



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 1st March 2021

Christian Values – Our Christian values for this half term are compassion, wisdom, justice and peace. The children will be starting by looking at compassion and how we have all been affected differently in this pandemic.

Reopening – Monday 8th March for all children – we are looking forward to seeing all the children.

Drop off and Pick up timing, please ensure you on time as we cannot have children waiting as this will affect the next bubble coming out.

| Classes | Drop off | Pick up |
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| Thailand, France and India | 8.30am | 2.45pm |
| New Zealand, Ireland USA and Sierra Leone | 8.40am | 2.55pm |
| China, Mexico, Japan and South Africa | 8.50am | 3.05pm |
| UK and Austria | 9.00am | 3.15pm |

What to bring into school – Please ensure that your child has everything in one rucksack. They will need a **water bottle, their PE kit** (in PE bag to go on their peg and it will come home on a Friday), **hand cream (if needed)** and **some fruit for break time**. If they are having packed lunch, they will need their packed lunch as well. **Please do not send them with pencil cases or other bits, such as toys or books from home**. There will not be any ‘Show and Tell’ sessions this half term, so please do not send anything in. If your child is desperate to show an award or a certificate or something that they have made, please take a photo and email it to their teacher. The children will have their own space in class and a tray with all the resources that they will need, this will be cleaned regularly. Reading books will come home and will be quarantined here for 48 hours when they are returned to school.

School uniform – All children must be in full school uniform with school shoes (no trainers) from the 8th March. Full **PE kit must also be provided with a warm layer**, as some of the PE will be outdoors. If your child wears earrings then they may only wear studs to school. **During PE lessons, earrings must be removed and the child must be able to remove them themselves**. We are unable to assist with removal, and **we are not allowed to put tape over earrings**. We are asking that school uniform is washed regularly as a precautionary measure and PE kit will come home on a Friday to be washed over the weekend.

Returning to school – If your child need some support about returning to school, then this story may help.
[Lenny and Lily return to school](#)

Pilot talk – Thank you to Mr Edge. We had an online meeting with a pilot today (Julian Edge!), after watching a video he had sent us from his plane. He answered lots of fantastic questions from the children of Austria and UK class who were both in school and at home!



PTA News – PTA has signed up to Amazon Smile. If parents/carers are able to do their shopping via Amazon Smile, the PTA will receive a percentage of their shopping total. Just search for Friends of St Mary's Pulborough or use our charity number - 1147547. Please share with your friends and family too!



Things to look forward to:

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| World Book Day | Thu 11th March |
| Greek Day Y5 | Fri 19th March |
| Hawking About Y3 | Tue 23rd March |
| Pirate Day Y1 & Y2 | Mon 29th March |
| Bikeability for Y6 | WB 29th March |

Diary Dates – Please look at our website for more information and to get the diary dates that are relevant to your child/children.

Questionnaires – Please fill out the Questionnaire on Google Classroom and give us an idea about how this lockdown has been for you. **This can be found in your Google Classroom.**

Forest School Year 4 – The children are working well outside. This is a picture of their den just before they played 'Base Battles' (which had similarities to capture the flag). They also all enjoyed some banana pancakes!



Noah E - Year 4 fundraising – We are very proud that Noah completed his challenge.

