



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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WB 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

As we head towards the end of the spring term, it is great to be able to celebrate so many events happening for the children. We are always keen to hear from parents so, if you are pleased with something or you have a concern, please do drop an email to the office or pop a note in the post box.

**Easter Chicks** – Our first chick has hatched! The children are so excited and will get a chance to come and hold a chick over the next few days and they will stay with us until the last day of term. They will then be taken by **Mrs Norgate** to her free range farm!



**Reports** – Thank you for the replies that we have received regarding your child's school report. Please feel free to send us the covering sheet if you would like to make comments.

**Uniform** – As we approach the holidays, we are noticing more trainers coming in to school and this seems to be due to school shoes needing replacing. Please can you do this over the Easter holidays and can all children come back with school shoes please. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Swimming pool timetable** – The swimming pool will be open from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April for the children in KS2**. It is a heated pool and we will ensure it is warm enough for the children to swim. **All swimming kits should be in a draw string bag please, including hats** (for shoulder length or longer hair), **swimming costume** (no bikinis) **and a towel**. **Please ensure this is bought in on the morning their class is swimming to ensure they are ready for their time slot as times can vary on the day.**



**End of day arrangements (after the Easter holidays)** - we will be coming out at the end of the day along the wall so please stand on the far side of the playground to allow more room for the children.

A spiral-bound notebook with a black cover is shown, displaying a collection of circular and rectangular cards. The cards feature various designs, including fairtrade products, a globe, a bird, and a butterfly. The notebook is resting on a purple fabric surface.

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**Sierra Leone Clarinet Concert to parents** – Well done to Sierra Leone class on their performance to parents. The children showed off their musical skills and we hope that some of the children will go on to develop their skills further.

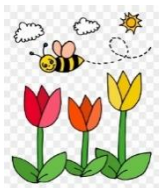


**Professional Development** – Well done to **Mrs Adams and Mrs Bryan** who are now trained to deliver Lego Therapy. We are so lucky to have so many staff who have so many 'strings to their bow'.

**Reflection** – [Peace be with you - YouTube](#)

**Behaviour** – Sometimes children's behaviour at home can be a challenge. This website has useful links for parents and carers. <https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/>

**Science Week competition** – Science week began on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and Mrs Farrant is running a photography competition. To enter either send/email in a digital photo to [sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk) or bring in a physical photo of signs of Spring. **Please make sure your child's name, class and reason why the photo reminds them of Spring is on the email or on the back of the photo.** The competition is in two age ranges, KS1 and KS2. There will be a prize for each key stage. **The closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** when the winners will be announced.



**ADULT REQUIRED! Forest School club** –We have the offer of a Forest School after school club on a Thursday for Y5/6 in Summer Term, but we need another adult volunteer for it to go ahead. Would anyone be able to come and help? Please let the Office know if you can help and they will arrange a DBS check.

**Cake sale** – South Africa Class organised a cake sale on Tuesday to raise money for our Big Top Production. The afternoon was a huge success, raising over **£200.00**. Thank you to **Scarlett, Martha, April, Dixie and Carina** for their superb organisation and impressive baking skills! Thanks also to everyone else in Years 5 and 6 who contributed delicious goodies, and to **Mrs Lewis and Mrs Edge** for their help on the afternoon.



**Book Look** – Thank you to all the parents who came to the 'Book Look'. It was great to see parents and children sharing the learning and talking about the learning that has been going on. Our next 'Book Look' will be in the summer term. A reminder that the children must stay with parents during this please.



**Learning Year 5/6 - Wind turbines in DT** - The children have been thinking about how wind turbines work and then testing them.



**Reading and writing** - UK have been working on their talk story. These are great to help children to learn story language, practise retelling stories, use drama to help retell and develop their vocabulary.



**Tea & Chat** - Thank you to Mrs Hatcher for running our Tea and Chat on writing. The staff have so much expertise to share, so please join us for the next tea and chat! The Powerpoint from this session is on our website, under 'For Parents/Carers - Parent tea and chat sessions' [Parent Tea & Chat - Writing](#)

**Residential Trips** - We have arranged parents' meetings for the parents of the children attending the Year 5 & Year 6 residential trips. These will take place on:-

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm for Year 6 Bethany House trip**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm for the Year 5 Cobnor trip**



**Disco** - Thank you so much to the PTA for organising the disco. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves in a social situation and spending time with their friends.



**Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning**

**These begin at 9am and will last about 20 minutes.**

**Wed 29th Mar - SL class and Thur 30th Mar - SA class**

**Dates for your diary**

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -</b>	Book look for KS2 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March -</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6pm
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March -</b>	Easter Play 2pm for parents of Y4
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March -</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March -</b>	Easter Eggstravaganza - we will look forward to seeing Easter bonnets/hats from the children - prizes for these. Non-school uniform day - £1 donation to the PTA Easter Eucharist - If any parents would like to join us for our service, please let the Office know.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April -</b>	Back to school and swimming starts for Y3 to Y6.
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April -</b>	Forest Schools for NZ/Residential meeting Y6 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April -</b>	Forest Schools for NZ

**Forest Schools** – The last session for Year 2 Forest Schools will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and then Year 3 and Year 4 will start Forest Schools in the summer term. **An email was sent to all year 3 & 4 parents last week with details.**

**Easter Eggstravaganza - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Dress down day (£1 donation for PTA) In addition to this, we will be holding an Easter bonnet/hat competition for each class and a playground parade with our bonnets and hats. Please encourage your child to join in and make a hat and a bonnet.



**Chartwells meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice that you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them. As a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

**April Cut off Dates**  
Thur 6/4 for w/c Mon 17/4  
Thur 13/4 for w/c Mon 24/4  
Thur 20/4 for Tue 2/5  
Thur 27/4 for w/c Mon 8/5

**May Cut off Dates**  
Thur 4/5 for w/c Mon 15/5  
Thur 11/5 for w/c Mon 22/5  
Thur 25/5 for w/c Mon 5/6



### Achievements -

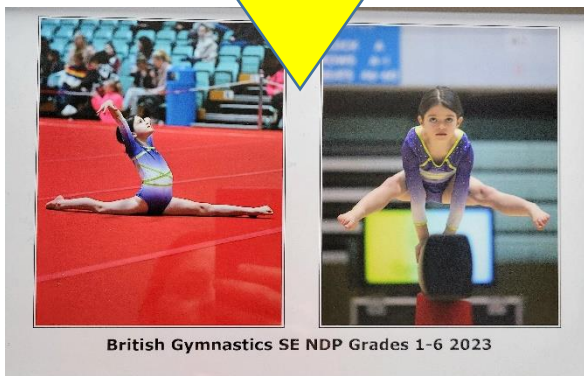
**Alexa (Ind)**  
Received her Stage 6  
Gymnastics – what an  
amazing achievement!

**Lacey (Jap)**  
has been awarded a  
Gymnastics medal.

**Oscar (USA)**  
Moved to blue hat  
in swimming and  
gained 'Man of the  
match'.

**Jaxon (Ind)**  
Received 'Player  
of the week'  
trophy in Rugby.

**Gemma (USA)**  
Moved up to  
stage 8 in  
swimming



*Well done!*



## **EASTER EGG- STRAVAGANZA**

**£40.00 PER CHILD ~ 1 DAY**  
**£75.00 PER CHILD ~ 2 DAYS**  
**£100.00 PER CHILD ~ 3 DAYS**  
**£130.00 PER CHILD ~ 4 DAYS**

**All food, drinks, snacks & resources included**

**Sessions take place within a secluded, private woodland, and are run by a qualified Forest School Practitioner with Enhanced DBS, First Aid, private insurance, with additional adults and all COVID compliant**



**Easter Holidays**

**All sessions 11-3**

**Age 3+ with a sibling**

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Thu 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Activities on  
both Wednesdays**

The Field  
Fleet Cottage  
The Fleet  
Fittleworth  
West Sussex  
RH20 1HN

01798 865593 / 07758 364067

[www.fromtheashes.co.uk](http://www.fromtheashes.co.uk)

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Booking essential

Numbers limited





# Pulborough Pop-In



From 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.  
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



## WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)  
From 9am - 11am  
@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact  
Isla Moran 075 226 89948



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