



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Faith, trust and truthfulness

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24th May 2019

Values for after half term – These will be friendship, generosity and thankfulness.

Woodwind lessons – Mrs Osborne showed off the talent at St Marys with her woodwind assembly. If you think your child would like to learn a woodwind instrument then please contact the office. As a school, we offer other instrumental lessons through West Sussex Music Service, if your child wants to learn to play an instrument, please come and chat at the office.



William Orrell News Report: Woodwind Concert. On the 20th of May 2019, a group of Woodwind students and their teacher; Mrs Osborne performed a mini concert to demonstrate what they had been learning over the year. The instruments included the Saxophone, the Flute and the Clarinet. Each student played one piece along with the kind assistance of Mrs Osborne

Video – Before the Easter holidays we put together a promotional video of the children and it is now on our website. Please take some time to look at it as St Mary's has so many amazing opportunities to be grateful for and we want to share these.

<https://youtu.be/3QEKJiu3QQ8>

Staff training – This week the staff spent some time looking at stamina and fluency in reading, as this was an ofsted action, the high quality texts and range of questioning techniques is going to challenge the children's thinking about books and how they infer and deduce what the author means.

Church concert – There is going to be a church concert on **Tuesday 18th June**. This is an opportunity for the musicians in our school to showcase their skills. Tickets will be available after half term from the School Office and the church.

Staffing – Welcome to **Kerry Andrews** who has taken up her position as Finance Assistant. If you are at the office, please say hello.

Welcome evening – It was lovely to welcome so many new and existing parents to the school 'new parent' evening. Thank you to all of those people who made the evening so informative and we look forward to seeing these families and their children over the new few months.

Vine leaves: **Zac W** has been awarded vine leaf for trust, truthfulness and respect as he openly defended how important coming to school is – he is so right! **Angel W, Logan W, Kiara B and Amelia B** – for helpfulness – these children helped me with a problem and persevered until we found a solution and **Laurence W** for showing perseverance with a homework assignment. Thank you.

Year 6 – Most of Year 6 are off to the Isle of Wight after the half term break. We hope that they will have great fun, show courage in trying new activities and knit together in friendship. They are going to have some fantastic opportunities and we hope that they make the most of the opportunities. We look forward to hearing your stories on your return. The Year 6 have also been given their parts for the end of year production which is '**Peter Pan**' this year. We can't wait to see the children showcase their skills.

Early Birds – Mrs Parsons is on residential after the half term break and so Early Birds will be run by Mr Yates and Mrs Shepherd.

Little Explorers – This week we have continued to look at colours and patterns, we have done colour sorting and matching activities played twister and had a go at pattern sequencing. With the lovely weather we have spent lots of time outside in the garden area playing ball games, playing with sand and water and cooking in the mud kitchen.

Some of the children joined reception class for forest school where they used mallets to imprint flowers on calico, took turns on the tyre swing and had a go on the slack rope.

Let's Push the Boat Out – 26th May! The Arun Youth Aqua Centre is inviting young people (ages 8-18) to join them for a **free sailing session on Sunday the 26 May from 8.30am til lunchtime**. No experience needed, just give it a go for free, and they will supply sailing gear. If you want to go, you don't need to book, but **please do complete the forms available at <https://www.ayac.org.uk>**

The Arun Youth Aqua Centre (AYAC) is a registered charity aimed at young people between the ages of 8-18 who want to get out on the water and learn to sail. All the equipment you need to get started is provided, just a change of clothes from you. You will get wet, but it is fun and educational at the same time and you could be helming a dinghy within a few weeks of joining. If you are willing to learn, whilst having fun, expert help is always on hand so you could very soon be the next Ben Anslie or Ellen McArthur as the centre has a variety of boats that will take you from a novice, all the way through the RYA youth scheme stages 1-4 to your Dinghy Instructor's if you wish. Sailing is not expensive at AYAC because they are reliant on their volunteers who are willing to give their time to run the Centre and so keep costs to a minimum. Membership prices are £150 per year for 8-18 year olds, up to a total of £360 for all the family members. Parent/Guardian helpers are actively encouraged to assist the team run the sessions and join family days, BBQs and other social events. AYAC is open from the first Sunday in May through to October and sail on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (weather permitting).

