



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Love

Telephone: 01798 872007

6th September 2019

Welcome Back! It is great to be back and we hope that you have all had a lovely summer and spent some quality time with friends and family. At the end of term, we were very fortunate to receive some lovely gifts and cards with kind words. Thank you.

This newsletter is to highlight some key things about the school as we start the new academic year. We are all aspiring to do our very best for the children and this is reflected in our vision statement below.

Vision statement - We are a 'Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum' where wisdom and love guide and influence learning and teaching for our whole community. We treasure each child and enable them to flourish, using their God-given potential, establishing a secure foundation for them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Staffing - The team are really excited about this term and are ready to take on the challenges and inspire the children.

UK Year R - Mrs Callender and Mrs Tiller

Austria Year R – Mrs Huntley Hart and Mrs Haley-Chattaway (Mrs HC)

Thailand Year 1– Miss Blackburn and Mrs Ansell

France Year 1/2– Mrs Rashleigh and Mrs Norgate

India Year 2– Miss Wilkins (mornings) and Miss Gorecka (afternoons) with Mrs Adams

New Zealand Year 3– Mr Coomber and Mrs Shepherd

Ireland Year 3– Mrs Benson and Mrs Castle

USA Year 4– Miss Lyons (Mon/Tues) and Mrs Martin Wells (Wed/Thur/Fri) with Mrs Sherlock Fuidge

Sierra Leone Year 4 – Miss Turner, Mrs Bridge and Mrs Lee

China Year 5– Miss Callender and Mrs Bryan

Mexico Year 5– Miss Sleat and Mrs Parsons

South Africa Year 6– Miss Frances and Mrs Underwood

Japan Year 6– Mr Rogers and Mr Yates

Miss Bell will be teaching Spanish in Key Stage Two, Brighton and Hove will be teaching Games in Key Stage Two and Miss Dunstall will be teaching in Key Stage One and Early Years to cover PPA cover (Planning, Preparation and Assessment as teachers are entitled to this). Miss Wilkins will be leading the Special Educational Needs in the afternoons and Miss Gorecka will be having her Deputy Head time in the mornings and monitoring the Teaching and Learning with myself.

Office – Mrs Lees (School Business Manager), Mrs Gabriel (School Secretary), Mrs Russell (Receptionist), Mrs Andrews (Bursar) and Mrs Hancock (Admin Assistant) and Miss Elliott is Premises Manager.

Routines – We will spend the first few weeks embedding routines and the drop off and pick up are an important part of this:

Early Years /Key Stage One - We would ask that all children line up in the morning out on the playground when the whistle goes at 8.45am. The teachers have their lessons to prepare in the morning and so children should not be taken to the classroom. If you require before school care then you can book on to Early Birds. The teachers will come and collect the children from the playground so that we can establish a routine and make them independent in putting their belongings away.

Key Stage Two – The playground is supervised from 8.30am and children should come around and socialise with their friends before the whistle goes at 8.45am. Please do not drop the children into the classroom. If you need to speak to a teacher then you can leave a note with the office staff. If your child has a difficulty in the morning with separation anxiety then please come and talk to Miss Wilkins (SENDCo), Miss Gorecka (DHT) or myself and we can arrange a supervised drop off elsewhere so we know they are safe.

Sian Elliott (Premises Manager) will be on the gate and will lock the gate at 8.50am so that the premises is secure.

At the end of the day, the teachers will bring the children out to the playground. Early collection can not happen unless you have a letter from a doctor or hospital or appointment that you are attending. School finishes at 3.15pm. If you find the playground difficult socially then we can arrange a later pick up.

Governors – We have a fantastic board of Governors working for the children – if you would like to know more about them then there are profiles on our website and up in the entrance hall. David Shepherd (Chair), Fr Paul, Andrew Clark (vice chair) Richard Cordy, Charlotte Cargill, Laura Batchelor, Julian Edge, Dan Jenkins, Caroline Butler, Simon Doy, Rachel Sleat and Janet Lees. They are available if you would like to speak to any one of them. Please let me know.

Vine leaves – Well done to **Riley G** and **Alfie R** that have been awarded a vine leaf for compassion. They gave up their time to help reassure and care for a Year 1 child who was distressed. Thank you

Wonderful news – We are delighted to announce that Miss Bell and her partner are expecting their second child at the beginning of 2020. Congratulations to them.

Meet The Teacher – This is on Wednesday 26th September at 6pm. Please come and meet the staff in the main hall, there will be a quick talk with some information about the School Improvement priorities and then off to classrooms to meet with the teachers and find out more about what the children will be doing this year. This is not an individual parents evening but is just information for your child's class. There is a parents evening planned for 13th November where parents can meet with the teacher to find out how the year has started and the child's tracking data can be discussed. This is in response to parent questionnaires who felt this would be beneficial.

