



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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It was a fantastic team effort to make it to the end of term. A huge thank you to the staff for going above and beyond this year – they make St Mary's the special place that it is and they are just the most phenomenal team. I wish the staff a restful and relaxing holiday and thank them for rising to every challenge in the most difficult year.

We will start the year as we have been working. This is because there is no current guidance from the DFE or WSCC and we will send out reminders at the beginning of term before we start.

Staffing – We are delighted to be welcoming **Miss Rees** to the staff team for September to teach Thailand class and Year 1.

Welcome afternoon – We were so pleased that we could run the welcome afternoon; this was organised as an outdoor activity where the children could meet their new teacher and spend some time to getting to know them. Thank you to the teachers

Achievement awards – every year, as we prepare to move to the next year group, we award two pupils from each class with an achievement award and this year is no different. These children have shown their teachers that they are giving their best. Please see the comments below for each class.



UK - Ronnie H - for the incredible work you managed to send Mrs. C each day on GC in Lockdown, you managed to finish every task and your progress has been amazing. You have a 'can do' attitude and you have been determined to succeed which shows in the writing you are now producing.

Victoria L - for being the sweetest, kindest girl all year. You completed all tasks on GC during Lockdown - my day was not complete until I had looked at your wonderful work. It is a joy to hear you read.

Austria – Bertie P - For persevering when he found everything overwhelming, he is now so confident and has developed an amazing approach to his learning.

Mattie P - Mattie got very frustrated that she couldn't instantly read upon starting school, she has worked extremely hard and through her determination is now an absolutely amazing reader. Mattie has the right attitude to learning and wants to achieve in every area.

Thailand – Charlie H for making an excellent, all-round effort to engage and participate. In addition, he has mastered lots of new learning this year and is trying very hard to apply this in his work.

Victoria C for her outstanding attitude to learning, her progress and performance across all subjects and for showing excellent personal growth, especially where her friendships are concerned.

France – Phoebe J - We are really proud of Phoebe and her progress in both English and Maths this year. She has improved vastly in her phonics and in her independence. Well done Phoebe keep it up!

Rex W - Rex has made good progress in all aspects of the curriculum this year. He is a hard and conscientious worker and we are really proud of all of his efforts. Great work Rex!

India – Leo F - For his achievement in recognition of high frequency words and improvement in English – you just keep trying! **Joseph D** - For his developing commitment to learning and social skills.

Ireland – Lacey S - for improvement in all areas. She has shown great improvement in behaviour and a desire to work. LS has excelled with her reading and mathematics.

Felicity G - Felicity started the year taking her time but we have now realized she was just getting warmed up. She has recently excelled with her English and Maths. She recently moved to the top spelling group and has been demonstrating full marks every week.

NZ – Anna E - For her continued enthusiasm and dedication to her schoolwork, which has helped her to make fantastic progress this year.

Liam N - For his resilience and perseverance, especially in Maths, which has helped his confidence and understanding of a range of key mathematical concepts to blossom.

USA – Molly G - Wow Molly! Your confidence has grown so much this year. Your questioning skills have rocketed and you are so keen to contribute to whole class learning. You are a focused, creative and passionate young lady and you are taking on new challenges wherever possible with dedication, and enthusiasm. Well done for such a fantastic year.

Jordan N-P - What a fantastic year you have had this year Jordan full of lots of learning and lots of fun too. You have been a real delight to have in the class and you bring so much joy and enthusiasm. Even when things have been more challenging, you have worked out how to get there and achieve it. Well done for such a great year.

SL – Nicolo A - Nicolo it is a pleasure to award you the End of Year Award for Sierra Leone Class. This year you have continually worked hard in all areas of the curriculum, but you have especially worked hard with your reading. It has been wonderful to see your enthusiasm each morning letting me know that you have finished another book and completed the quiz on Accelerated Reader. This hard work and determination have been rewarded with your results on the recent Star Reader Test where you have gone up a colour band. In addition to this dedication with your reading, you have been a kind, thoughtful member of the class always willing to be a friend, helping other children in the class who may have felt left out or having difficulty with their learning. Well done for such a great year.