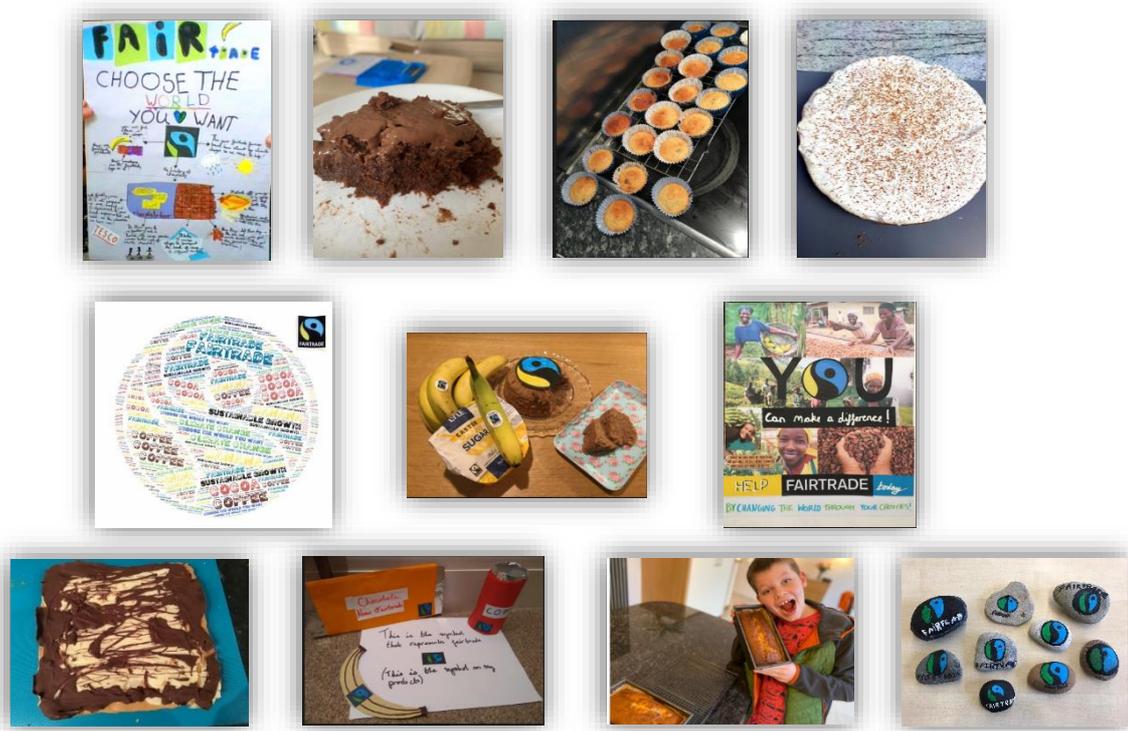


Achievements -

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| UK | Victoria L | Sierra Leone | Marcus B |
| Austria | Emily BN | USA | Amara |
| Thailand | Louis M | China | Danielle J |
| France | Archie Deane C | Mexico | Faith N |
| India | Esmae W | South Africa | Adam B |
| NZ | Anna E | Japan | Freya C |
| Ireland | Jens C | | |



Fairtrade - Well done to **Adam B, Lily R, Evie S, Mae E, Oliver F, George BR, George F and Freya C** for the work that they have completed. See photos below.



Fairtrade fossils Year 3 - Elani dP, Olivia A, Taya E



Swimming - Summer Term - Just to let you know that we are looking at getting the swimming pool up and running for the summer term, more details to follow. This will just be for Key Stage Two to start with and then we will review the procedures

Virtual sports - This is our last week with this running so a huge well done to all these children for participating in the games: - **James H, Joe W, Sam A, Matthew H, James T, C B, Amy H, Jessie W, Will K, Charlie K, Kiara B, Angel W, Holly McN, Freddie G, Matthew G, Mylah R, Mason H, Adam B, Gemma B, Freya C, Jayden A, Peter S.** We are so proud of the efforts that the children have given.

Message from Horsham Matters on their Easter Egg Appeal – “We would love to give those in hardship in the district a much-needed ‘eggstra’ at Easter in the form of an Easter egg hunt for children at home and so are appealing for small/mini eggs or ready-made confectionery packs (such as Cadburys Mini Eggs Easter Hunt Super Pack 342.7g) to help put a little joy into lockdown Easter celebrations.

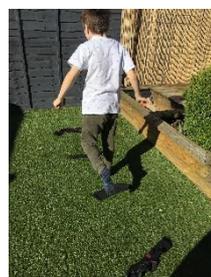
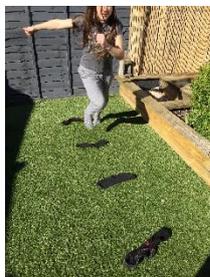
Over the past year we have seen demand for our services skyrocket and thanks to the support of the Horsham district community have been able to provide almost 11,000 emergency food parcels since April 2020, a huge leap on the 2,900 of the previous year. In addition, the team supplied 207 family foodbank food parcels over half-term for families struggling to make ends meet, referred to us by schools including yours, and this will be repeated at Easter.