Recycling – It is always great to recycle - They take all old felt tip pens, not just Crayola.

<https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>

Our community – We are all here to work closely with the children and do our very best for all the children in our school. This is a reminder to all that no form of abuse will be tolerated by the staff here. This is verbal abuse or through written communication eg emails or Dojo. We are all working for the best of the children and we need to all work together.

Clubs – Letters will be coming out this week. It is on a first come, first served basis. If you feel that you would like to run a club and have a DBS, then please do come and see us.

Curriculum – Class newsletters will be coming home over the next few days. Please make sure you read them and ask the teachers any questions that you may have about your child's learning.

Non school uniform day – back to it already and we are preparing for the village **Harvest Fayre on Saturday 28th September** – there will be a non uniform day on **Friday 13th September** in return for a Tombola prize i.e. Sweets/chocolate or a bottle for the adult tombola.

Phonics - TAs or new reception parents might be interested in this 2 hour Phonics training? It will be fun, informative and active! Click on the link to see more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2492805440741081/?ti=icl>

WildArt leaflet – What a great asset to our village – there is the 'Pulborough WildArt Trail' up and running. It is a great family walk. Attached is the flyer and there are paper copies at the office.

Book People - <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost/schools>. This is a fundraising website. If you are buying books then please consider this.

Harvest – Our Harvest Eucharist is on Friday 4th October at 9am. On this morning, we will be collecting gifts for the charity FSW and would like each child to present a gift. This could be tinned meats such as chilli, stew, tinned carrots/sweetcorn/peas, cooking/pasta sauces, tinned fruit, coffee, jam and toiletries. Thank you in anticipation.

DBS check – We welcome volunteers into school and love seeing parents, grandparents and other family and community members but we do require everyone to have a DBS check. You can get one of these done with the office.

Staging – If anyone has any connections to staging, please could they get in contact us.

Little Explorers have had a great start to the new term, the children have settled back into nursery really well and we have welcomed some new friends too.

The children have had fun in the garden playing on the slide, digging in the sand and riding around on the cars. Inside they've enjoyed exploring the light table, playing with the dollies in the home corner and making a huge train track.

With so many children moving up to big school we do have some spaces available at Little Explorers Pulborough but they are filling up fast so if there are any parents looking for a place please contact us for further information.

Attendance – Just a reminder that all children must be in school regularly and consistently. Even if they are 4, they need to attend school everyday.

Holiday requests – We still can't get our attendance in line or above national and so we will focussing on attendance.

No holiday will be authorised and with absences over five days we will be following the guidance from West Sussex County Council about fining.

- Headteachers may not grant absence for holidays during term time – 'any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave'.
- If a family choose to take their child/children out of school for a holiday they may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice. If unauthorised absences reach 10 sessions (a session is half a day so 10 sessions is equal to 5 days) Holidays of any length will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances such as Armed Forces, bereavement.
- You may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £120 (£60 if paid promptly) per parent with Parental Responsibility, per child if you take your child out for an unauthorised holiday: referrals are made for all holidays of 5 days or more, then you will be referred for a Fixed Penalty Notice from West Sussex County Council.

Why is it important for my child to be in school?

- Being at school regularly helps your child build friendships with other children
- To keep up with their work, your child needs to be at school as much as possible
- Children with good attendance
at school do well at school
- It is the law!



We are pleased with the start of term and thank you all for your continued support.



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Tuesday 12th November 2019 6-8pm

£20 per ticket. Capacity 40.



Your Space Therapies are offering a unique and down-to-earth course for parents and carers providing practical ways to have the best relationship with their children. The course will

offer an overview of children's emotional brain development and offer practical strategies and theraplay games to develop strong emotional bonds and help parents therapeutically manage children's anxiety or challenging behaviours.



To book please email bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

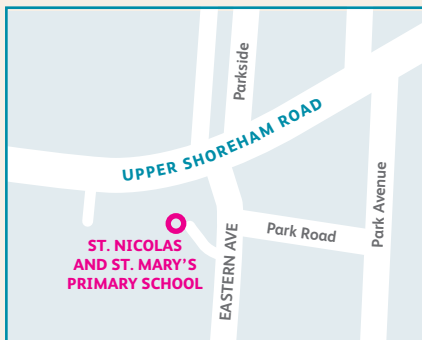
43% of delegates who have attended Your Space Therapies trainings have rated them 'excellent'.

"This course really helped me think about why my children behave the way they do and now I have practical ways to help"

"Now I have helpful ways to respond when my children are angry or upset"

"I loved learning the therapeutic games"

"Learning about children's emotional brain development was fascinating"



Venue:

St. Nicolas and St. Mary's Primary School,
Eastern Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex, BN43 6PE

Did you know . . . Your Space Therapies can also provide bespoke parenting consultations as well as various therapies? To enquire please contact

info@yourspacetherapies.org

Tel: **01903 209991**
www.yourspacetherapies.org



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with me, the
Pulborough Giant!



