



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



NEWSLETTER

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

LOVE

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18th October 2018

This week we held our third Open Afternoon for new parents. We had another really great out and once again visitors to the school were hugely impressed by our newly refurbished Reception and Year One learning areas. They were also impressed by our Year Six children who acted as tour guides on the day. Well done to all of them.

This week also saw the first of this year's Happy Book certificates given out. It is always an absolute delight not only to hear what the children have done to be awarded these coveted certificates but also to see the surprise on so many of their faces when they hear their names called out. Do take time to look in the Happy Book to read the teachers' comments for yourselves.

On Friday we welcomed author Philip Beicken who came to visit our Key Stage 2 classes. We were fortunate to hear the first chapter of his debut children's novel, *The Ghosteleers*, which will be published on World Book Day next year. In their class workshops, the children took on the roles of Norman, his pet cat Morph and the wicked Horags in a team building game and also took part in word games involving building sentences and developing their own story ideas.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Philip for inspiring the children and we look forward to welcoming him back to St Mary's in the Spring.



Vine leaves – **Caden McCabe** was given a vine leaf for helping children and when children have been upset, he has been comforting them. Also **Tyler Cooper** has been awarded one for being a very helpful member of class. **Luna Peat** was awarded a vine leaf for her contribution to the community with fund raising.

Splash Assembly - The assembly was all about finding the good in people and not focusing on the bad. It revolved around the Proverb (11:27) 'Anyone can find the dirt in someone. Be the one that finds the gold. They then moved on to discuss Luke 19:1-10, Zacchaeus the Tax Collector and how Jesus found the good in everyone.

Christian Values – This term we have been focussing on Love. After half term, the school will be focussing on hope, perseverance and courage.

Walking Bus – The Walking Bus has had a very successful start to the Autumn Term. The team walking the children are fantastic and with an average of 20 children a day, are enjoying the walks into school. Wednesdays and Thursdays are the most popular days. A big thank you to Sharon Ansell, Michelle Leach, Maria Smith, Nicky Doy, Beccie Sheppard. All children who walk at least once a week – get a badge every month for their participation. The Pulborough Wardens join us occasionally, and they have noted the impact on parking and congestion around the school has decreased. This is all good for our Ecological awareness. If you would like to join us – then arrive in front of the Sports and Social Club from 8.15am –departing promptly at 8.30am.

Mrs Copus visits Lambeth Palace – Mrs Copus was invited to Lambeth Palace this week. This is the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and she was there to speak about the work that St Mary's have been doing with Just Enough Group on topics related to PSHE. The Freedom song that the choir has recorded was played. This was a huge honour for her.



Children and Family Centre Offers - Your local area CFC would like to make you aware of the current offer running throughout October, November and December. We are offering free Toy Library Sign Up, 30 mins free use of the Sensory room, at The Needles or Harwood Road. We do have a community shop where you can buy toothbrushes, toothpaste, Tommy Tippee cups and water bottles at discounted rates. Why not call into your local CFC and talk to our friendly staff who will be happy to help.

Year 5 residential – Year 5 had a great time on residential with many activities really making them push themselves to do something different and complete activities that made them develop their resilience, perseverance and be courageous. Activities included giant swing, zip wire, abseiling, archery, fencing, sensory trail, climbing and aeroball.

Little Explorer news – This week we have been focusing on the letter 't'. In phonics we have been reading the story of 'the tiger who came for tea' and we had a tea party. In forest school this week the children enjoyed making tie dye. We have also enjoyed exploring pumpkins and used conkers to create paintings. The children loved the obstacle course and climbed through tunnels, hoops and balanced on beams of wood.

Inset Day – Monday 29th October is our staff Inset Day. The teachers will be looking at Maths and Assessment on our Inset Day. This is part of our School Improvement Plan and is something that we are working to improve. We are looking forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 30th October.

Beaver Leader –We have been asked to make you aware that Pulborough Beavers are missing a Beaver Leader if you feel that you may be able to help with this, please contact Lucinda Barton.

Storrington Library half term activities- It's called 'Zoom, zoom, zoom' and it's space themed stories and activities. It is on Wednesday the 24th of October between 10.30am and 11.30am. It's suitable for all ages and tickets are free. We would ask that parents stay with their children. To reserve your free ticket please contact the Library. Our telephone number is 01903 839050 and our email address is storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk.

