



NEWSLETTER



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Christian Value: Compassion

Baby News...

We are delighted to share the good news that Miss Bell and her partner, José, are now the very proud parents of Theo who was born on 31st March. Mother and baby are both well and we are looking forward to meeting Theo when Miss Bell visits us sometime in the summer term.



Congratulations also to Mr and Mrs Martin-Wells who are expecting their first baby later this summer. I am sure you will want to join me and the rest of the staff in wishing them well.

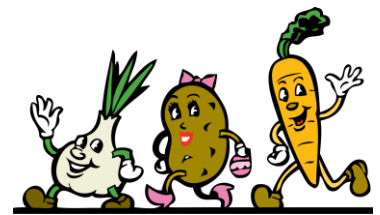
Vine Leaves



Since our last Newsletter we have awarded Vine Leaves to seven children: Erin C, Renée W, Riley G, Billy B, Jayden S, Tilly A and Isabella v-L, all of whom have demonstrated the Christian values of compassion, perseverance, kindness, humility and service. Well done to you all for showing such a good example to the rest of us.

Pulborough Garden Society Spring Show

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this year's Pulborough Garden Society Spring Flower Show. Once again there were a huge number of entries from St Mary's and the standard was very high. We had everything from vegetable monsters made using pineapples (not actually a vegetable, but very effective), onions, potatoes, peppers, squashes, carrots to name but a few, to edible necklaces made from such delights as marshmallows, aubergines and pasta, to the most wonderful array of animal pictures and collages.



Amongst the winners from St Mary's were:



Paige B, Aggy S, Georgie C, Ellen P, Lewis P, Merry L, George F, Ella S, Dylan R, Hannah E, Cian M, Sophia v-L, Oli M, Emma T, Emma P, Tilly A, William S, Alex V, William E, Jacob P, Jessica B-R, Lawrence W and Joshua A.

Well done!

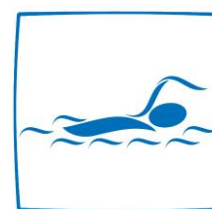
Easter Play



Very well done to the children in Years Three and Four for their wonderful performance of 'Amazing Love'. The children really did excel themselves, both in the school performances and at St Mary's Church. Thank you to everyone who helped to put this performance together including: The Company Presents together with Dona, Anthony & Nathaniel Sherlock-Fuidge (staging), Steve Leach together with Joshua Leach and Tom Copus (sound and lighting), Anelli Bradbury (sound deck), Tony Hancock (piano), Teresa Lee, Sarah Shepherd, Carol Castle and Jacqui Trowbridge (costumes and props), Dan Coomber, Hannah McElduff, Hannah Turner and Victoria Lyons (production team), and Janet Lees (tickets). Please have a look on the school website where you will find plenty of pictures of the production. If you have pictures of your own please remember not to share pictures of other people's children on any social media sites without the permission of the parents. Thank you.

Swimarathon

Swimarathon update: Our team of five swimmers have raised almost £400. This has been divided equally between The Lions and Water Aid. Congratulations once again to our swimmers and thank you to everyone who sponsored them in this fantastic event.



Still on the subject of swimming could I remind you that if your child's hair reaches their shoulders then they will need to wear a swimming hat in the school pool. All jewellery must also be removed (children must be able to do this themselves) and if your child has any plasters on they will not be allowed to swim. Finally, if your child has a verruca they will only be able to use the pools if they are wearing a verruca sock. Verruca socks and swimming hats must be purchased by parents and clearly labelled with your child's name. They may not be shared between pupils, even from the same family. Unfortunately we are unable to sell verruca socks, but they are available from chemists and sports shops. We have a stock of swimming hats which can be purchased from the School Office at £1.00 each. Swimming will begin on the first day of the summer term, weather permitting.



Little Princess Trust

Well done, Maddie, and thank you to everyone who sponsored her in this truly selfless act. A total of £400 has been raised so far. This money, as well as the hair that Maddie had cut, will go towards making wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. Please visit their website if you would like to know more about this trust: www.littleprincesses.org.uk



School uniform



Please, please make sure that all your children's uniform, or anything that they bring to school, is clearly marked. We have a HUGE pile of un-marked clothing which will be put out on the playground this afternoon. Anything unclaimed today will be given to the charity shop.

Moving St Mary's from Good to Outstanding

Moving St Mary's from Good to Outstanding. Thank you to those parents who have already returned forms with suggestions of how we could make St Mary's even better than it already is. The suggestions have been very varied and I will be spending part of the Easter holidays reading them all through and trying to group them. I will let you know how I get on and will be in contact with those of you who have volunteered to get involved with some sort of Working Party.



Rock Steady concert



At the start of this week we enjoyed an absolutely brilliant concert from our Rock Steady bands. All of the children who performed did so with great enthusiasm and it is clear that they have received excellent tuition and encouragement from Hal who has been working with them this year. Sadly Hal will be leaving Rock Steady at the end of this term to pursue his career as a professional musician. I know the children will miss him but I'm sure that one day, when Hal is really famous, they will be able to look back and say, "Hey, he taught me!" or even, "I used to be in one of his bands!". Our Rock Steady band sessions will continue next term, but they will be led by Rachel, another of the Rock Steady team.

SchoolComms app

I would like to draw your attention to the Gateway App which links to our school texting system. It is very easy to download and use, keeping all your texts from school in one place. The Gateway App has many more functions and we hope to use some of these in the future, so the more parents we have registered with them the easier this will be.



Please use the following link to get your one-off pin:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

You will also find the App icon to download to your device.

Junior Citizen



Earlier this week our Year Six children all went over to Horsham to take part in the Junior Citizens event. 'The Year 6 pupils enjoyed a morning at the Drill Hall in Horsham where they learnt about many aspects concerning how to be a good citizen. From recycling to hand washing, fire safety to personal safety, so many important issues were covered. Altogether, the children covered 14 scenarios and learnt techniques such as the recovery position and how to secure your home. It was an excellent morning in which many life-skills were taught'. Please look at the website to see some of the photos.

Good Friday Workshop

Don't forget, the Good Friday workshop will take place in St Mary's Church on Friday 14 April from 9.30 – 11.30am. Registration forms are available in school today or at the door on the 14th. Under-5s must be accompanied by an adult.



Fish and Chip Take-away Fridays

Great news! Fish & Chip Take-away Fridays are back. Every Friday throughout the whole of the summer term, Chartwells will be offering Take-Away-style fish & chips on Fridays. Children will be given their lunch in a box which, weather permitting, they will be able to take outside to eat. We were only able to offer this twice last year, but on both occasions it was extremely popular, hence our decision to extend it this year. We hope to see as many children as possible taking up this option. Meals for children in KS2 need to be ordered via the Chartwell's site in the usual way and they require a fortnights notice for hot school meals.



Next term begins on **Monday 24 April** at 8.45am.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on that day, and in the meantime may I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter.

