



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Hope, perseverance and courage

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5th December 2019

SIAMS – School Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools – We hope that you have seen the letter that came out on Wednesday. If you haven't then please ask the office for a copy or look at the inspection report on our website or on the following https://stmaryspulborough.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/73754

Message from the Governors - The Governors would like to congratulate Mrs Copus, the teaching staff and all the pupils for the brilliant result of our recent SIAMS inspection. The grading of good with outstanding is testimony to how the school has been turned around in such a short period of time and goes a long way to restoring St Mary's reputation as the great school we all know it to be. So well done, and thank you to Sam and her team for the hard work and dedication we know you have put in.

Vine leaf – Dexter L-R (India) - On Sunday 1st December Dexter completed a 2k run in Horsham. He was doing this run to raise money for WWF, as he has been keen to help the animals in Antarctica with it being their topic this term at school. He has **raised an amazing £230 .00** which he is extremely proud of as are we.

- **Buddy (SA) and Dixie S (IRE)** – For caring enough to collect litter on the beach – we are very proud that you care enough to make a difference.
- **Emily E (JAP)** for service she has given to others with her proactive approach.
- **Alicia B and Freya L (SL)** - Courage: You both overcame your fears and pushed yourselves out of your comfort zone, showing tremendous bravery to conquer the high wobble board at Lodge Hill.
- **Martina S (SL)** - Compassion: Once again, your thoughtfulness and awareness of others shone through at Lodge Hill this week. Your consistent kindness and the encouragement that you gave others was noticed and was commented on by our instructors - what an amazing team player you are! Brilliant effort on the high wobble board too!
- **Patricia K-J, Jack T and Tommi W (SL)** - Perseverance: You impressed the adults in your group by trying your very best throughout the day and tackling every activity with a positive attitude.
- **Billy B (SL)**- Thoughtfulness: You encouraged others throughout the day and were so supportive to a team mate, making sure that they were able to cross the rope bridge before you completed it yourself.
- **Caiden W (SL)** - Perseverance: For listening so carefully and trying extremely hard with all activities - what a fantastic effort.
- **Rocco W (Ire)** – Wow! You have wowed us with your reading. You started stage 5 and now attempting stage 17.

Kindness shield – They are two nominations for December - **Elani (India)** – I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this than you. You always go above and beyond for others, always offering to help and support, even if this takes up your own time. Your commitment to Eco Council is admirable. **Polly (USA class)** you amaze us with the kindness that you show to all members of the school community. You have an unwavering commitment to make other feel better. Thank you.

Christmas Eucharist – Our school Eucharist is on **Friday 20th December at 9am – 9.45am**. Everyone is very welcome.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch - Just a reminder that the school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18th December. If your child is in KS2 (and not eligible for free school meals) and you would like them to have Christmas lunch then please make sure that you order with Chartwells before this **Sunday the 8th December 2019**. The link is <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>

Advent workshop – On **Saturday 7th December**, **St Mary's church** are running an **Advent workshop from 2 – 4 pm**. It is **free!** Children under 5's will need to be accompanied by an adult and children over five can attend ... that is two hours of Christmas shopping! There will be lots of Christmas crafts for the children to participate in.

Sports tops – We are missing many sports tops from different events. If you have one of the sports sweatshirts or polo tops at home, please can you return it to the office. Many thanks in anticipation.

Year 4 to Lodge Hill – Sierra Leone Class enjoyed a beautiful Autumn day at Lodge Hill on Tuesday, courtesy of the Rotary Club. Focusing on developing communication and listening skills, the children were challenged to work effectively as a team during their three activities - low ropes, archery and the high wobble board. We were impressed with the way that the children encouraged and supported each other and the determination that they showed during these activities. We would like to say a huge thank you to Matthew and everyone at the Rotary Club for providing the children with such a valuable experience.



Clarinet concert – This term, Sierra Leone and USA class have had the pleasure of learning the clarinet with Mrs Eames. Over the past 9 weeks, they have learned, not only how to assemble and play the clarinet, but how to read music and play different rhythms.

The children loved learning the 'Boom, Snap, Clap' and 'Tangerine Socks' rhythms and enjoyed being able to play 3 different notes. Both classes learned Hot Cross Buns and some children were able to play 'What makes you beautiful'.



Little Explorers – This week the children have been very busy rehearsing for their nativity play. In the role-play area, we have made a Santa's workshop and we have decorated our Christmas tree so Christmas preparations are well under way. The children have explored the Christmas sensory tray; tinsel is a real favourite and ended up everywhere! They have also made Christmas pudding with playdough, enjoyed parachute games, decorated gingerbread men and had lots of fun outside on the bikes and scooters.

William Orrell article – On the 25th November an Imam from Worthing Mosque come in to give a talk to Year 6 about his religion (Muslim) and his duties as an Imam. He began by reading from the Qu’ran and then he talked about how Islam compares to Christianity and Judaism. To finish off he talked about the ‘five pillars’ of Islam and how they are important to Muslims.

Second Hand Uniform – This will be out in the main reception until the end of term, many bargains to be had!

Christingle – It was such a lovely service up at church and we packed the church with over 200 people. Thank you to everyone that came and supported this event. All proceeds are going to Christian Aid.



Things coming up

UK and Austria Nativity performance – Tuesday 10th December – 1.30pm and 5.30pm

KS1 ‘A Midwife Crisis’ – Wednesday 11th December – 1.30pm and 5.30pm

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All internal clubs finish Friday 13th December

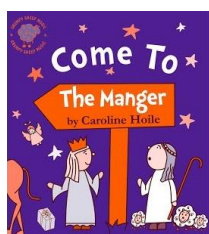
Karate, Judo, Dance and Football finish Friday 20th December

Disco 5-6pm EYFS/KS1, 6.15 – 7.30pm for KS2

Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas visiting – Wednesday 18th December

6pm Church Christmas Concert – Invited musicians and choir

Christmas Eucharist 9 – 9.45am





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