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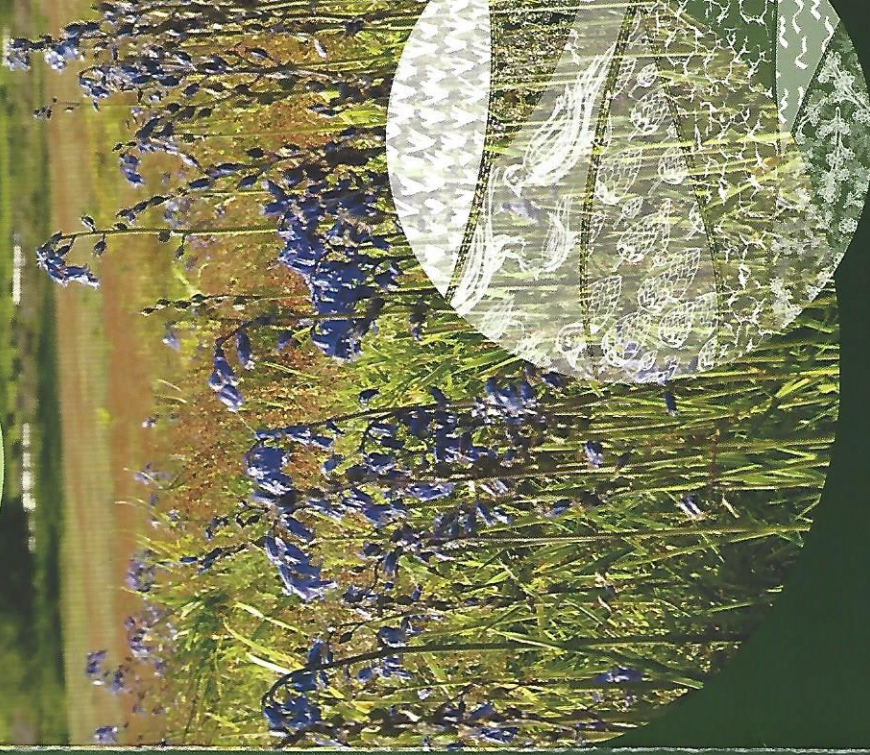
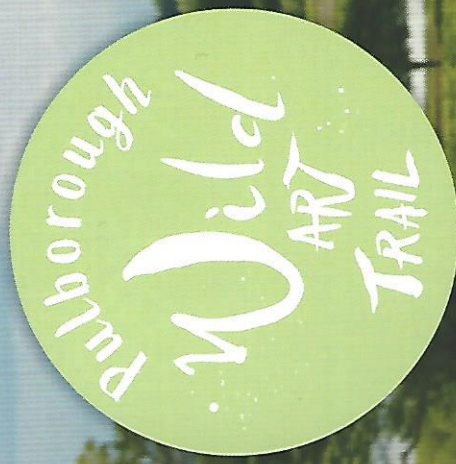


See the amazing wildlife come
to life with the Pulborough
Giant, your secret guide. Follow
the app's route map and point
your camera at the owl triggers
on the way.

The Giant will magically
appear to tell you all about
his wonderful wildlife friends.
Within the app there is also the
option of finding all about the
fascinating local history and
landscape, as well as the local
wildlife and inspiration behind
the sculptures.

The walk is on public footpaths
or roads. Allow 1.5 to 3.5 hours.
Please keep to the paths
and keep dogs on the lead.
In winter, parts may be very wet
or even flooded.

The 100 Compass Bus serves
both ends of the trail, hourly
Monday to Saturday.



GLORIOUS RIVERSIDE
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PULBOROUGH WILDART TRAIL

Welcome to the Pulborough WildArt Trail, which has been created to enthrall

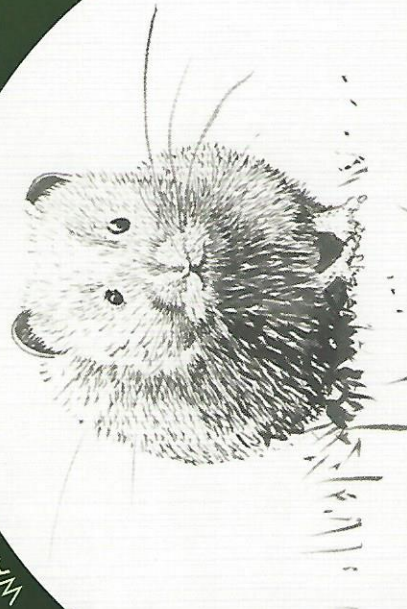
walkers, ramblers, nature lovers, art lovers and families.