Jiminy's After School club is currently recruiting friendly, energetic staff to work two or more days a week, term time only. Hours of work: 2.45pm - 6.15pm. Salary: Depends on qualification and/or experience. The ideal person should be confident, articulate, enjoy working with children and able to cook basic meals. A childcare qualification is desirable, but not essential

To apply: please email your CV to Michellé Vorster at - jiminysasc@yahoo.com

Multi-Sports - some of Y3 and Y4 went to a Multiskills event at The Weald. They participated in a range of activities with eight events in total and involved ball skills, racquet skills and agility. It encouraged team skills and they had lots of fun.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	Inset Day
Wednesday 31st October	Six Week In project – Year R 9am – 10.15am
Thursday 1st November	All Saints' Day Eucharist Service, All welcome.
Wednesday 7th November	Parent Consultation Afternoon – Yr1 – Yr5 2.40pm – 3pm
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Day Service 10.50 am at St Mary's Church
Monday 12th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13th November	Yr 5- Flu Nasal immunisation
Tuesday 13th November	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 14th November	UK Class to Ingfield Manor
Wednesday 14th November	Parent Consultation Afternoon – All years 2.40pm – 3pm
Friday 16th November	Non uniform day in aid of Children in Need
Friday 16th November	PTA Bingo Evening.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING FOR THE BIG TOP.
PLEASE COME TO THE BOOK SALE AFTER
SCHOOL TO BUY A BARGAIN PRELOVED
BOOK.

20P
50P
£1



BOOKS
FOR
ALL

TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER - 3.15PM
ON THE PLAYGROUND OR IN SCHOOL IF WET

Friday 16th Nov 7pm

QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets £8

inc medium

margherita pizza

or £4 ticket only



St Mary's Primary School

Link Lane, Pulborough

LICENSED BAR

Teams up to 8

**TICKETS AVAILABLE BY
CALLING 07968151526 or reply
slips in school reception**

Doors open 7pm Quiz 7.30pm

Contact us if you would like to be placed in a team



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 16th November 2018

Come along for an evening of fun!

The PTA are once again inviting everyone to our fantastic Quiz Night with a Pizza Dinner. Keep up the competition between classes! Will India be able to defend their title?

Tickets: £8 including a medium Margherita Pizza.

£4 ticket only.

Gather a team of up to 8 - if you find that tricky, we can accommodate you and can put teams together.

The evening will begin at 7.00pm, drinks will be available at a licensed **cash bar**, Quiz to start at 7.30pm.

Please complete the tear off slip below, place in an envelope marked for the PTA along with cash or a cheque made out to "Friends of St Mary's School" and pop it in our post box outside UK class.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The PTA Events Committee



NAME.....

CONTACT email or number - (we confirm places via this contact).....

No. OF TICKETS inc pizza £8.....

No. OF TICKETS ONLY £4.....

I would like to pre-order bottle/s of red wine(£10),white wine (£10),rosé wine(£10), prosecco(£12) (rosé and prosecco only available for pre-order wine - orders must be received before 12th Nov).

Total paid.....

Please make cheques payable to "Friends of St Mary's School"





Meet our new Member!

Welcome to our new Chartwells Nutritionist, here to ensure you receive the best service possible...



Hello

My name is Ellie

I have joined the team to work on child and parent participation with school meals.

I am very excited to work together with the schools and catering teams to increase the number of children enjoying our meals!

Reminder! I am available to do class room workshops on food and nutrition! Please contact me if you're interested...

Get the most out of Chartwells!

Get your school booked in for a class, workshop, assembly or parent taster evening!

At no extra cost, I can come into your school to deliver the above, with the aim to:

- Engage and empower parents and pupil's awareness on healthy eating and nutrition.
- Support Government initiatives by delivering messages of healthy eating.
- Share with parents and pupils the UFISM with the importance of Registering for FSM entitlement.
- Support healthy eating alongside the curriculum by linking the kitchen to the classroom.

Book me in via email: eleanor.townend@compass-group.co.uk

WANT TO FEATURE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER?

If you have something food related you want Chartwells to shout about, tell us!

Ellie Townend –West Sussex Nutritionist and Engagement Lead:

Eleanor.townend@compass-group.co.uk





THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890

**Wednesday 24th
October
13:00 - 15:00**

Pulborough Family Activities Afternoon

**For all pre-school reception to year 6
children, parents and carers.**

Crafts, drama, stories, singing and more!

Join Rebecca and the FSW team at:

**Pulborough Youth Centre, Opposite St. Mary's
Primary School,
Link Lane,
Pulborough,
RH20 2AN**



**For further information contact Rebecca on 07747 481 360 or
Rebecca@familysupportwork.org.uk**

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