Jenson L - Jenson, what a fantastic year you have had, it is a pleasure to award you the End of Year Award for Sierra Leone Class. You have worked hard in class this year with great enthusiasm, always putting your hand up in lessons, particularly maths lessons where you are always willing to have a go and not minding if you make a mistake, such a good ethos for learning. Your work in your books has become neater, well presented and it has been lovely to see how you have taken great pride in your work. You are a great role model for the class with your friendly and helpful attitude. Well done for such a great year.

China – Brooke G - I've been so impressed with Brooke's attitude towards her learning and how she tackles her work. Never afraid to ask for help if needed but always tries herself first. Her confidence has grown as the year has progressed, particularly with her reading and this has been reflected in her most recent PIRA test score. A very good year for Brooke.

Nicholas T - Nicholas has worked very hard in all areas of the curriculum this year. He is a keen learner, who tries to understand his mistakes in order to learn from them rather than try to hide them. His Maths has shown a lot of improvement this year and it's been great to see him gradually progress to greater depth activities. Congratulations on an excellent year, Nicholas.

Mexico – Ivan M – you should be proud of your progress and achievements this year. I have been impressed by your resilience and how you have persevered when things have been tricky. It has been wonderful to see you become more enthusiastic towards your learning and really enjoy the topics covered, especially History! Keep going Ivan because you can do it.

Faith N – Wow Faith. What a fantastic first year you have had at St Mary's. I have been so impressed by your thoughtful approach towards every aspect of the curriculum. You have worked incredibly hard and made fantastic progress. I have been particularly pleased to see how well you have come on in your writing where you have produced some truly amazing pieces. Well done!

South Africa Class: Kaylen J for the amazing perseverance you have shown in all areas of the curriculum throughout the year. You always respond positively to feedback and you never, ever give up! Your courage and determination have been epitomised by your amazing progress in times tables and the way in which you pushed yourself out of your comfort zone on the abseiling tower at Lodge Hill. You are always kind, thoughtful and polite and on many occasions, you have supported classmates with their learning too.

Mae E – You always set yourself high expectations, you show sustained commitment to completing every piece of work. You are a creative learner, your organisation is impeccable and you give 'above and beyond' in everything. You sustained motivation and worked with independence and initiative during lockdown, producing homework of a consistently high standard every week. Your engagement in the Weald Book Award project was outstanding and your competition successes (not just one, but three prizes!) were very well deserved. You should be so proud of all that you have accomplished at St Mary's and I know you will go on to achieve amazing things at secondary school.

Japan - Oscar C - This child has really surprised us all this year and not least in the final term. He can be a quiet and reflective member of Japan class, but is always kind friendly and helpful to his classmates. What has been the most impressive thing about this child though is how much his confidence has grown this year. After a tricky home learning experience he has come back to school with such determination to improve in all areas of his learning especially maths. And this term and his performance in the summer production has been a revelation. The amount of comments I have heard singing his praises at how confidently he has performed his role. It really has been the making of him. Well done Oscar.

Freya C - What an amazing all-rounder you are. You have really succeeded in every department: contribution to the school, working your hardest at every opportunity, excelling in music, excelling in drama, excelling in writing. Everything you put your mind to you have achieved in and long may it continue! However, what is most impressive about this person is their humility as I don't think I've ever heard this person brag. You have achieved so much at your time and St Mary's and this year too: so enjoy this. You have deserved it.

End of year awards and cups

Literacy Cup – Lily R - Your contribution to English this year has been exemplary. Setting yourself high standards, your writing is always engaging and demonstrates imagination, originality and creativity across a range of genres. As a writer, you have developed the skill of 'thinking outside the box,' often going above and beyond the requirements of a given success criteria, and experimenting with additional styles and techniques to engage the reader. Your passion for reading is infectious and the influence of a range of authors you have been inspired by is now evident in your writing.

Maths Cup – Jensen W - You have achieved consistently high scores in all assessments throughout the year, showing that your problem solving skills are second to none. All of your Maths learning is set out clearly, demonstrating your thinking process. You work with a positive attitude and consistent enthusiasm towards Maths, now relishing challenge activities and working through these at speed.

Science Cup (Boys) – Oliver D and Alex V - Oliver You have achieved high standards in all areas of our Science learning throughout the year, working methodically to produce well organised and accurate work during investigations. You have made excellent contributions to discussion and can explain your scientific thinking clearly.

Alex – You work tremendously hard in all areas of Science, showing depth of knowledge in all topics covered this year. Your investigations are well organised and you have demonstrated an excellent understanding of some challenging new scientific vocabulary in your conclusions.