Go along and say 'hello', have a taster session, and check out the fun that can be had.

AYAC is located at Jubilee Compound, Hendon Avenue, Littlehampton, BN16 2NB - adjacent to the old swimming pool and car park.

Half term – We will take this opportunity to wish you a happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children **back on Monday 3rd June**. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last half term and if you have any suggestions then please feel free to drop them into the office.



8-18
YRS OLD

MAY TO
OCTOBER

SUNDAY AM
WEDNESDAY PM

SUMMER &
FAMILY EVENTS

**COME AND JOIN
IN THE FUN**

FREE taster
Session

ARUN YOUTH AQUA CENTRE

Come learn to sail and get your
RYA qualifications.

No experience or equipment
needed to take part.

For the younger sailor we have
sailing on Mewsbrook Lake.



AYAC

For more information
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PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET AND CAFÉ

Saturday 25th May



Artisan Food & Craft



Fundraising for
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL. 9am-12.30pm

Huge selection of wonderful stalls

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

✿ Welcoming visitors since 1814 ✿

HALF TERM AT BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA

The festival of **AMBARVALIA**

**CRAFTS AND DISCOVERY TRAIL IN
CELEBRATION OF CERES,
ROMAN GODDESS OF FARMING**

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
11am - 3pm**

**NORMAL ADMISSION APPLIES
SMALL CHARGE FOR TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES**

www.bignorromanvilla.co.uk

Additional events often added to our calendar, please check our website regularly for updates.



**Bignor, Pulborough,
RH20 1PH**

01798 869259

registered charity No. 1158379





Holiday Club for Reception to yr5
29th July to 2nd August

8.45am – 3.15pm

At Thakeham Primary School

for more details or to book:

www.splashschools.org.uk/holiday-club/



LOOKING FOR WORK? VOLUNTEERING CAN HELP

We'll find you flexible volunteer roles tailored to your hours, days and interests – and suited to the career you have in mind. We run workshops and training to prepare you for a role, and continue to give one-to-one support once you are placed.

We can help with:

- Confidence and motivation
- CVs, cover letters and DBS checks
- Job searching and interview prep
- Travel and childcare costs
- Attaining ID (e.g. birth certificate)
- Referrals to employment programmes

Those eligible are:

- Aged 18+
- Living in Croydon, Littlehampton, Pulborough or Storrington
- Have the right to work in the UK
- Unemployed, economically inactive, or have not been in employment, education or training for 6 months or more



Interested? Get in touch with Jane Millard

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WAVES



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SUSTAINABILITY OPEN DAY

Join us to explore the ways we can all make a difference in caring
for our world.

All are welcome, from the curious to the eco warriors!

Saturday 8th of June

12 midday - 4pm

From small changes at home...

to the political and cultural changes
that need to happen!

A great day with local organisations and businesses sharing their expertise.



Sussex Green Living
Steyning 10:10/ Greening Steyning
South East Climate Alliance
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Eco Churches by Horsham Churches Together
WSCC Waste Management Team
Waste Not Want Not
EarthKind
FairKind Child
Zero Home
Transition Horsham
Quakers

Contact us below to find out more or let us know you are coming.

Booking is optional, though it helps us plan the day.

Refreshments provided. Picnics welcome!

www.blueidol.org/calendar

Facebook @BlueIdolQuakers

The Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House, Oldhouse Lane, Coolham, RH13 8QP

PULBOROUGH DUCK RACE

SWAN BRIDGE



SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

FROM MIDDAY

SAVE THE DATE!

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