



NEWSLETTER

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

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As we approach the end of term, we know the children and staff are tired and ready for the summer break. It has been a challenging year for all and St Mary's has continued to offer the very best in all aspects of school life. At this point, we have only had to close one bubble during this time.

The staff are so dedicated and I would like to publically thank them for their dedication, perseverance, resilience and for always putting the children first in their thoughts and actions. We are lucky to have such a brilliant staff team.

Class structure for September 2021 – We are delighted to confirm that we will be continuing with 13 classes from September following discussions with WSCC. We have advertised for a new class teacher and will be interviewing at the beginning of the week.

KS1

UK - Early Years – Mrs Callender

Austria – Early Years - Mrs Huntley Hart

Thailand – Year 1 - TBC

Italy –Year 1 and Year 2 - Mrs Hubble

India — Year 2 - Miss Wilkins/Miss Gorecka

KS2

New Zealand – Year 3 – Miss Heasman

Ireland – Year 3 – Mrs Benson

Sierra Leone – Year 4 – Mrs Farrant

USA – Year 4 – Mrs Gowland/Mrs Martin Wells

China – Year 5 – Mr Coomber

Mexico – Year 5 – Miss Sleat

South Africa – Year 6 – Miss Turner

Japan – Year 6 – Miss Callender

Move-up afternoon – Wednesday 21st July – We are still hoping to hold ‘move-up afternoon’ for all classes, but this is very much dependent on no more positive COVID cases in school so please be aware that this is subject to cancellation/review of times at short notice.

End of term celebrations - T&M Ices are very kindly donating a percentage of their sales after school on **Thursday 22nd July** to the PTA. Please head over to the Ice cream van at the top of the rec and get your last day of term treat!

Gifts for staff – We have had many enquiries about gifts for staff and we can't allow gifts on to the site for obvious reasons at this time. Please know that we do our jobs because we love teaching and ensuring that your children get the best experiences and we give them the best possible outcomes. A card with a ‘thank you’ is all that the staff need.

Achievements – Well done to **Holly (SL)** Just 6 weeks after getting her 100m certificate, she's now achieved her 200m. **Caleb (SL)** was awarded his Backwoods cooking badge, **Ruben (SL)** Teamwork cub badge, Freddie (USA) has been awarded three badges for his Irish dancing and came 3rd in his competition. **Sienna E (Fra)** has gained a part in ‘Matilda’ the musical. Congratulations to all.

Million words – Congratulations to **Holly A (USA)** who has broken the million word barrier no with Accelerated Reader. This is an amazing achievement.

Kindness Shield for July – **Perrie J (UK)** – Perrie should be super proud of the effort she has put in. She is so thoughtful in her interactions with others and is kind, respectful and helpful when playing with her friends. Perrie is a caring and considerate girl and demonstrates her caring nature when helping friends who need assistance. Your kindness shines in whatever you do.

Accelerated Reader – We are pleased to be able to celebrate reading with the end of term quizzes and we are delighted that **Chené (Jap)** has the highest reading age followed by **Freddie G (USA)** and **Freya C (Jap)**.

Year 6 Diocesan Leaver's Service – We are very proud to be a Church of England school and we were able to meet together and watch the video that has been compiled by the Diocese that celebrates all leavers across Sussex. If you would like to see the Leaver's Service then this is the link. The theme this year is all about 'Names' and families may visit the Cathedral to view the wonderful Called by Name butterfly installation. **The link to the service is: - [Year 6 YouTube](#)**

PTA – The PTA are putting out a newsletter to give you more information but we wanted to recognise the hard work of the PTA and say **thank you**. It certainly has been a challenging year but they have supported the school and never given up with their fund raising activities. A huge thank you to those that have worked tirelessly for the school and the children. For everyone who has been a class rep or part of the committee – thank you for the work that you have done to get key messages to parents.

