



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 2nd May 2022

This was a short week with the Bank Holiday but we have achieved such a lot: Swimming is going well with an emphasis on stroke development. We had staff training on disadvantaged pupils and the barriers that we can help break down to aid progress. The 'Book Giveaway' from The Lions and we love seeing new and exciting books. Parents meeting on Year 1 phonics and for Year 2 parents on Statutory Assessment Tests (if you missed these you can see the presentation on our website under the tab parents.) UK and Austria are visiting the church on Friday and our swim team are heading to The Spectrum in Guildford on Saturday to compete in the finals – we wish them all the very best with this.

Staffing – We are delighted that **Kevin Stillwell** is joining our team as Premises Manager. We look forward to welcoming him in the next couple of weeks.

Walk to school week - Walk to school week is **16th May** and we would love to hear how many of our pupils are walking to school. The teachers will be asking the pupils to collect data on how we get to school so please make the effort, if you can. We are keen to start the school walking bus again, if anyone feels that they would like to coordinate this then do drop us an email.

Jubilee celebrations – We will be celebrating the **Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27th May**. We will be having a street party. We would like the children to dress in red/white and blue and they may come with accessories e.g. Crown etc. Each class will be having an art exhibition based around the Queen and artistic styles, as well as learning about the monarchy and other British values. We are running a 'Bake off', in a Jubilee theme, as a competition and we will share more information closer to the time.



Bottle tops – We are looking to make a stunning piece of artwork to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee – please could you collect green, red and blue bottle tops and the children can give them to me at the gate or drop off at the side gate for the office. Thank you in anticipation.

Tea and Chat SEND - Miss Wilkins is running a Tea and Chat session **at 2pm on Tuesday 10th May** in the outdoor classroom. If you have a child with SEND and would like to know more do come and chat. This is informal and a time to ask questions.

Big Top – We are doing so well with the fundraising for the Big Top this year. A big thankyou to **Billy (SA) and Freya (SA)** who managed to get a great donation though Howdens via Maria Lee.

Our reflection time – This week's reflection - [Reflection 7 - Making the Invisible, Visible - YouTube](#)

School Development – Our new 'Trim Trail' is being installed from 6th June, we are excited to see this go in and we hope this will enhance the field for the children.

Governors – We have a fantastic board of Governors who are friendly, proactive and highly skilled and we are looking for one more Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. This position is a voluntary role that will allow you to help and support the strategic direction of the school and means that you get to know how the school works and have a voice in school improvement.

If you want to find out more then please email governors@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk, and one of our Governors can give you more information or answer questions that you may have about the role and more information will follow.

Vine leaves - David (Jap)

Has been awarded a vine leaf for thoughtfulness as he is always offering to help both in school and when he has been on Scout camp.

Drummer – We are looking for a drummer for the Big Top this year. If you know of anyone who drums who would like to support a Year 6 production please ask them to get in touch.

Sports Days – Due to the trim trail going in we are going to be short of space for sports days so we are arranging smaller events.

EYFS will be on Tuesday 14th June at 10am.

Thailand, Italy and India will be on Tuesday 14th June at 1pm.

Mexico, China, SA and Japan on Thursday 16th June at 1pm.

NZ, Ireland, USA and SL on Friday 17th June at 1pm.

We are allowing two adults to come and support the children on the sports days. Please bring your own refreshments. The children will need a coloured T-shirt for their team colour and a water bottle. If you are not sure about the colour team then please contact their class teacher.

Books, Books, Books! Books are a brilliant way to get a message across to the children about anxiety, friendship or growing up, please click on the link for more information and links to all different topics and themes. [Library-services-for-children-and-young-people](#)



Reading shack – Next week we are opening the outdoor classroom as a reading shack at lunchtimes. KS2 will have an opportunity to read a variety of books as they have asked for a space to do this. They can bring their own book or take one from 'The Shack'. It is a furnished space that will be supervised.

I have had a few requests for specific books recently and I have tried to ensure that we get hold of them. In the library is a box for any book requests, and we will try our best to get hold of them. We want to listen to what our pupils want to read.

Class newsletters – All available on our website – do look at what your child is learning.

Things coming up

- **Fri 6th May** – Rikkyo School Open Evening 7.30pm – brilliant but especially for Japan class to see the culture. **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**
- **Mon 9th May – Thur 12th May** – KS2 SATS week – Breakfast available for all children from 8am – please do not drop off before this
- **Thur 12th May** – Year 5 residential meeting 3.30pm Main hall
- **Fri 16th May** – Residential for Y6

Class Assemblies Return – For children in the class and the parents during the summer term.

UK - Friday 24th June at 9am

Austria – Thursday 16th June at 9am

Thailand – Friday 10th June at 9am

Italy – Friday 20th May at 9am

India - Thursday 7th July at 9am

New Zealand – Friday 1st July at 9am

Ireland – Friday 15th July at 9am

USA - Thursday 30th June at 9am

Sierra Leone - Thursday 23rd June at 9am

China - Friday 27th May at 9am

Mexico - Friday 8th July at 9am

SA Leavers Assembly - Wed 20th July 9.30am

Japan Leavers Assembly - Wed 20th July 9.30am

Term dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
First Day for Children Monday 5 th September 2022	First Day Wednesday 3th January 2023	First Day Monday 17th April 2023
Last Day Friday 16th December 2022	Last Day Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day Friday 21st July 2023
Half Term Mon 24th – Fri 28th October 2022	Half Term Mon 13th – Fri 17th February 2023	Half Term Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd Jun 2023
Inset Days Thur 1st & Fri 2nd September 2022 Friday 2nd October 2022	Inset Day Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Inset Day Friday 21 st July 2023

KidstriUK Billingshurst Charity Duathlon – British Triathlon

Mrs Gowland will be there on the day and anyone turning 8 by the end of December and older can enter.

