



NEWSLETTER

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

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Learning – We hope that you all had a great half term and managed to do something exciting! As we start a new half term, we are looking forward to our new topics of ‘In the Woods’ for UK and Thailand, ‘Journeys’ for Italy and India, Y3 are learning about ‘Flow’ and will focus on rivers including the River Arun. Year 4 are learning about ‘Road Trip USA’, South Africa, Mexico and Japan are learning about ‘Frozen Kingdom’. These are all exciting topics and the teachers already have great things planned. Homework grids will be updated for these topics in the next few days.

Parents' Evenings – We have Parent's Evenings coming up; the teachers will be talking about how your child has settled, where they are at the beginning of the year and how parents can help and support them. If you have any worries about how the class works, behaviour, learning or anything else, please raise it with your child's class teacher. This needs to be the starting point for any worries that you have. Please remember that teachers have a job to encourage your child to improve and to raise standards, so classrooms will be organised to get the most from the children and ensure they make progress.

Multi-skills – Well done to **Alexa, Mattie P, Caleb D, Dilan, Finley, Matthew G and Flora** for such enthusiasm for their Multi-skills at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. They participated in a range of activities such as running, jumping, throwing and skipping, as well as competing against other schools.



Staffing – We are delighted to welcome Mrs Worley to the school team as School Bursar.

Reflection – Thank you to Vicky Smith who has started her reflections again which you might like to watch with your child. [\(6\) Reflection 24 - Hope - YouTube](#)

Happy Book certificates – Certificates have gone out to celebrate achievements in the first half of the Autumn Term. Do celebrate this with your child if they have received one.



National recycling week – Next week is National Recycling Week and our assembly on Monday is all about recycling. We will be talking about the different ways of recycling, so your children may come home and want to recycle things.

Remembrance – We will be holding a 2-minute silence at 11am on Friday 11th November. If your child is part of a uniformed group, we invite them to come to school in their Cub, Rainbow, Beaver or Brownie uniforms. As we approach this commemoration, poppies and other Remembrance items will be on sale. The prefects will be selling these at break time, lunchtime and at the end of the day on the playground. We are asking for a contribution of about 50p for a poppy and a larger amount for the wristbands, badges, etc.

We have also seen members of our school selling poppies around the village. Thank you to them for their service to the community.



Andrew Griffiths MP Christmas Card – Last year we were fortunate enough to be awarded a runner up prize in this competition, so we are keen for the children to enter again this year. If your child would like to submit an entry, they should follow these simple rules:-

- No words, just a picture
- A flat medium – eg. No cotton wool, glitter or large decorations
- Approximately in a rectangle shape that we can reproduce on a card.

They should save a copy of the picture as a JPEG with their details – for example 'BertieJones/Y5/PulboroughCE' – (this bit is important because it helps the organisers to manage the huge number of entries). Keep the original artwork somewhere safe in case it is shortlisted for a prize.

Please email the artwork JPEG to christmas@andrewgriffithMP.com by Tuesday 15th November. I am looking forward to seeing the children's pictures and sharing them with residents. I hope the attached poster will be helpful to share with parents.

Vine leaves – **Peter (NZ)** for thankfulness and positivity – he always has something nice to say about everything and everyone. **Archie-D (Ire)** gave his Bronze badge to a classmate instead of keeping it for his own achievements when he realised we did not have enough to go around. **Rudi (SA)** and **Harrison (SA)** for showing perseverance in their Maths learning and approaching new methods with a positive attitude. **Elani (SA)** for being a kind and supportive friend to a classmate. **Oscar (Ire)** has been awarded a vine leaf for friendship – he goes above and beyond towards his friends. **Penelope (UK)** for her thankfulness as she is always so appreciative to staff. **Teddy (UK)** for his humility and maturity; Teddy can be relied upon to do his very best all the time. **Aria B (Ind)** for perseverance - Aria has REALLY persevered in her reading comprehension and is making great progress. **Martha (SA)** for showing kindness and compassion by organising a group of children to write letters to a former classmate to check she is settling in well.

Kindness shield – Well done to **Minnie-Mae (Mex)** who has been awarded the Kindness Award for October. Minnie- Mae, you are the most kind and generous soul and make it your mission to make friends and look after them. You have a close circle of friends and do your very best to look after them. Thank you for being you and giving so much back to your circle of friends. You show humility in all you do and we look forward to see you grow further in to the amazing person that you are.



Children In Need – It is 'Children in Need' day on **Friday 18th November**. The children are welcome to dress up in PJs, go spotty, or get everyone wearing yellow. A £1 contribution will go to Children In Need



Maths – Times tables and fluency is on our school improvement plan and we would encourage the children to learn their times tables. You can use TT Rockstars and Numbots or you can use songs and games. They should have an understanding of all times table up to 10x10 by the end of Year 3. After that, it should be the speed and accuracy of recall in timed conditions that improves.