If you feel you can help with the Easter egg collection then donations can be dropped at our Charity Superstore (address below) from Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm, or foodbank collection points local to you, preferably by March 22nd.”

Horsham Matters
C/O Charity Superstore
Unit 1 Redkiln Close
Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5QL
Website: www.horsham-matters.co.uk

Google Classroom – We still be using Google Classroom for any child/children who are self-isolating for any reason. We will also continue to use this for some homework tasks, questionnaires and other resources that we need to share with the children.

PE challenge - Well done to all who competed in this week's Sock Ladder Challenge, our final weekly at home PE challenge. Congratulations go to **GREEN TEAM** who on average managed to run up and down their ladders 16 teams each in the 30 seconds! A huge well done to everyone for working so hard on these challenges over the last term.



Music on the Menu - [Music on the Menu](#)

Please have a lovely weekend; we are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning at your child's staggered time. Any questions or queries then please email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

The tale of two foxes
By Charlie K - Mexico

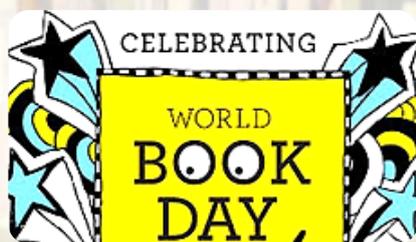
Crick crack, break snap
Sticks were tugged, pulled and broken, but this creature
This creature moved...
...quietly like a mouse.
Paws, a red fox, jumped into the sapphire sky
An elegant ballerina at work.
By the foxes side standing tall was her trusty ally
her friend, her sister, her partner.
Together they were a team, a team like no other
On a mission to find home.
Their home.
They must find a home, a home of their own.

Trees rustling their leaves in the wind
Like they're dancing happily after a long day's work.
Suddenly, the fearless fox, Paws, was a ninja leaping from tree to tree
her feet barely touch the rough bark, finding her footwork.

When Paws found the perfect tree,
she gazed over the forest
trying to spot a setting that made the lives of these two foxes happier.
Then out of nowhere her eyes widened in awe
And so did her jaw.
Yelling in glee Paws found a spectacular home
that overlooked the sunset.
She dropped to the floor running and racing
Pouncing over decayed dead trees.
Then and there she came to a stop
In her way stood a river
that magnified the sunset creating sparkles
which then floated joyfully in the water.
This did not stop her,
she went leaping through the forest air and landed splendidly, dodging the tiny ducklings in their tiny feathered coat.
Paws was successful; she got a home, a home of her own!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only 7 days remain until... St. Mary's community will be



On **March 11th!**

You may be thinking 'Why are they a week late?'

We postponed this fun and exciting event until the return of all the children to school so we can all enjoy the magical world of books together!

Celebrate..? Fun and exciting..? Magical..? Let me tell you more.

- Each day next week, on google classroom you shall find the fairest book- based task, or game or activity for you to enjoy with your child at home that evening.
- Next Thursday 11th March, we invite children to come dress as their favourite book character.
- During the day, all our children will take part in 3 enjoyable events activities, these include:
 - St. Mary's Book Cover Competition with book prizes for each class
 - An iPad Scavenger Hunt around the school
 - Masked Reader – listen to our teacher's favourite stories and guess who they might be?
- And, other selected activities chosen by class teachers to immerse their class into the settings and characters of many traditional, classic or modern narratives. *These include role play, ipad book reviews, character mask or finger puppet making, card on your face game, puzzles, riddles, and more...*
- E-books, audio books, online competitions and reading games will be shared in next week's newsletter where we will share amazing photographs taken around the school, throughout the day.

Please have a go and enjoy the fun coming next week! My hope is that this week gives you time with your children to stop, read and listen to the wonderful worlds, people, and tales hidden in the pages of our beloved stories.

Please email me questions anytime or if you think I can help in some way.

Enjoy reading
Miss Gorecka