



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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14th September 2018

Refurbishment – It has been great to show visitors and parents around our newly refurbished space and it has been lovely to hear so many positive comments. The consensus is that it is a huge improvement and a wonderful learning environment for the children. If you haven't seen the new layout, please do take the time to come and see. We would highly recommend 'LADIES WOT PAINT AND WOT TILE' Lady Painter, Decorators and Ceramic Tilers.

Update on Mrs Brown – Lots of parents have asked about Mrs Brown's return and Mrs Brown has confirmed that she is returning to St Marys. We will notify you when we have an exact date.

Harvest Fayre – The village Harvest Fayre is on 22nd September at 11am – 5pm. St Mary's always supports this event with some homemade scarecrows which are displayed. We would love to have a large amount of scarecrows in Glebe Field for people to admire. The theme is 'Sporting Heroes'. There are 100 dojos on offer for those children who feel that they could support this village event.



Celebrations – Jonty Batchelor has been awarded Level 1 in Music Performance for Grade 2 Euphonium with a distinction. This is a great achievement – well done to Jonty.

Vine leaves - Tyler Buckman Newsom has received a vine leaf for showing friendship, generosity and love when he kindly gave up his seat. George Farrell has received a vine leaf for generosity as he offered a member of staff his coat in the rain – what a gentleman! These are the first vine leaves of the year and well deserved.



Just Enough – Article by William Orrell (School journalist) - It was very exciting on the 10th September, Just Enough UK came to visit St Mary's CofE School to record a single that will be released to every Church of England school across the country. Fifteen students were selected from the Key Stage Two choir to participate in recording it. William Orrell (reporter) went into the recording session to look at the set-up and a bit of recording. A few questions were asked of Phil Knight, he said, it will take about five days to complete this project'. Our thanks go to the pupils who participated and we await a final copy that we can share with the rest of the school. The single is called 'The Freedom Song' and the pupils were Leyland Barnett, Josh Andrews, Liliana Di Lena, Phoebe Suttie, Emily Edge, Amy Harber, Rebecca Shepherd, Lucy Aspell, Niamh Aspell, Kristof Szekely, Mary Edlin, Emily Edlin, Amy Harber, Niamh Aspell, Alisha Huntley Hart, Merry Lewis and Georgie Cargill.





The Moon – We have been lucky enough to have pieces of the Moon in school this week. Do ask the children what they learnt from this experience. Photos will follow next week.

Dyslexic Type Tendencies 6 weeks Parents Support Group - This started this week and was offering brilliant advice for parents whose children may be experiencing difficulties. These sessions are on a Wednesday and will be helping parents to support their child/ren who may have Dyslexic type tendencies. These sessions are continuing and will be from 1:30pm -3:15pm and there will be some information sharing and then some discussion. The next dates are the 19th Sept, 26th Sept, 3rd Oct, 10th Oct and 17th Oct. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending.

School Council – Mrs Benson is running the School Council this year and she is excited about the impact that pupil voice can have on the school. The School Council have been given their badges now and have had their first meeting already. They have started by deciding on our charities for the year.

Local: Chestnut Tree House

National: Make a Wish UK Foundation

International: Unicef



Jeans for Genes Day – The school will be supporting Genes for Jeans Day on Friday 21st September. The children are welcome to come in their jeans for a £1 donation. There will be a cake sale at the end of the day on the playground from 3pm and a competition can be found on <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/spongebobcomp> should your child wish to enter, all entries to be returned to school by Friday 19th October to be sent off all together.

Parents coming in – Can I please remind you that the mornings is a difficult time for a teacher as they need to be getting the day up and running. If you have something that needs to be discussed please phone the office and leave a message or see the teacher after school. Parents should be on the **playground in** the morning and not in classrooms. Many thanks for your cooperation in this.

Toys policy – Could I remind parents that no toys from home are allowed in school. We have had a few upset children over the last few days. The difficulty is that they distract from learning in class, may end up being borrowed and lost and the other children get jealous and this leads to arguments. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Readers – We would welcome parents, grandparents or carers into school who could give up a few hours to hear readers. You need to have a DBS check and we recommend that you hear readers in a different class to your child/children. If you are interested please let the office know.

Safeguarding – Attached to this newsletter is a safeguarding leaflet that has been developed from our NSPCC audit.

Little Explorers update for the week - This week we have had a lovely visit from Boogie beats where the children had fun listening and recreating the story of goldilocks and the three bears. They enjoyed parachute games and exploring the sand outside. The children have been learning about their individuality and this week have been looking in the mirror at their reflection and have painted their self-portrait. We have also used marbling inks to create wonderful marble pictures that will look lovely on our birthday board.