Girls Sport – Evie S and Abi T - Evie – A true sportswoman with both competition but also the team work that you show. We know that participate in a range of sports and live in your leggings or shorts! Keep the sport up as you have so much potential.

Abi

Science Cup (Girls) – Holly M and Maddie R - Holly – You are intrigued by Science learning, wanting to find out things and explore how processes work. You demonstrated interest and curiosity in our Electricity and Light topics in the Autumn term and the work you produced during lockdown was completed to a high standard.

Maddie – You have shown a keen interest for all areas of Science, making connections between areas of your learning and using these to make informed predictions and draw relevant conclusions. You have achieved high standards in Science throughout the year, relishing opportunities to learn about famous scientists and have been inspired by their discoveries.

RE Award – Chene - You thrived in the ‘Creation or Science?’ unit at the start of the year. We have been impressed by your open mindedness in discussions and debates, weighing up and evaluating evidence thoughtfully. You show awareness and respect of different faiths and cultures, as demonstrated in our learning on Islam. Your remote learning in RE was exemplary; your Lego animation of ‘The Healing of the Centurion’s Servant’ was beautifully presented and deserves a special mention.

Boys Sport – Jack B - Jack we have admired you as a sportsman this year – not only are you first ready, you show the most enthusiasm. You are talented in so many sports and you are a real team player as well always encouraging others to participate and join in. You have the determination to win and we know that you will take this with you as you move on.

SEN Cup – Isaac R - Your positivity and commitment to your learning has shone throughout the year. You are now approaching all curriculum areas with increased confidence, making particularly good progress in Maths with huge improvement evident in your calculation methods and your willingness to give challenge tasks a go. This year, you have also developed a passion for sketching Manga and have demonstrated real talent in this – a new skill which can really be celebrated.

Community Award – Amy H - Over your seven years at St Mary’s, you have involved yourself wholeheartedly in all community events. From visits to The Anchorage, sponsored events, School Fetes, Colour Runs, Harvest Fayres, Grounds Working Party events and PTA and charity fundraising activities, you have been there for them all with energy, enthusiasm and an enormous smile. You have a heart of gold and genuine commitment to helping those around you. Thank you for all that you do to support and serve your school and the village community.

Kim Frey bowl – Freya C – For your dedication to the school, your humility but unwavering commitment in all that you do and the kindness and compassion that you show to others. You have been a true ambassador for the school and we are truly grateful for the efforts that you have given.



Happy Book certificates – Nominated children have received their Happy Book certificates this week so please share this if they have been awarded one.

Swimming awards KS2 – Well done to all the children who have earned a swimming award this term. We will be working on swimming awards in September as well.

Achievements – Harry C (SL) Harry was really determined to achieve his 200m badge before the end of term. His hard work paid off and he was awarded his 200m badge today.

Abi T (Jap) has recently competed at an athletics event for Worthing Harriers. It was her first time competing for a club and I'm sure there's more to come. Good luck to those other triathletes who are competing – we know that they are a strong team and will do your best.



Esme (Ind) achieved stage 2 in swimming. **Patricia (Chi)** for gaining her certificate in Preparatory Flute.

Elba (Ind) and Sophie (Ind) has earned rainbow badges and been awarded her bronze and silver rainbow badge.

Endre D (Ire) and Celeb L (SL) – For passing their Grade 1 piano.

The Year 6 sponsored swim – Well done to the Year 6 pupils who raised a total of **£776.60** for Education West Africa. This brings our fundraising total for this term to **£1196.60** - a huge thank you to everyone who supported this; the money raised will make a huge difference.

Uniform for September – Our policy is available on the school website – [St Mary's Uniform Policy](#). **Shoes** – Trainers will **NOT** be permitted when we return for every day classroom use. We will have some spare school shoes for those children who need a pair supplied. **Haircuts** – Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some examples of 'holiday haircuts'. A reminder please from our website - Pupils are expected to have appropriate hairstyles at all times. It should be tidy and of a suitable length. If hair is past shoulder-length, it should be tied back off the face and only plain hair accessories please (no novelty hair bands etc.) Hair should NOT be dyed bright colours. Shaved heads or Mohawks/Cut-ins are deemed as inappropriate for school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

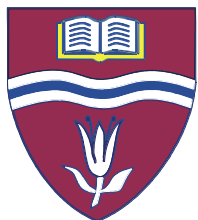
UK – Hurston Warren – UK have visited Hurston Warren. Their trip involved walking through the woodland with their bears and making journey sticks as they walked along. Clive was an inspirational guide and he made us feel so welcome by erecting a parachute to provide shade and making a giant flower press.



