Please look out for them.



Chairs – Every year we hire chairs from Company Presents for the Big Top. We are looking for storage for the chairs as the company are getting rid of them. We are under pressure from The Company Presents to move or lose the blue chairs at the warehouse as they no longer have room to store them. John thinks that they will be gone by next year's production. Could you put a plea out in September please for anyone who has some spare storage for 200 chairs. they are in 10 stacks so I guess around 2.5 to 3m by 1 to 1.2m if there is enough height if not its more stacks and more floor space

Dyslexic Type Tendencies 6 weeks Parents Support Group - Starting on Wednesday, we will be helping parents to support their child who may have Dyslexic type tendencies. This will be from 1:30pm -3:15pm and there will be some information sharing and then some discussion. **The dates are Wednesday 12th Sept, 19th Sept, 26th Sept, 3rd Oct, 10th Oct, 17th Oct. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending.**

Parent Tea and Chat – We are keen to run half termly tea and chat sessions on a variety of different areas. We have some suggestions but if you have your own suggestion then please complete the slip below. We will take these into consideration when looking at the sessions for the year.



Reading Challenge – It has been fantastic to see so many children that have participated in the library reading challenge. The certificates were presented in the Friday assembly and the children who took part and showed a certificate were awarded 100 dojos. If there are other certificates please bring them in for Monday.



Pupil Premium – Please apply now if you think that you may be entitled.

Little Explorers – Each week Little Explorers will update on their achievement - The children have enjoyed the first week at Little Explorers and have settled in very well. The children have shown particular interests in the home corner where they have been making meals and cups of tea as well as the small world area building train tracks. The loose parts and natural resources have been very popular with a lot of the children, the children use them to create towers and use their imagination to extend and elaborate with. Our story of the week was 'Going on the bear hunt' the children really enjoyed joining in with the repeated refrains. The weather has been fantastic this week and we have enjoyed spending time outside on the field and playing games.



Specialist teachers – Albion In The Community are coming in to teach specialised PE sessions and Miss Bell is teaching Spanish across Key Stage 2. Teachers in Key Stage One will be introducing the children to Spanish.

Music Enrichment – This year we have arranged for Samba to be involved in school and USA and Sierra Leone class will have this opportunity to develop their musical skills.

Jeans for Genes Day – The school will be supporting Genes for Jeans Day. This is on Friday 21st September. The children are welcome to come in their Jeans for a £1 donation. There will be a cake sale at the end of the day on the playground from 3pm and a competition entry is attached to this newsletter.

Good news – We always like to share good news and Mrs Metaliaj who works in Austria class is expecting her third child in February in this year. Many congratulations to her and her family.



Curriculum maps – The curriculum maps for each year group on our website.

Attendance – This is a school priority because if the children are not attending then they cannot meet their full potential. If your child is not in school we will telephone to find out and we will need information from their parent or guardian. A message passed from another parent/adult is not enough and we will need to follow it up.

Holiday during term time – Please can I ask you to think very seriously about holiday requests. It is so difficult for the child to catch up with the work missed as the school day moves so quickly with learning.

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Dates for you Diary:

Friday 14th September	Non Uniform day in aid of Harvest Fayre
Wednesday 19 th September	Yr5 Planetarium visit (in school)
Wednesday 19 th September	Yr6 Trip to Brighton AMEX Stadium
Friday 21 st September	Jeans for Genes Day – Come to school in Jeans
Saturday 22 nd September	Harvest Fayre – Glebe Field
Sunday 23rd September	Vélo South Cycle Race - Sun, 23rd Sep 2018
Monday 24 th September	School- Afterschool Clubs begin
Tuesday 25 th September	2pm-3pm -Open afternoon for those starting school September '19
Wednesday 26 th September	7pm – Meet the Teacher – All classes
Monday 1 st October	Yr4 Trip to Drusillas Zoo Park

PTA News

ABBA CHIQUE - Please see attached a poster for our ABBA Chique evening on **Friday 12th October**. Tickets are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/481619> there are a limited number, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

OWN CLOTHES DAY - Friday 14th September, the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a bottle of booze or chocolates/sweets; as the PTA will be holding a tombola stall again this year at the Harvest Fayre. We shall be on the playground in the morning, collecting donations - thank you in advance, we would love to smash last year's total of over £700 made on the day!

FIRST MEETING - We would like to invite everyone to join us at The Oddfellows Arms on **Friday 14th September** straight after school until 5pm for an informal get together. Weather permitting we will be in the garden where the children can use the bouncy castle.

We all hope your children have had a fabulous first week? If you have not had the chance, check out the EYFS area - it looks brilliant and the PTA are happy to say we supported it with the addition of a new interactive board for the children to use.

ABBA *Chique*



*St Mary's Primary School
Pulborough*

Friday October 12th 2018

Doors open 7pm

Tickets £10.50 available at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/481619

or Call 07968 151 526

Understand your teenager's behaviour

Do you find it hard to cope with your teenager's behaviour?

Does your teenager engage in:

- Violent behaviour
- Verbal abuse
- Stealing
- Substance misuse
- Poor school attendance

**FREE
6 WEEK
COURSE**

Horsham District Council's Community Safety team runs a free course called 'Understanding Teenage Behaviour', which has been designed to empower parents to think about the behaviour of their teenager and manage it using a range of tools for improving communication, setting boundaries and putting consequences in place.

The course has been put together by a psychologist and uses a cognitive behaviour approach. Course content can be adapted to meet the needs of the parents attending.

To register your interest call Shelley Gosden, Community Safety Officer on 07734 231040