



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



NEWSLETTER

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

Our Christian values for this half term are:

Humility, Service and Forgiveness

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Welcome back

It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces at the start of what is bound to be yet another very busy term. We certainly have plenty to look forward to including our Easter Play, visits to Lodge Hill and Ingfield Manor, Bikeability for Y6, World Book Day, another Science Day and of course the Choir going to sing at the O2 Arena in London.

Thank you

Many of you commented on the fact that last term we were not able to have our Christmas tree in its usual place in the front office. This was due to changes in Fire regulations which resulted in us having to keep the tree outside. This was a real disappointment as the Christmas tree has always provided a really lovely focal point enjoyed by everyone. The good news is that our local supermarket, Tesco, have very kindly donated a large fire retardant Christmas tree, complete with decorations, that meets all the new safety regulations, which we will be able to put up in the front office next year.

Bags of Help scheme

More good news, this time from the PTA, who have been successful if their application to Tesco for St Mary's School to be included in their Bags of Help scheme. Anyone shopping at Tesco will be given a token and we would ask that you all make a point of supporting our PTA in their bid to raise funds to replace the swimming pool liner. It all hinges on how many tokens we get so please encourage all your friends and family to support us.



Parking and Road Safety



I have met recently with our Neighbourhood Wardens to talk through some ideas for raising awareness of road safety and parking in the vicinity of the school. As the school is getting bigger and more and more parents are needing to bring children to school by car we are constantly looking for ways of keeping our roads and, more importantly, our children safe. We will shortly be asking for parents to join a Working Party to look at what we can do to achieve this. If you are concerned about children's safety and would like to get more involved in this project we would love to hear from you.

School times

Could I remind everyone that the school gate opens at 8.30am each day and school starts promptly at 8.45am. We have an alarming number of children who are arriving at school after this time. When children arrive late they not only miss a very important part of the school day but they also disrupt other children's learning.

We also have an increasing number of children who are not being met at 3.15pm and who have to spend time waiting in the office, sometimes for as long as 45 minutes. Whilst we understand that there are occasions when cars break down or parents are unavoidably delayed these occurrences are rare and we would ask that in these events you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can reassure your child.

Congratulations

Congratulations to William Castle in Jamaica class who has won a national poetry writing competition, more details to follow in next week's Newsletter.

Year Six meeting

A meeting has been scheduled for next Wednesday (17th January) for Year Six parents to hear more about the end of KS2 national curriculum tests. At the same meeting there will be an opportunity to see samples of the Year Six hoodies and we will also be talking about fundraising events to support this year's production in the Big Top. We are hoping that as many parents from South Africa and Japan classes as possible will be able to come along. The meeting will start at 3.30pm.



Dates for your diary

January' 2018		Time	Location
Mon 15th	Year 5 Trip to Lodge Hill (Second Group)	8.45am - 2.45pm	Lodge Hill
Wed 24th	Year 5 Trip to Lodge Hill (Second Group)	8.45am - 2.45pm	Lodge Hill
Wed 17th	Year 6 SATs Meeting	3.30pm -4.30pm	School Japan Class Room
Thur 18th	Year 5 Greek Day (costumes required)	During the day	
Tue 30th	Reception Classes - Pyjama Party	5.00pm-6.00pm	Small Hall
February			
Thur 1st	Young Voices - Pupil's coach leaves at	9am	
	Parents coach leaves at	3.30pm	
Friday 2nd	PTA Bingo	7pm	School
Wed 7th	Class photos		School
Fri 9th	INSET DAY		
Mon12th-Fri 16th	HALF TERM		
Tue 27th	PTA Film Night - KS1	3.30pm - 5.15pm	See posters for more details
	PTA Film Night - KS2	5.30pm - 7.30pm	See posters for more details
March			
Thur 1st	World Book Day - Book costumes required		
Sat 3rd	PTA Race Night	7.30pm	
Sat 10th	Grounds Working Party	9am - 12noon	
Sun 11th	Mothering Sunday Service		See Church website for details
Mon 19th	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS		
Mon 19th - 23rd	Year 6 Bikeability (Letter to follow)		
Mon 19th	Mr Satchwell Cornet Concert	During school	

Tue 20th	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.30pm	School Hall
Thur 22nd	Parents Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	School Hall
Sun 25th	Easter Play	10.00am	Church
Mon 26th	Easter Play	2.00pm	School
Tue 27th	Easter Play	2.00pm	School
Wed 28th	Team Party	During the day	School
Wed 28th	DISCO - KS1	5pm - 6pm	School Hall
	DISCO - KS2	6.15 - 7.30pm	School Hall
Thur	Easter Eucharist - All parents welcome	9.00am - 9.45am	School Hall
Thur 29th	Last day of Term		



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Primary School, Pulborough**

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Bags of Help

Please ask for a token with every purchase in Tesco's
Pulborough, Storrington and Billingshurst.

Photo Competition!!

Post a photo dropping your token in our box onto the
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Closing date 28th February 2018