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/KidstriUK-Billingshurst-Charity-Duathlon_13310

Achievements



STEM in the Park Saturday 21 May from 11am to 4pm

Please share this information with parents and the local community as we would be delighted to see as many children and families at the event.

A STEM-focused FREE community event is being held in the Memorial Gardens, Crawley on Saturday 21 May, which will encompass an enjoyable and inspirational day of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).



James and Josh's Jamboree Fundraising Quiz & Chilli Night



Teams up to
6 people

Saturday
14th
May

Tickets £10

A fun night out with
quiz, food and good company!

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start!

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Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available to
purchase

(Bring your own alcoholic drinks if wanted!)

To book email josh@jamboree.thecryptoid.co.uk

Or call Michelle on 07763 212105



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Umbrellas Parent
Support Group

Summer term 2022

Would you like to connect with other parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with
additional needs please join us at one of our local support
groups or from the comfort of your own home.

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays, via Zoom

28th April	7.30 pm - 9 pm
5th May	10 am - 11.30 am
12th May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
19th May	10 am - 11.30 am
26th May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
9th June	10 am - 11.30 am
16th June	7.30 pm - 9 pm
23rd June	10 am - 11.30 am
30th June	7.30 pm - 9 pm
7th July	10 am - 11.30 am

Billingshurst Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Billingshurst Community Centre

11th May / 15th June / 13th July

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub

3rd May / 7th June / 5th of July

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

26th April / 17th May / 21st June / 12th July



Find out more about our support groups at:

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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Training Courses

Summer term 2022

Making Sense of it All Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their
children grow and develop

Bersted Park Community Centre	May 18th / 25th	Weds 9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Online via Zoom	June 8th / 15th / 22nd	Weds 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Billingshurst Community Centre	June 29th / July 6th	Weds 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Making Sense of Wellbeing

Designed to help parents and carers build resilience, reduce stress and learn relaxation techniques

Workshop	Active listening	April 26th
Mindfulness	Listening to your inner experience	May 3rd
Workshop	Problem solving	May 10th
Mindfulness	Finding peace in the storm	May 17th
Workshop	Positive thinking	May 24th
Workshop	Relaxation and self-care	June 7th
Mindfulness	Mind and body relaxation	June 14th
Workshop	Managing anxiety	June 21st
Mindfulness	Going with life's flow	June 28th
Workshop	Managing low mood	July 5th
Mindfulness	Mood changing exercises	July 12th

All sessions delivered via Zoom - Tuesdays, 7.15 pm - 8.15 pm

Find out more about our training at:

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All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058



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MEET JULIA DONALDSON Saturday May 7th from 10.30am at the Steyning Bookshop

Come and meet the author of *The Gruffalo* in person as she celebrates her 2 beautiful new books. Booking essential as numbers limited.

Your booking includes 1 copy of either *Welcome to the World* or *Counting Creatures*. www.ticketsource.co.uk/thesteyningbookshop



STORIES & SONGS with JULIA DONALDSON & FRIENDS

Saturday 28th May at Steyning Grammar School Drama Hall at 11.30am/ 3pm

Julia Donaldson, with her husband Malcolm and friends, performs in a fabulous show filled with music, stories and song, and all the beloved characters from her stories, including a star appearance from the Gruffalo!! At the end of each show there will be a chance to buy books from the pop-up shop in the foyer and get them signed and dedicated by Julia.

Ages 3 upwards Adults £8 Children £6 www.ticketsource.co.uk/steyningfestival



HEROES & MONSTERS - CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP for kids

Sunday 29th May at Steyning Bookshop garden marquee at 11am

Join children's author, Jim Beckett, on a quest to create unlikely heroes and improbable monsters in surprising situations. Jim will lead fun activities for children to develop their own original characters and story ideas. **Suitable for ages 7-12. £5**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/steyningfestival/t-egdlmz>

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE WITH ILLUSTRATOR STEVEN LENTON

Monday 30th May 11am at the Festival Big Top

What would you do if you were marooned on a deserted island with five of your classmates, no teacher and no internet? Let Frank introduce you to his exciting new novel, *Noah's Gold* and have lots of fun watching Steven drawing - maybe have a go too!

£5 <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/steyningfestival/t-kvnrxx>



MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOPS with CHIE KUTSUWADA

Weds 1st June at the Festival Big Top 11.30am ages 9-12 / 2pm ages 13+

Learn about manga as an art form and discover the essentials of manga drawing style in this workshop by professional Japanese Manga artist Chie Kutsuwada. This hands-on practical session will give you plenty of new tips and skills. **£10**

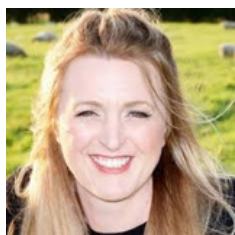
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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS with VASHTI HARDY and ANTHONY BURT

Thursday 2nd June at the Festival Big Top 11am ages 8+ / 2pm ages 6-9

Join children's fantasy writer Vashti Hardy for a morning world-building workshop mapping your fantasy worlds, or an afternoon session led by Anthony Burt creating crazy animal characters! **£5** www.ticketsource.co.uk/steyningfestival



THE BIG DRAW-OFF with all-star illustrators Emily Gravett, Sophie Henn, Steven Lenton, Guy Parker-Rees and Nick Sharratt!

Friday 3rd June at the Festival Big Top 11am -12.30 FAMILY SHOW

A FUN family show with an all-star cast of children's book illustrators pitting their wits / pencils for crazy drawing challenges! Expect LOTS of audience participation! **£5** www.ticketsource.co.uk/steyningfestival/t-nlxekj