



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



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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WB 1st November 2021

Welcome back after the half term break. The weather is definitely getting colder so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day due to the need for classrooms to be well ventilated and some learning will take place outside.



Christian values for this half term – We will be thinking about ‘Hope, Perseverance and Courage’. This links with Remembrance.

Curriculum – This half term EYFS will be focussing on ‘Light and Dark’, Thailand, Italy and India will be focussing on ‘Bright Lights, Big City’. New Zealand and Ireland will be learning about ‘Rivers’, USA and SL will be focussing on ‘Road trip’ and Mexico and China will be learning about Peasants, Pestilence and Princes and South Africa and Japan will be learning about Frozen Planet. We look forward to seeing how the children link their learning to previous learning and how they move their thinking forward.

Forest Schools – This will be for Thailand and Year 1 in Italy up until Christmas. Year 2 children will take part after Christmas and a letter will come out in December with further details.



Year 4 music – Well done to Year 4 for the improvement in their clarinet skills. They were really working hard today on reading music and playing the correct notes on the clarinet.



Social media – We have had a few cases recently of parents contacting staff via social media and messenger. This is not appropriate and contact should only come through the class email or a telephone call to the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Reading dog – We welcomed Rowena this week with her dog Nancy. Nancy is a cocker spaniel who is trained to work with children. Some of the children are reading to Nancy this term to give their reading a boost.



Remembrance – Mrs Barnes will be on the playground selling poppies and other merchandise for the Royal British Legion. **Mrs Barnes will be there after school on Thursday and Friday this week and then Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.** We have always supported the Royal British Legion very well so make sure you get your poppies. On Thursday 11th November, we will be remembering in school. If your child is part of a **uniformed group (rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides etc)** they are welcome to wear their uniforms for this day.



St Mary's Church would love to invite you and your families to Children's Church, starting this Thursday 4th November from 4-5pm. Join us for songs, crafts, Bible stories, games and snacks, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Please register for your place by contacting Vicky Smith on stmaryschildrenchurch@gmail.com

Christmas card competition - Andrew Griffith MP has launched a Christmas card competition, which is open to children up to the age of 12 years old. He would love to see some entries from our school. **Deadline for entries is Friday 19th November.** Please see attached Poster for details.



PE Kit – Just a reminder that as the weather gets colder, please remember to put some layers in the children's PE bags. Tracksuit with an extra jumper and some layers underneath are vital to keep the children warm. They can then take off layers when they are feeling warm. Please also think about trainers in their PE bags to ensure their feet stay dry and warm.

Staggered times – Thank you for working with us with the new times. Just a reminder please.

EYFS - Austria / UK & KS1 -Thailand /Italy / India - Drop off at 8.40am / 3.05 pick up

KS2 – NZ / Ireland / SL / USA / China / Mexico / SA / Japan - Drop off 8.50am / 3.15pm

All children should come through the gate and will have their hands sanitised as they come in. Please ensure that you wear a mask at collection to minimise the risk of COVID spreading.

Working party – Saturday 6th November 10-12 noon, If you are able to help at the year's working party to help tidy up the school grounds ready for the winter, even if it's just for an hour, this would be very much appreciated. Please bring your gloves and tools and we will provide plenty of tea and biscuits. Please email the school office at secretary@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Achievements – **Daniel (Ind)** achieved three medals in his football competition, **Archie D (Ind)** achieved a medal for cricket. **Misty (SA)** and **Ella (SA)** got in to the finals of their dance competition – well done to them all!

St Mary's writing competition – Thank you to all that entered the competition, the competition will close on Friday and we will announce winners next week. The feedback has been that children have enjoyed writing and it has really made them apply their skills. We will be completing a few more writing exercises, as we do know that the remote learning has led to a decline in reading standards and we need the children to be working at age related expectation.

Vine leaves – **Daniel P (Ire)** for his humility and putting others before himself. We are very proud that you will put someone else before yourself. **Alex B (SA)** - for being the most polite member of South Africa Class, responding positively to feedback on your reading and showing a willingness to challenge yourself. **Faith N** - for the kindness that you have shown to a classmate this week.

Kidstri – The end of season Kidstri points have been added up and we have some school winners for the 2021 season. All the points for all the races (*they have to compete in at least 3 events*) are added up and overall season prizes are for - **Freddie Gooda came 3rd in TriStar1 and Anna Elvey came 1st in the Tristart event.** We are so proud of them!

SEND – Miss Wilkins is our SENDCo, please remember that you can email Miss Wilkins via office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk if you would like to talk about the provision for a child with special educational needs. Our door is always open and we are keen to talk about what you feel your child needs.

Parent's evenings - Class teachers will be able to talk about the progress of any child at our video Parent's evenings next week. Please book an appointment, via School Cloud, to find out more about how your child has settled and what provision is in place. Parent's evening are on Tuesday 9th November and Thursday 11th November from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Chartwells Super Hero Playing Card Campaign - This is a 5-week campaign from 8th November - 9th December aimed at increasing the uptake of school meals, details of which are on the attached poster.

Between 8th November & 12th November, children who eat with us will be able to receive one Super Food Hero card per day with their lunch every Thursday from 18th November - 9th December children who eat with us will receive one Food Super Hero card with their lunch.

Gold "Star Cards" have been included which can be handed out to children by teachers as a reward for doing something amazing, showing an act of kindness, excelling in the classroom or playground.



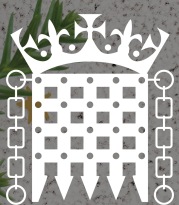
CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Arundel & South Downs MP,
Andrew Griffith, is inviting
children under 12 to send
their designs to

christmas@andrewgriffithmp.com

- Collage artist and children's books illustrator Ruth Waters will co-judge (www.ruth-waters.com).
- Prizes for the winner and 7 runners-up.
- Every child who submits a picture will receive a personal letter of thanks from Andrew.
- The winning design will be printed on cards which are sent to over 2,000 people including the Prime Minister.
- See more details at www.andrewgriffithmp.com/christmas.

**Deadline for entries is Friday 19th
November, and all entries will be
displayed on an online gallery.**



Andrew Griffith MP
Member of Parliament for Arundel & South Downs