This is a 4km (approximately 2.5 mile) walking trail from the RSPB's Nature Reserve at Wiggonholt, across Pulborough's Wildbrooks, to Lower Street and then on across East Glebe Field to Pulborough Station, via Church Place (or vice versa).

The route is highlighted by 17 specially designed wildlife themed sculptures by renowned Sussex based artist Steve Geliot. There are also creative way markers and information boards along the route.

Visit www.horshamvisitor.co.uk/PulboroughWildArtTrail for the latest information.

WATER VOLE



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This project is part funded by The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas.

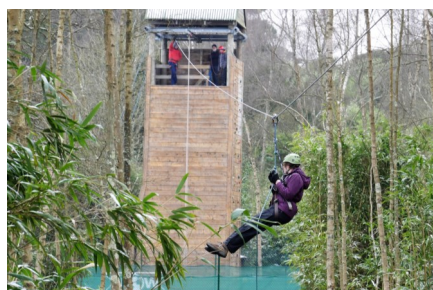
LODGE HILL FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 14th September 10am—4pm

**Help us celebrate our 20th Anniversary of Changing Lives.
Come along to our family fun day for all!**

**Just £5 per person to enjoy an open day of outdoor activities like
Archery, 100m Zip Wire, Tunnelling, Sno-Tubing, Bubble Pop and much
more!**

CALL 01798 831411 OR EMAIL admin@lodgehill.org.uk TO BOOK!



**BBQ food and refreshments available to
purchase on the day!**

Sponsored by Harwoods of Pulborough

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- PLEASE MAKE US AWARE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE DAY
- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES BY AN ADULT
- THIS DAY IS OPEN TO ALL
- PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CLOTHING
- PRE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
- £5 BOOKING FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE
- FREE ON SITE PARKING
- NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ASSISTANCE DOGS



Horsham Hub

Enabling Parents

**Would you like to be able to understand your
child's feelings?**

**Would you like to have some practical ideas to
communicate with your child?**

**Enabling Parents is a practical parenting course to
help you find solutions to difficulties. (Suitable for
parents with children aged 0-11years)**



**The course will be held on
Thursday 3rd and 10th October
From 9.30am – 12pm**

**At Roffey Children and Family Centre
Godwin Way, RH136SQ**

You must be able to attend both sessions.

Or

**Friday 8th and 15th November
From 9.30am – 12pm**

**At Southwater Children and Family Centre
Worthing Road, Southwater, RH13 9HA**

You must be able to attend both sessions.

**For further information or to book onto the course,
families can call 07525 211177 or email**

HorshamHUB@westsussex.gov.uk

Horsham Hub

Enabling Families

With a little
direction I can find
a solution

I need some
guidance to solve
the problem

Are you a parent facing challenges?
Are you worried about a family situation or problem?
Would it help to talk it through?

Families please call 07525211177 for further information and to book an appointment
(Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-4pm)
or email HorshamHUB@westsussex.gov.uk

Morning appointments are available between 9.30-12.30pm
Afternoon appointments are available between 12.30-2.30pm
Each appointment slot will last 45 minutes

Cowfold C&FC – Cowfold Village Hall, Cowfold, RH13 8AA	Wednesday 31 st July 2019 (AM)
The Needles C&FC – Three Acres, Horsham, RH12 1RS	Thursday 22 nd August 2019 (AM)
Little Footsteps C&FC - 24-26 West Street, Storrington, RH20 9RY	Wednesday 11 th September 2019 (PM)
Leechpool Primary School – Leechpool Lane, Horsham, RH13 6AG	Tuesday 24 th September 2019 (AM)
Horsham Youth Centre - Hurst Road, Horsham, RH12 2DN (for parents of young people attending T4T & Junior T4T)	Tuesday 1 st October 2019 (EVENING – 3:30-6:30pm)
Billingshurst Primary School – Station Road, Billingshurst, RH14 9RE	Monday 7 th October 2019 (AM)
Greenway Academy – Greenway, Horsham, RH12 2JS	Tuesday 22 nd October 2019 (AM)
Upper Beeding Primary School – School Road, Upper Beeding, Steyning, BN44 3HY	Wednesday 6 th November 2019 (AM)
St Mary's Pulborough – Link Lane, Pulborough, RH20 2AN	Monday 18 th November 2019 (PM)
Roffey C&FC – Godwin Way, Horsham, RH13 6SQ	Thursday 5 th December 2019 (PM)
Little Footsteps C&FC - 24-26 West Street, Storrington, RH20 9RY	Tuesday 17 th December 2019 (AM)





Chartwells Catering have kitchen staff vacancies at various schools, starting September 2019

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