Finally farewell ... Thank you to all the families for their support over this academic year, it has had its challenges and parents have been resilient, patient and understanding with the changes that we have had to go through I am not sure that the challenges are over and I know that we will work together next year for the children and that St Mary's will be ready to serve the community again.

Please stay safe and enjoy the break with peace and blessings.
Mrs Copus and the staff at St Mary's

September 2021 - We have INSET days on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September and we look forward to welcoming the children on Monday 6th September.



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Dear Parents and Primary Carers

As the school year rapidly draws to a close, we say farewell to our Year 6 students. We wish them much success in the next phase of their education. We know that our younger pupils will continue to embrace their learning experiences and all that St Mary's can offer as they move into their next year groups and meet their new teachers.

No one could have predicted the dramatic impact COVID-19 has had on all our lives. However, there have also been some positives and for us, one of the most striking has been the way in which St Mary's has responded to this national crisis. As you will know Mrs Copus and her team have worked tirelessly over this period, with the wellbeing of our pupils at the heart of every decision. West Sussex Educational Consultants have endorsed their positive response to the challenges created by the pandemic, which aligns with the practice of the most forward-thinking schools in the county.

We recognise that every family has been impacted differently. Whilst many have been able to access learning resources on Google Classroom or have been able to attend school, for some this has not been so easy. The school passionately believes that no child will be disadvantaged in any way and so as the team plans for September, every effort will be made to ensure all children catch up where necessary and that the return to school is as smooth as possible.

The Governors would like to express their sincere thanks to all the staff and to you as parents and carers. You have supported St Mary's through this turbulent time and there has been a real sense of teamwork and community spirit. Your patience and flexibility have been much appreciated and thank you for responding positively to the necessary changes to routines and systems, in accordance with local and national guidance - some with unavoidable short notice.

Finally, we would like to wish pupils, staff and parents a restful summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Kind regards

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Chair of Governors

PTA - St Mary's C of E Primary

End of year newsletter - July 2021

Fundraising this year has been exceptionally hard but everyone has come together and still managed to raise a significant amount of money for the school. Well done all!

THANK YOU!



Total amount raised:

- Sweet cones - £242!
- Dress down day - £295!
- Raffle - £498!
- Go Fund Me Page (now closed) - £410!

Several thank you's

Mr Sheppard and Howdens for their kind donations

Mr Standing and Tesco's for their donation of compost and plants for the pots at the front of the school

Mrs Walters for the compost for the plant pots at the front of the school

Theo R who sold balloons to raise money for the PTA - he raised £40!

Rowan S is raising money for a charity as part of a Brownie badge. She has chosen to do a sponsored read to raise funds for the PTA

Pulborough Sports and Social Club who continue to support us by selling our sweet cones.

SAVE THE DATES

Friday 17th September

Non School Uniform Day

We are once again hosting a tombola stall at the Harvest Fair on Saturday 25th September. Please bring either a bottle or chocolates in exchange for wearing non uniform.

We will need helpers on the day to set up, man the stall and help pack away. If you are available please get in contact with the PTA.

Saturday 13th November

PTA Fireworks Night...

More info to follow!



REMEMBER

You can still help raise funds by signing up to Amazon Smile and The Giving Machine. Our Charity Number is **1147547** or search us **Friend's of St Mary's Pulborough.**

Textile Recycling Bin

We are getting a textile recycling bin delivered at the end of the term. It will be in the school car park, you can recycle all clothes, shoes, soft toys, bed linen and accessories will be accepted so nothing goes to landfill!

Recycling this way makes more money for the PTA!



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OR SIZE.
THERES PLENTY OF IDEAS TO THINK OF..
FOOTBALL, NHS, LOCAL HEROES,
CELEBRITIES. ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK
OF!

• BRING IT TO THE GLEBE FIELD IN
PULBOROUGH ON SATURDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 8AM-11AM WHERE A
STEWARD WILL MEET YOU. YOU CAN
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**THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST
SCARECROW- JUDGED BY ORIGINALITY,
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