Colour hamper raffle – The raffle has been a huge success and the PTA have raised a total of **£498.00!**

Education West Africa - Year 6 continued to make great strides with their fundraising for Education West Africa last week. Our hamper raffle at the evening performances of Oliver raised a total of **£196.00** - a huge thank you to everyone who contributed prizes and purchased tickets. In addition to this, we raised a further **£47.00** on sales of sweet cones. Many thanks to the PTA for donating these. Added to the money raised from last month's jewellery sale, we have raised an impressive total of **£413.00** so far. Both Year 6 classes also took part in a sponsored swim last Thursday. Despite experiencing some challenging weather conditions, they amazed the staff with their teamwork, perseverance and determination, swimming a total of 1953 lengths (24,412.5 metres) altogether. A huge thank you to **Mrs Treadwell** and her team for challenging the children to do their very best - this is a phenomenal achievement!

Library books – We will be collecting all library books in next week so that we can audit our stock over the summer holidays. Educational research shows that reading lots of different books can make a real difference to educational achievement and outcomes for children. Please do continue to encourage the children to read over the summer holidays. You can still access Oxford Owl, MyOn and Accelerated Reader and there is the library challenge at Pulborough library. Read anything and everything eg recipe books, comics, graphic novels, newspapers, picture books, novels – just as much as you can.

Textile recycling bin - Astra Recycling made contact re a recycling bin. Janet has worked with Sian to find a suitable place on site for this to go and they are expecting delivery next Thursday morning. The PTA will receive 20p per kilo on everything that is collected (clothes, shoes, accessories, bed linen and soft toys - everything will be used so nothing ends up in landfill)

Year 5 - Art and Maths together – The Year 5 children have been using the artwork of Mondrian to look at fractions. This is a creative way to embed their Maths skills.



Dyslexic Friendly Award – We have been awarded the Dyslexia Friendly Award for the work that all staff are doing for those children who have a dyslexic tendency. We are not qualified to diagnose Dyslexia but we have been praised for the support that we give our pupils. The external organisation who came to visit and inspect our provision highlighted these strengths:



- Focus on Quality First Teaching
- Focus on precision teaching and monitoring of outcomes for trial.
- Increased confidence for individual pupils leading to an overall love of learning, through supporting dyslexia

Thank you to Miss Wilkins and Miss Harrison who led this across the school and have collected the evidence.

Year 4 - Greek masks – As part of the Design and Technology in Year 4, they have been designing, making and evaluating their masks.



Year 4 Mummifying a tomato - We are learning about mummification. In the Science Lesson this week we mummified a tomato. First, we took off a thin slice of tomato, Next, we scooped out the seeds carefully.



We cleaned the tomato with a little hand sanitizer inside and outside



Finally, we packed it with 'natron salts' using a mixture of salt and bicarbonate of soda. We are leaving the tomato until the last day of term to see if our predictions are correct. We have left a tomato scooped and cleaned with hand sanitizer, but with no 'natron salt' as a control.

Big Top – We were so pleased that we were able to run the Big Top this year and perform Oliver. However, it has wiped out all our funds moving forward. If anyone would like to donate then please donate by BACS payment to: **St Mary's PTA (Sort No - 30-98-97 / Acct No - 58340760)**

Prom 2021 – We were very pleased to be able to host the Prom for Year 6 pupils after such a challenging year. The Friends of St Mary's page on Facebook has some photographs and we are just editing the others ready to share via Google Classroom with the Y6 children and parents.

We are nearly at the end of term and we would like to thank you to the parents who have shown understanding during this difficult time.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER – Friday 23rd July is an INSET DAY - Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September are INSET DAYS





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We have a textile recycling bank!

You can find it: On the right as you enter the car park.

Raising Money Is In Our Jeans!!

Help the school raise money by donating all your old clothes, shoes, soft toys, and bed linen. Put the clothes in the bank and Astra Recycling will put money in the PTA's bank!

The bin is hungry, here's what it likes and doesn't like!

YES!

Clothes
Pairs of shoes
Sheets
Duvet Covers
Pillow Cases
Accessories
Soft Toys

NO!

Pillows
Quilts
Lined Curtains
Board Games
General Waste/
Rubbish
Toys/Plastics

