



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



# NEWSLETTER

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

**Humility, service and forgiveness**

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4th January 2019

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and have come back refreshed and relaxed. Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that the staff and I received. It is such a kind thought and we are very grateful. It is great to be back and the staff team is off to a flying start with lots of learning opportunities planned for the children. The teachers have so much enthusiasm and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

**Uniform** – Thank you to all those parents who have made an effort with uniform, the majority of the children have come back looking smart. We should be able to announce a new company for uniform over the next couple of weeks. Watch this space!

**Class newsletters** – Class newsletters will be coming home over the next few school days. Please take some time to read them as they hold important information about the themes and the teaching and learning that will take place. They also list significant dates and ways that you can help and support at home. Copies of the class newsletters will go on to the website under class pages.

**Front display** – We have started off 2019 talking about ‘turning over a new leaf’ and our new year resolutions. The children have many hopes and dreams for 2019, please do pop in and see the display when you have a few minutes.

**Attendance certificates** – Attendance certificates were handed out at the end of term. Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate and, as an incentive, we have new pencils as well to celebrate the achievement of 100%. I look forward to handing out more for the Spring Term.

**Cubitt and West** – It was great to walk through the village and see the children’s artwork up in the window of Cubitt and West. We have so many talented artists. Thank you for your participation in this.



**INSET days – There are no INSET days planned for the Spring Term. Our next INSET Days are on 22nd and 23rd July 2019.**

**Reading Challenge** –The children of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have come back to school to a Reading Challenge. This is to encourage the children to try high quality, engaging texts and show them that they can tackle something more challenging and to increase the pace and frequency of the books that we are reading. The Key Stage 2 children have a reading passport and a ‘London Underground’ display. There will be prizes for each class for the child that reads the most and for the child that reads the most books from a particular genre as listed on the display. Prizes will be handed out on World Book Day on 7th March. If you would like more information then please chat with your child’s class teacher. Pearson have published a very useful document for parents about reading. Please click on the link if you would like more information.  
[https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson\\_EnjoyReading\\_03.pdf](https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson_EnjoyReading_03.pdf)

Key Stage One will have a reading challenge coming out next week. Do watch for an update.

**Safeguarding** – Just to remind you that we have four Designated Safeguard Leads, these are Mrs Copus, Mr Rogers, Miss Turner and Miss Wilkins. We take safeguarding seriously. The pupil ‘Keeping Safe’ leaflet has been circulated to the children again and this reminds them how to keep safe in different situations and who they can talk to if they have a worry or concern.

**Tea and Chat sessions** – We are keen to meet with parents over the Spring Term and would like to plan in some tea and chat sessions. If you have a suggestion then please make a note on the bottom of this newsletter and return to the office or put it in the post-box. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Swimming pool** – Building work is going to start over at the pool next week. We are having a shower and toilet built to prepare for swimming after Easter. This will make swimming lessons better and the pool will be able to be hired out. This is an exciting development.

**The walking bus** – The walking bus continues to operate this term. Now that the weather has turned colder, please could you ensure that if your child is using the walking bus that they have a warm, fastened coat, hat, gloves and suitable shoes."

**Other News:**

**Violin lessons** will take place on Wednesday mornings this term and I am delighted to welcome lots of new starters as a result of our violin assembly in December. New starters will need the book "Fiddle Time Starters" with CD as well as their Violins. If you filled out an instrument loan form for your child, the violin should be delivered directly to the school. If you have any questions about the lessons, do get in touch. Emily Hester, Visiting Music Teacher

