



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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13th February 2020

Attendance – Overall attendance this week was **95.0%** the class with the highest attendance goes to **France at 97.5%**



Values – We will be thinking about compassion, wisdom, justice, peace for the next half term.

Safer Internet Day – I would like to highlight the very good advice available to parents published by OFCOM, which I hope you find useful. <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/advice-for-consumers/television/protecting-children/advice-guides-for-parents>

In school we continue to highlight the importance of being 'safe online' and in the spirit of Safer Internet Day, we hope this will serve as a reminder to have regular discussions at home regarding safe internet and social media use.

Public Health England – A letter went out this week from Public Health England regarding the Coronavirus, please see attached public information poster.

Indoor Cricket Competition - On Monday 10th February in the afternoon, St Marys Cricket Team travelled to The Weald School in Billingshurst where they played three games of cricket. They all played together as an outstanding team and we won all three games. We are now through to the next round, well done to James H, Matthew H, Jack B, Alex V, Adam B and Billy B.



Sports For Schools – What a huge effort and we have managed to raise the final amount of **£2646.55** – Certificate attached

Reports – As a school, we are required to report to parents once a year in written format. Reports will be coming home to the majority of parents on **Friday 13th March** and then **Parents Evenings will be on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March**. The **window for parents evening will open on the 24th February at 8am** through e-schools via the school website.

Usborne Books will be attending both parent's evenings.

Thailand class parents will be able to attend parents evening to see how their child is progressing but won't receive reports until the Summer Term on **Friday 12th June** this is so Mrs Hubble can write knowledgeably about the children's achievements.

School Council – School Council are supporting Air Ambulance. There is a **competition to design and build a helicopter**. This is a great opportunity with the half term coming up. We look forward to seeing the entries when we come back.

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 so please take the time to enter this competition.

Splash – The children and staff love SPLASH coming to visit us and the key message from their worship today was one person cannot change the world, but **YOU** can change the world for one person. The children focussed on the story of the Good Samaritan and children helped to act out.



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.

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.

Preparing for Communion – A letter has been sent 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 return the slip to the school office.

Willow Dome – Thank you so much to Mrs Kimberley who has given some much needed attention to the willow dome. She has removed some of the dead wood, weaved in the new shoots and replanted some parts. We are very grateful for her time and patience.

Fairtrade Fortnight 24th February – 8th March - To mark Fairtrade Fortnight, Pulborough Fairtrade Group has organised a Smoothie Bike event to be held at The Greenhouse, opposite Coughtrey's Butchers, **Saturday 29th February 10am – 2pm** Please come along and pedal your own delicious banana smoothie and support Fairtrade at the same time. **The cost is only 50p or FREE if you bring your own cup!** There will also be yummy Fairtrade cakes for you to try. **Poster attached.**



Little Explorers – This week the children have been talking about feelings and emotions, we played an emotions sorting game, made valentines cards, explored the valentines tuff tray, read 'I love you blue kangaroo' and 'Giraffes can't dance'. They decorated valentine's cakes with marshmallow and chocolate hearts. We had fun phonics on Tuesday afternoon where the children did 'What's in the bag' and 'What's that sound', they played golf with the lettered balls and letters in playdough. At Forest School this week there was lots going on, the children had the opportunity to make willow hearts, flags, explore the sensory tuff tray and make pizza pockets. They also had great fun on the slack line and tyre swing.



Chinese New Year - Early Years have been celebrating the Chinese New year, a big thank you to Mrs Stauss for donating the Dragon's Head. The children were very excited by the arrival of the Dragon in the hall.



Year 3 Science - This week in Year 3 we have made some sandwiches. This was as part of our Science. The children were learning about the four major food groups, Carbohydrates, Protein, Fats, Vitamins and Minerals. The children designed their own sandwiches, which were to contain all the food groups listed above. The most unusual concoction was bread, butter, smoked salmon flavoured cream cheese with chunks of pineapple added!



Pulborough Village Market Poster Competition - The Pulborough Village Market is celebrating running for 20 years in May, we would like children to design a poster to celebrate this event. All designs need to be done in **landscape** and emailed to terriashpool@uwclub.net or handed in to the school office by **Wednesday 25th March** at the very latest.

The Judging for the winning design will take place at the Market on Saturday 28th March.

Local stallholders:-

- Macmillan Charity Stall - Selling Homemade cakes and Jams
- Sussex Roses – Flowers
- Kaiser Smokehouse Deli - Delicatessen Goods
- Dairy Bar - cheese, milk and butter
- Fairtrade - Fairtrade products
- Culberry Nursery - Fresh fruit, veg and flowers
- Pulborough Parish Council - advice
- Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church - Fresh local bread and cakes
- Chris Mulholland - Photograph cards and keyrings
- Bags of Choice - homemade embroidered bags and purses, engraved towels
- Jubilee Bakes - Special needs company that bake cakes
- Janet Carter - Aloe Vera products and Honey
- Heather Robins – Jewellery
- Judy Hines - Hand knitted jumpers and cardigans
- Tropic Skincare - beauty products
- Cruickshank's Catering - Caribbean Curry and pastes
- Bert's Dog Biscuits - Homemade Dog Biscuits
- Jeanne Stanbridge - Homemade quilts
- Snape Cottage Crafts – crafts
- Flamingo Paperies - cards and wrapping paper

There will be a prize for the winning entry and their design will be our May poster and distributed through Pulborough and local areas.

Please ensure all completed entries state which competition it is for and the child's name is clearly marked on the poster.



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you have arrived back from China or specified countries within the last 14 days, follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of countries and find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

Come along and make a
pedal-powered **Fairtrade**
Banana Smoothie!



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Pulborough
Saturday 29th February
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
50p or free if you
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THE GREAT PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY



Serving savoury and sweet pancakes for
charity on Shrove Tuesday in
Pulborough Village Hall

25th February, 2020

**11.30am to 3pm
and 5.30pm to 9pm**

*All profits will be divided between the local
Macmillan group who support the palliative care unit
based in Midhurst, Pulborough Lunch Club that
provides a weekly lunch for the elderly in Pulborough
and from the surrounding villages,
and Muscular Dystrophy UK*

MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

Reaching Families

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



2020

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs or a disability?

Would you like to meet other parents to share ideas?

Come along to

Umbrellas

a group for parent carers of children or young people with additional needs and disabilities.

**Billingshurst
Community Centre**

**Roman Way,
Billingshurst,
RH14 9QW**

Where you can talk freely and get information that is relevant to your child and family

**Drop in between
9:30-11am**

Meeting dates:

Friday 17th January

Friday 14th February

Friday 13th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 15th May

Friday 12th June

Friday 10th July

For further information please contact Hannah:

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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



Pulborough Patient Link

invites you to a

Public Meeting in

Pulborough Village Hall on

Monday 2 March

when the talk will be entitled

MENOPAUSE MATTERS

by Dr Katie Armstrong

MBBS MRCGP DFFP DCH

7.00 – approx. 8.30 pm

Refreshments and Raffle Draw



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890

Monday
17th February
1:30 - 3:00pm

The Gruffalo Hunt

Half term event



Pulborough
Youth Centre
Link Lane
RH20 2TB



For ages 0-11 years

Sensory activities
available