Tom Gates – Tom Gates is coming to the Capitol in Horsham and tickets are available. Just to make you aware as many of the Key Stage Two children love the Tom Gates books.

Keeping the children safe – As technology and Apps develop it is more and more difficult to monitor. Please find some of the latest guidance to help parents.



West Sussex Music - We are very proud of the range of musical instruments that the children play and we are always looking for opportunities for more children to participate. Three beginners are needed for Violin. If your child is interested then please contact the West Sussex Music service or ask for further details in the office.

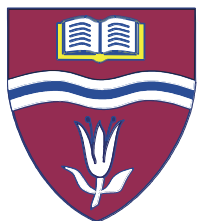
Rock – Musical poster attached they are looking for choir members, rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at United Reform Church Lower Street – enquires to Christine Lindsey 01798 368407.

Joinos - St Mary's will soon be a cashless school and, to aid this, we use Joinos as our on-line payment system for trips and performance tickets. If you have not yet registered your child/children on Joinos they will be bringing home a letter this week with their unique code and joining details. Please register ASAP as codes do expire. It will not cost you anything to set it up but will make booking your child's place/tickets much easier in the future. If you experience any problems with your code please contact Mrs Lees in the office, any problems using the website should be directed to Joinos direct.

Friends of St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School AGM - We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th October in the small hall at 3.30pm. You are warmly invited to share some refreshments and meet the existing PTA before we start our meeting. This is an important part of the PTA year, where we are hoping to be able to form a committee for this year, with new ideas and enthusiasm! We will also be electing the PTA Trustees for the next year. The trustees support the re-election of the existing trustees and propose Mrs Copus as an alternative trustee to Mrs Brown until Mrs Brown returns. Please see letter attached with further details.

Dates for you Diary:

Wednesday 19th September	Yr5 Planetarium visit (in school)
Wednesday 19th September	Yr6 Trip to Brighton AMEX Stadium
Friday 21st September	Jeans for Genes Day – Come to school in Jeans
Saturday 22nd September	Harvest Fayre – Glebe Field
Sunday 23rd September	Vélo South Cycle Race - Sun, 23rd Sep 2018
Monday 24th September	School- Afterschool Clubs begin
Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th September	2pm-3pm -Open afternoon for those starting school September '19
Wednesday 26th September	7pm – Meet the Teacher – All classes
Monday 1st October	Yr4 Trip to Drusillas Zoo Park



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9th October 2018 3.30pm

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The PTA is a friendly committee of parents and teachers who are committed to raising funds to help all the children at the school. In the last academic year we had a fantastic year and raised around £20,000 for the benefit of the children but we could not achieve that sort of success without the support of all the helpers and volunteers that give up their time and talents.

You do not need to join the committee to come to this meeting but for the PTA to be successful we do need your help and input. We need to know what you think:

- About our events
- About what the money we raise is spent on.

So please, come along to the AGM - meet the existing members, let us know what you think and what you would like to see the PTA doing for your children.

I am able / unable to attend the Friends of St Mary's PTA AGM on Tuesday 9th October.

Signed _____

Child(ren) _____ Class _____



Draft AGM Agenda

Thursday 5th October 2017

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

1. Persons Present
2. Apologies
3. Head Teacher's Report
4. Chairman's Report, including
 - a. Friends of St Mary's CofE Aided Primary School, Pulborough as a Charity
5. Finance report
 - a. Treasurer's Report – followed by acceptance of the accounts so they can be audited and filed with the Charities Commission.
 - b. Reappointment of Alan Copus as the independent examiner of the accounts
6. Approval of Trustees
7. Election of Events Committee members
8. AOB
9. Date of next ordinary meeting of Events Committee

What keeps us safe at school?

- Rules keep us safe because they help us to look after each other.
- Teachers keep us safe.
- Fire practises help us to know what to do to keep us safe.
- Doors are locked to stop people coming in.
- We have anti-bullying week.
- Adults have to wear a visitors badge if they are coming into our school.
- There are staff that carry out first aid if we need it.
- Walls, gates and fences stop people coming in.
- We have warning signs around the school.
- Staff watch us to keep us safe.
- We have a camera to show who is coming in.

Who can you talk to if you're worried?

If you're worried about something you can talk to your friends because they are always around. You can also talk to the teachers. They will always listen and try and sort out your problems.

What you can do if you're upset

Talk to your friends.

Talk to your teachers.

Talk to the dinner staff.

Put your worry card in the box.

Use your worry card.

Find someone with a buddy band.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Brown

Mrs Copus

Miss Turner

Mr Rogers

Miss Wilkins

The Governor in charge of
Safeguarding is
Mrs Russell

All staff can help. They will LISTEN and make you feel SAFE. They will only tell the people who NEED TO KNOW to keep you safe.

