



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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Attendance – This week's top attendance goes to **UK and USA** who both got **99.5%**



Big Top fund raising at the Village Market –A massive thank you out year 6's: **Callum, Emily, Erin, Izzy, Katie M, Katie O, Lawrence, Lewis, Lynden, Payton, Rachel, Reuben, Robbie and Wills** who raised a fantastic **£212.00** at the Village market, and to **Jacob P** for raising **£24.00** selling cakes.



Thanks also to the parents who supplied cakes, biscuits etc, to Laura who made beautiful earrings and donated the proceeds from her sale, Hannah Evans (ex-pupil) and to the children's families for helping on the morning. Finally, we would like to thank Carol-Ann Cook, Lu Evans, Liz James and Laura Webster who organised the event.

Polly B – Thank you to Polly – you donating your hair to the Little Princess Trust what a kind a thoughtful thing to do.

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.

Modern Foreign Language Teacher – You will know that Miss Bell is going on maternity leave in January. We have been fortunate enough to recruit Mrs Vanieris who will continue to cover KS2 PPA two days a week.

Recruitment for Thailand Class teacher – We would like to inform you that following our interviews this week; we are delighted to announce that we have appointed **Mrs Nadine Hubble**.

Mrs Hubble is known to the school as she covers some PPA time in KS2. I will now be meeting with her to discuss transition details.

Clarinet concert: Thursday 5th December – USA Class 10am - 10.30am and SL Class 11.00am - 11.30am, please let the office know if you're planning on attending so we can put out enough chairs.

Christingle – This is always a lovely time of year when the Christingles are taken up to the church. The children have made their Christingles in school, and they have now been taken to the church ready for the service. The service will be on Sunday 1st December at 4pm. We, as a school, normally pack the church for this celebration it would be great to see as many people there as possible.



Sun Books For Schools - We as a school have registered for the Sun books for schools please collect tokens from either The Sun or The Sun on Sunday between 23rd November 2019 – 18th January 2020. Please bring in you tokens to the school office who will pass them on to the PTA.



The Sun is giving away £12million- worth of books as part of our amazing 'Books for Schools' campaign.

We need 3,500 tokens so please start collecting this weekend and ask anyone you know who reads the paper to collect too.

The paper are giving approx. 15 tokens a week. With roughly 250 families in the school it means each family only needs to collect tokens for a week and then the school will get £600 worth of books to be added to the library. Please collect the tokens and hand into the office. :)

Lodge Hill - Last Friday, USA class went on an amazing team-building trip to Lodge Hill. They took part in three activities; wobble board, low ropes and archery.

The wobble board was a test of perseverance, fears, courage, and all of the children challenged themselves and some surprised themselves with how far they managed to climb. The low ropes saw the children working as a team to move over lava, swinging on vines and jumping from pirate ships to survive deadly waters. At the archery station, they tested their skills of strength and precision.

Jonah – I loved climbing the high wobble board because it was funny when people started flying everywhere.

Harry – The high wobble board because it challenged how high I could climb.

Keely – I enjoyed the archery because I surprised myself. In the first round, I missed twice scoring only 5 points then in the second round I got 60!

Polly – My favourites were the high wobble board because I was surprised that I didn't get very far with it. Also, the low ropes because I got stuck in one of the tyres – I dug my way out and Kitty helped to pull me out.

This would not have been possible without the support and funding of the marvellous people at the Rotary club, so, a huge thank you to them for such a memorable day.

Our Christmas Charity - Next week members of our school council will be standing at the school gates with donation buckets. **PLEASE DONATE.**



CRISIS is a charity for the homeless. Not only do they provide homeless people with a hot Christmas dinner, but they also give them access to having their haircut, seeing a dentist, a doctor, clean clothes, a bath or shower and experts who can really help them to get their lives back on track.

Over the weekend of the 7th and 8th December, we will be asking children for sponsorship to sleep under newspaper or cardboard. We are not encouraging children to sleep outdoors and would like them to see how uncomfortable sleeping under newspaper or cardboard actually is even in their own beds...and even for a very short period of time. We certainly do not want our pupils to become sleep deprived as a result.

If you are not keen on this idea, how about trying to watch a movie whilst under newspaper or cardboard?

Please raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

Trees – We would like to say thank you to the children and parents who joined us at Hurston Warren to plant trees as part of National Tree Planting week. So many people made such an effort to come along on wet and dark November evenings, there was a lovely cheerful atmosphere and lots of enthusiasm for a good cause. Lee Callender and Emma Huntley-Hart.



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 link is below:

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>

Vacancy - Jiminy's after school club - St Mary's Primary School, Pulborough - Jiminy's is recruiting a Play work assistants to join our small team. The ideal candidate will enjoy working with children, be reliable, adaptable, and comfortable communicating with parents.

Days: minimum of 2 days a week term time.

Hours: 2.45pm – 6.15pm

Salary: £8 - £10.30 (depending on qualifications and experience)

To apply, please email your CV and a covering letter to Michellé Vorster at jiminyasc@yahoo.com.

For more information about Jiminy's, please visit our website www.jiminyasc.co.uk.



Little Explorers – This week's theme has been the classic fairy story Goldilocks and the three bears, the children have listen to the story and acted out different parts of it, made porridge for their bears, made teddy bear faces and enjoyed a teddy bears picnic.

They have also decorated biscuits for our cake sale, made cupcakes from playdough, enjoyed riding around the playground on the bikes and scooters and done lots of counting, matching and sorting activities with the compare bears.

We have also been practising hard for our nativity and been preparing for Christmas.

Donations will end homelessness

Crisis

Every donation helps us support people directly out of homelessness, and campaign for the changes needed to end it altogether. We know that together we can end homelessness. Here's the difference your donation can make:

£10 provides a warm welcome and helps someone take the first steps out of homelessness

£25 helps someone regain a sense of worth through healthcare and counselling

£50 helps someone gain the skills or qualifications they need to turn their life around

£100 provides support, training and equipment to help someone find their way back into employment

£250 provides one-to-one support to help someone find a safe place to call home

Registered Charity Numbers: E&W1082947, SC040094, CRI0014_DON_A3

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Lodge Hill Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Come along to our Christmas wreath making workshop and make a beautiful festive wreath for your home or as a gift!

Session led by professional florist June Greenyer

Tuesday 3rd December 10am—12:30pm

£35 per person



*We will provide:
Wire frame
Foliage
Festive refreshments*



If you have any extra accessories you want to add, please bring them along!

*To book your place, please call 01798 831411 or email
admin@lodgehill.org.uk*

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
Places are limited!





Pulborough After School Club Christmas Arts & Crafts

**Tuesday 3rd December
3:15 - 5:15pm**

 **All families welcome, pre-school to
11 years**

*children must be accompanied by a parent / carer at all times

Refreshments Arts & Crafts Festive Fun

 **Pulborough Youth Club**

*Opposite St Mary's School, Link Lane, Pulborough, RH20 2TB

 **Contact Family Support Practitioner Becca**
rebecca@familysupportwork.org.uk 07747 481 360

Horsham District Year of Culture 2019



Christmas Tales by Torchlight

Thursday 5th December
5.30pm - 6.15pm

Everyone Welcome



Join us for a special Christmas story time

Tickets are free, but places must be booked in advance

Parents and Carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity



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