



# NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 28th February

I hope that you all had a great February half term and got to enjoy the time off with family and friends. Following the Government changes last week, I have sent out a letter to all parents to go through the guidance. There is a copy on our website <https://stmaryspulborough.eschools.co.uk/web>

**INSET Day** – The staff spent the day linking reading with drama and looking at ways to develop the children's oracy skills. Many of the staff have already applied the techniques we learnt to World Book Day activities.

**Curriculum** – We have had new books arrive this week to supplement our 'Reading Spine'. Key texts are the key to the children's engagement in reading especially if the children then read the whole series of something!

**Fairtrade Fortnight: Traidcraft Stall:** Fairtrade Fortnight is running from **21st February to 6th March**. This is something that we support as a school each year. The theme this year is 'Climate, the world and you.' The children have been learning about the work and aims of Fairtrade in their classes this week. We were pleased to be welcoming Mr. Miq Kelland from the Pulborough Fairtrade Steering Group to school this afternoon. Assisted by some year 6 children, he sold a variety Fairtrade products including biscuits, chocolate, beverages, preserves and some home cooking staples, all fairly traded and supplied by the Traidcraft organisation. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall today.

**Thankfulness** - Vicky Smith, a former parent & teacher here at St Mary's, is putting together a series of short reflections for you to share with your families. Each reflection is about 3 minutes long, and is designed for families to watch together. There will be a new link each week, and we hope that you will find them useful, as well as being a moment of calm in a busy week. Vicky is the newly appointed Authorised Lay Minister at St Mary's Church, and is also coming into school to help our older children lead their own Class Worship and we are so grateful for her taking the time to support our school community. <https://youtu.be/DwKL7nylit8>

## Cake sale - Tomorrow!

To raise money for School Council's chosen charity 'Family Support Work' It is **tomorrow**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm on the front playground.**

Cakes will priced at 10p, 20p and 50p – Please note change cannot be given.

**Please drop off all Cake donations in the front playground tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support.**



**Work Party** – We will postpone the Grounds working party this Saturday as we had very few volunteers.

This is sad because the grounds enrich the children's learning and we need support. We will try for another date in May and we hope more families will support us with this.

**St Mary's Church** – On Sunday March 27th there is a special Mothering Sunday. It is an all age celebration at 10.30am. Everyone is invited.

**Cross Country Christ's Hospital** – It was great to see some of our cross country runners at Christ's Hospital. Well done to all but a special mention to **Amelie (SA) who came in 10th, Luke (SA) came in 7th, Leo (USA) came in 8th and Max (Jap) came in 10th.**



**Sussex Games Cross Country** – We were blessed that some of our runners went on to run in Brighton today in the Sussex finals. We are absolutely delighted with the effort and enthusiasm some of our runners ran with. Leo (USA) coming 2nd overall which is so impressive and Max (SA) and Holly (Mex) came 90th and Luke (SA) came 25th overall. They should be so proud of their achievements as these were the finals.

**Henry Adams World Book Day competition** – Henry Adams are running a competition for World Book Day. The children need to design a flag. Please see the leaflet attached. The entries can be sent in to school by the closing date of Tuesday 8th March.

**Music Director needed** - Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington is starting a children's/young persons' choir. The choir will serve as an outreach to the community and is intended to bring added community involvement to worship. Initially it will contribute music to specified services including the major Christian festivals, but, at its weekly practice, there will be an emphasis on a fun repertoire and building vocal technique. Once established the choir will look for performance opportunities at other local venues. The Music Director, a paid role, will conduct at all performances and lead weekly rehearsals with the support of an accompanist. If you have advanced choral and/or instrumental skills and possess the ability to boost children's confidence as choir members, please contact Robert Gamble by 31st March: robertgamble27@googlemail.com or tel: 01798 815335

**UK & Austria Class** - We read Mr. Wolf's Pancakes and talked about why we make pancakes and Lent. Then the children made their own. Everyone brought in their favourite topping and were eager to try them!





**Worship – Eucharist** – Thank you to Fr Paul, Mr Holloway and Mr Hancock for joining us for the Ash Wednesday Eucharist. Thank you to Year 3 for joining us together in prayer.



## Year 6 World Book Day Drama



## Achievements -



### **Harrison P (SL)**

Harrison has been racing his ninja kart for a while now since he was 7 years old. He has shown great progress every time he races and has brought home lots of great trophies. His latest two are a 3rd place racing in torrential rain at Aldershot on 13th of February and then winning the final on the 20th of February.

### **George F (SA)**

Georges' brother was choking (blue lips and limp) George was a 'HERO'! He called an ambulance and rallied his neighbours to help. Essentially, he saved his brother's life!

### **Big Top – Billy B (SA)**

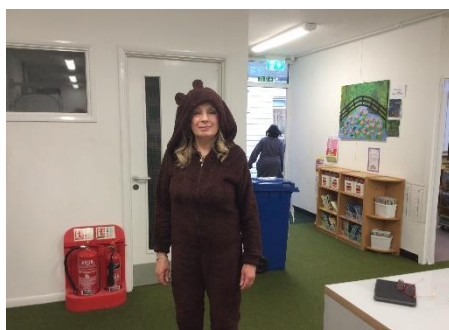
Billy has single handily raised £300 for the Big Top – what a tremendous effort from him. We are grateful for your determination to do this.



## World Book day



## Staff joining in with World Book day



What a great first week with pancakes for Lent, World Book Day, Badminton for upper Key Stage Two, Cross Country and then the finals, a trip to Rio on a plane for Year 3, Fairtrade awareness, Ash Wednesday service and new topics for the school right across the school and a cake sale for charity! Next week we are looking forward to 'Science Week' and lots of practical Science to inspire the children's young minds. Thank you to you, as parents, for supporting all these learning opportunities – together we are stronger!



# New Horsham Hub launching March 17th



Express interest to sign up for a free trial and invite friends to gain more free sessions.

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Step - Fill in the following: <https://forms.gle/71ntEAZBtgFopMZS8>

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Step - Attend free trial

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Step - Invite a friend to join

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Step - Friend attends their second session

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Step - Gain another free session

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Step - Repeat steps **3** **5**



**STORM BASKETBALL CLUB**

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BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

SCHOOL YEARS 4-9  
THURSDAYS @ BOHUNT HORSHAM

5.30 - 6.45PM - ALL GIRLS  
6.45 - 8PM - BOYS

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