ROAR Project - St Mary's have recently taken part in the ROAR project with 8Billion ideas. The purpose of the project was to come up with an idea that might... Change the World!

All the children in Key Stage 2 took part in the project and the children came up with SUPERB ideas. ROAR has been set up and supported by the local Lions and we were delighted to welcome Viv Diggins and Derek Reynolds from the Lions to our final judging assembly on 31st October. Each class had a winning team and each winning team was put forward to the school final. Viv and Derek were delighted to award medals and certificates to the school's winning team from SA class. The winning team from will be producing a video which will be put forward to the national finals.



Homework Grids – Our new homework grids are on the class pages now. Do have a look at these and see how home can support school in the children's learning. Together we are stronger!

Anti-bullying week – Anti-bullying week is the week commencing 14th November and we will be inviting the children to wear odd socks on Monday 14th November. Over the week we will talk about what bullying is, how we deal with it at St Mary's, who children can talk to and how to use their worry card that is in their drawer for every child. We take bullying seriously at St Mary's and Pupil Voice tells us that bullying does happen, but it is dealt with swiftly and everyone is listened to. This was also reinforced in our recent OFSTED inspection.

NEW CHILDREN STARTING AT ST MARY'S - OPEN SESSIONS - We welcomed many parents on Thursday to look around St Mary's and we conducted tours to show off our learning environment. We are holding more events so please encourage parents of three- and four-year olds to come and look around:

- **Tuesday 8th November 1.15pm – 2.45pm**

Late Collections - Please ensure you are on time to collect your child(ren) at the end of the day. If your child is still at the school office at 3.25pm then they will be taken to the Roosters after school club and a charge of £5 will be applied to your MCAS account. If you find yourself unexpectedly unable to get to school at 3.15pm, please call the Office as soon as possible and this may avoid the charge.

Parent Governor – We are still looking for a Parent Governor. One of our Governors who was recently appointed said this,

"I joined the Board of Governors back in June 2022. When the parent governor role came up, I realised, with 3 children at the school and our 4th due to start in September 2023, that I would be part of the school for several more years and I want to be able to contribute to the life of the school. I always have my children's best interests at heart, which means I also have the school's best interest at heart. With a child at home and a part-time job too, I am still able to attend meetings that are held in the evening around once a month which makes it all very manageable. The governing board has welcomed me warmly with open arms. They are all so approachable and easy to get on with, which has really helped me to become part of the team.

The role of a governor is not to tell the school what to do, our Senior Leadership Team deals with this, our role is to provide strategic direction (this sounds a lot more complex than it actually is). This means that we contribute ideas to help the school to continue to improve and make good progress. We are there to challenge choices and hold them accountable; we are really like a critical friend.

There is training available and the support from everyone is amazing. No question is too much for them to answer, and, trust me, I have asked many questions.

As a parent governor, I feel that I can bring my views as a parent to the meetings. Every governor brings a different element, which helps to ensure a diversity within the governing board.

I really enjoy being part of the meetings and hearing about all the exciting things that are happening within school. It has made me realise why things happen in school and the implications of every decision made too. All that is essential is a commitment to supporting our school to ensure that St Mary's continues to deliver the best educational experiences for all of the children that attend. "

If you feel that you could add something to the incredible team of Governors, then please do contact the school on office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or come and speak to one of us. A letter will be sent out if you need more information.

Dates for the year 2022 - 2023

Friday 4th November

Tue 8th Nov

Thur 10th Nov

Fri 11th Nov

Sat 12th Nov

Mon 14th Nov

Tue 15th Nov

Thur 17th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Fri 25th Nov

Wed 30th Nov

Fri 2nd Dec

Thurs 8th Dec

Tues 13th Dec

Fri 16th Dec

Sierra Leone celebration assembly 9am

Parents' Evening - 3.30pm- 6pm School Cloud

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SA Celebration Assembly 9am

Fireworks PTA 5.45pm – 7.30pm

Fri 18th Nov – Anti-bullying week

Book look in classrooms **EYFS/KS1**

Book look in classrooms **KS2**

Children In Need – Dress up and £1 for charity

Japan Celebration assembly 9am

Ireland celebration assembly 9am

USA - Clarinet assembly (time TBC)