Other people that can help

ChildLine free 24hour
helpline 0800 1111

NSPCC 24 hour helpline
0808 8005000

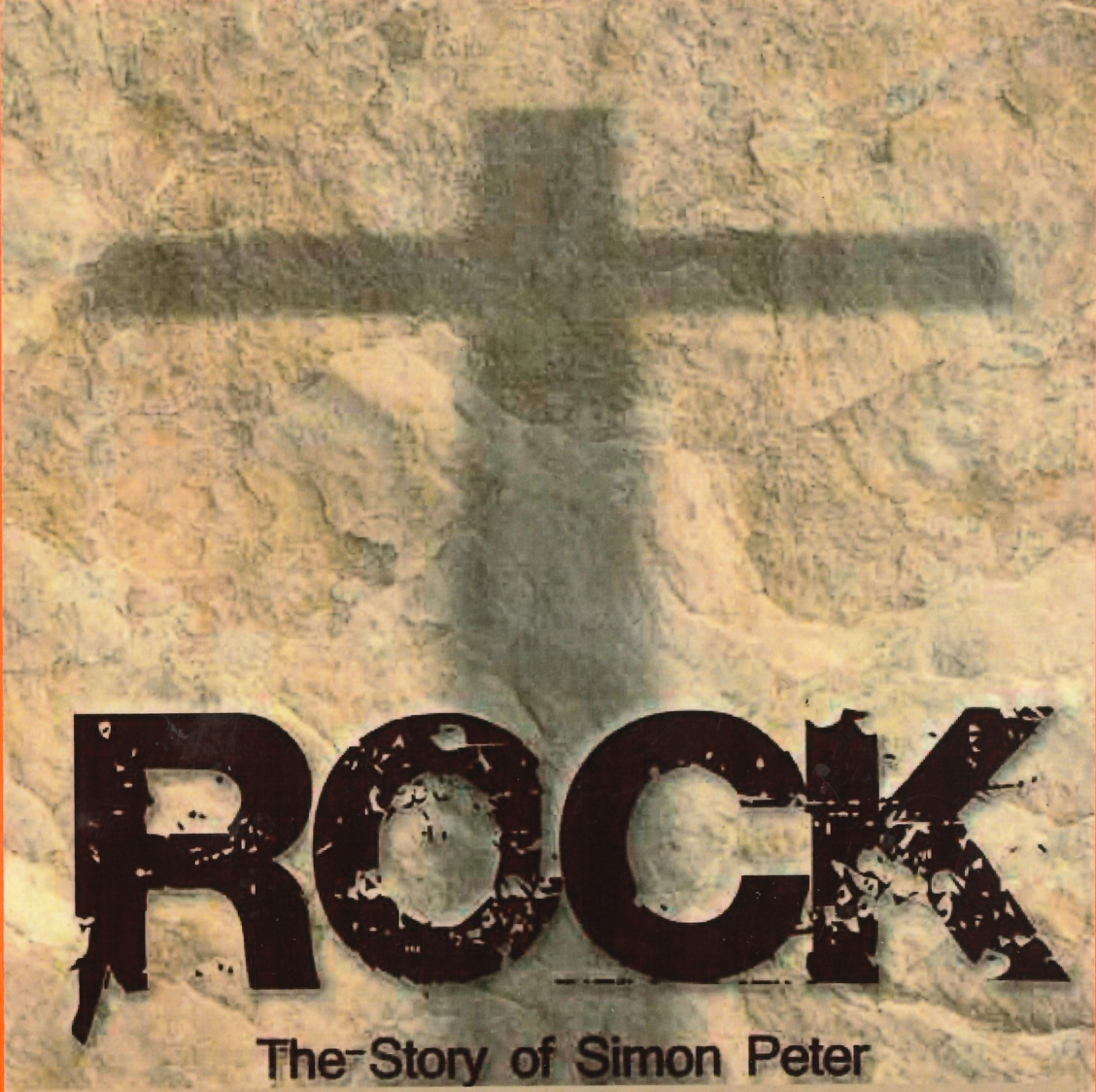


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What can I do to stay safe online?

- Never give out personal information!
- Talk to your parents, teachers or other adults if you feel uncomfortable with what you see on the internet.
- Be polite and respectful of other on-line. Never send a message that you would not say face to face.
- Never meet with someone you 'meet on-line'.
- When on-line use a nickname that will not reveal anything about you.



ROCK

The Story of Simon Peter

A musical written by Roger Jones

Presented in collaboration with
Pulborough Churches Together

Pulborough Village Hall

Sunday 21st October 4pm

Tickets £5 (U16's free)

From: Christine Lindsay 01798 368407

Ann Kaiser 01798 872819

Comyn & James Lower Street