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| <b>January</b>             |  |                  |                  |
| Mon 7th Jan                | Superhero Day - Thailand, France & India Class |                  | KS1 only         |
| Wed 9th Jan                | Greek Day - China & Mexico Class               |                  | Yr 5 only        |
| Mon 14th Jan               | Hawking About - New Zealand & Ireland Class    |                  | Yr3 only         |
| Wed 16th Jan               | Forest School begin for UK & Austria Class     |                  |                  |
| Wed 16th Jan               | Yr 6 Parents SATs Meeting                      | 3.30pm           |                  |
| Mon 21st Jan               | School Clubs begin                             |                  |                  |
| Wed 30th Jan               | O2 Young Voices - Choir                        |                  | O2 London        |
| <b>February</b>            |  |                  |                  |
| Fri 1st Feb                | RSPB Pulborough - UK & Austria Class           | 9.30am - 2.15pm  | RSPB             |
| Fri 1st Feb                | PTA Quiz Night - Details to follow             |                  |                  |
| Tue 5th Feb                | Safer Internet day                             |                  |                  |
| Wed 6th Feb                | Class Photos                                   | AM               |                  |
| <b>Mon 18th - Fri 22nd</b> | <b>Half Term</b>                               |                  |                  |
| Mon 25th Feb               | Fair Trade fortnight                           |                  |                  |
| <b>March</b>               |  |                  |                  |
| Wed 6th Mar                | Ash Wednesday - Eucharist                      |                  | School Hall      |
| Thur 7th Mar               | World Book Day - Costumes required             |                  |                  |
| Fri 8th Mar                | School Reports                                 |                  |                  |
| Wed 13th Mar               | Ingfield Manor - UK Class                      | 9.30am - 2.15pm  | Ingfield Manor   |
| Tue 19th Mar               | Parents Evening                                | 3.30pm - 6.30pm  | School Hall      |
| Wed 20th Mar               | Big Sing at The Weald - Year 2 only            | 9.30am - 11.30am | The Weald School |
| Thur 21st Mar              | World Poetry Day - Details to follow           |                  |                  |
| Thur 21st Mar              | Parents Evening                                | 6.00pm - 8.30pm  | School Hall      |
| Mon 25th Mar               | Bikeability week - Year 5                      |                  |                  |

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| Wed 27th Mar        | Ingfield Manor - Austria Class                      | 9.30am - 2.15pm     | Ingfield Manor   |
| Fri 29th Mar        | <b>School Clubs Finish</b>                          |                     |                  |
| Sat 30th Mar        | PTA Race Night - Details to follow                  |                     |                  |
| Sun 31st Mar        | Mothering Sunday Service                            |                     | St Mary's Church |
| <b>April</b>        |   |                     |                  |
| Tue 2nd Apr         | Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow            |                     | School Hall      |
| Tue 2nd Apr         | DISCO Reception & KS1                               | 5.00pm - 6.00pm     | School Hall      |
|                     | DISCO KS2   | 6.15pm - 7.30pm     | School Hall      |
| Wed 3rd Apr         | Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow            |                     |                  |
| Fri 5th Apr         | Eggstravaganza - Details to follow                  |                     |                  |
| Fri 5th Apr         | The Weald Mental Health Morning - Details to follow | 10.00am - 12.00noon |                  |
| <b>Fri 5th Apr</b>  | <b>Last Day of Term</b>                             |                     |                  |
| <b>Tue 23rd Apr</b> | <b>Return to School - Summer Term</b>               |                     |                  |





# Multi Sports After School Club

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Purely Sport clubs provide the opportunity for children to try new sports and continue to improve in their favourites. All clubs are designed to promote **FUN, PARTICIPATION & TEAMWORK.**

Multi Sports clubs cover a range of different activities. Sports delivered include Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, and Tennis.

At Purely Sport, your child's safety is paramount at all times. As such, all coaches hold the following:

- Individual Sport Governing Body Qualifications
- Enhanced DBS certificates
- First Aid training
- Child Protection Certificates

## Wednesday 15:20 – 16:20

Multi Sports After School Club

Open to all pupils in Year 1 - 6

£30 for 6 weeks commencing 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Each week, participants will take part in a range of fun & energetic activities and sports

# Book Online

For further information and to book your place visit [www.purelysport-coaching.com](http://www.purelysport-coaching.com)

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