NZ Celebration assembly 9am

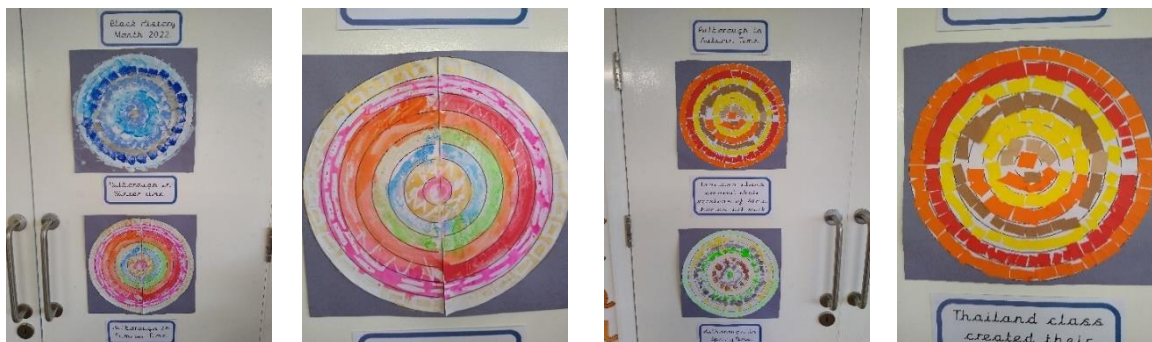
UK and Thailand Xmas production 2pm and 5pm – tickets to go on sale in November.

India and Italy production (Bethlehem Bake-off)

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Last day of term and Christmas Jumper day for all

Black History Month – Thailand class have been inspired by Alma Thomas and look at what they have produced using different mediums.



UK & Thailand Learning – UK and Thailand class had fun reading the book 'Supertato' and created their own vegetable characters, including Evil Pea!



Big Top Fundraising: Bingo Night – Year 6 are commencing this year's Big Top fundraising activities with a Bingo Night on **Friday 25th November**. This will be held in the School Hall between **6:00pm and 8:00pm**. Details on how to obtain tickets for this event will be available shortly. Please save the date in your diaries - we hope that many of you will be able to join us with families and friends for a fun evening!

We would be very appreciative of any donations of prizes for this event - edible gifts, drinks, toiletries, children's gifts, etc. Please could these be dropped in to the School Office or handed to Miss Turner or Miss Callender by **Friday 18th November**.

Hot School Meals - Order the meal your child would like.

Chartwells are bringing in a new system where you can choose which meal your child would like to eat each day. This is for children throughout the school, from Reception through to Year 6, those entitled to free school meals and those who pay for a meal.

You will be receiving a letter from ParentPay with all your log-in details and details of how the system will work. The system opens on the 11th November for you to start ordering and the first meals ordered on this new system will be served on the 5th December. **Please be aware that meals for the 5th December will need to be ordered by midnight on the 24th November.**

The School Office will have very limited access to the system, so it is very important that if you wish your child to have a hot school meal in school, no matter which class they are in, you have to access this system and order their meal.

Achievements

Elba S (USA)

Completed her
Stage 4 swimming
and gained her
certificate.

Bea G (Jap)

Achieved her
Level 5 in
Gymnastics.

Daisy E (Ire)

Came 4th in
jumping with her
pony, Tango

Olly G (SL) Stage
4 Swimming
completed



Olivia A (Jap)

She swam for Atlantis in another
swimming competition this
weekend and came away with:-
1st in 100m backstroke,
1st in 50m backstroke and
2nd in 100m freestyle.



Luna P (Jap)

Gained her Music
badge at cubs

Rosie O (USA)

Had her hair cut over
the half term break, and
has 9" of her hair to
donate to the Little
Princess Trust.

Miller B (Ind)

competed in a dance
competition in
Disneyland in Paris
and she won!

Daniel P (SL)

Man of the Match
for Pulborough on
Sunday.



Reaching Families Training Workshops

Autumn 2022
(2nd half-term)

NOVEMBER

Making Sense of EHC Needs Assessments and Plans	Thur 3rd	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Sleep (children aged 2-11 years)	Tues 8th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding Autism in Girls	Tues 8th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thurs 10th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding ADHD	Tues 15th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Adult Life - Moving On	Weds 16th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thurs 17th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties	Tues 22nd	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence	Tues 22nd	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Autism	Weds 23rd	7.30 pm	via Zoom

DECEMBER

Making Sense of Universal Credit	Thurs 1st	10.30 am	via Zoom
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www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:
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Tues 13th Dec 12pm to 2pm
Fittleworth Village Hall
Then every 2nd Tues/ month

Christmas Wellbeing & More Market

- * Delicious Bespoke Edible Art by The Cookie Shelf
- * Skincare & Wellbeing Expert | Neal's Yard Remedies Organic Gifts with Women's Wellness owner Abbie
- * Holistic Wellbeing | Women's Circle Guru The Independent Midwife Lucy
- * Kirsty at Home with The Body Shop Products & Gifts
- * Gorgeous gifts for the home with Nini's Boutique Reflections of Home
- * Quality clothing from Boutique 35
- * Top fitness advice and post Christmas Strategies from Sophia Martin PT
- * Charli & her gorgeous eco concious Flamingo Paperie cards and stationary
- * The amazing Taania Wood Micropigmentation, helping men & women look good on the outside so they can feel good on the inside
- * Cass and her amazing collection of books for children
- * Beat the cost of living crisis with Hollie

Come along and support your local independent businesses and economy this Christmas

Raising funds for
Fittleworth Nursery and St Mary's School, Pulborough

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