



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 13th November 2023

Children In Need - Fri 17th November – we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday to raise funds for this worthy cause. Children may come to school in pyjamas, spotty or home clothes and we ask for a donation of £1 for each child who wishes to participate.



Clothing - The evenings are getting darker and the days colder and winter is definitely on its way. Please do ensure that the children are wrapped up warm so they can still get outside regularly for a run around and to play with their friends.



Staffing - We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs E Baroni for the maternity cover in India class. She is an experienced teacher who will be joining us before Christmas to work with Miss Wilkins and Mrs Hatcher to ensure a smooth transition and will be taking over from January 2nd 2024. The children have already met her. Mrs Hatcher will be taking over as SENDCo from January, but will also ensure a very smooth transition. We will be organising a 'Meet the Teacher' In January for the parents of India class.



PE – PE is a statutory subject and the children must join in with this. If they are well enough for playing outside then PE would be fine. If your child does have an injury and the Doctor/hospital has said they can't do exercise then please let the teacher know.

1st December - Santa's Grotto – the PTA will be running a chocolate and bottle tombola for this village event. We will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 24th Nov and asking for chocolate and bottle donations, please.



Learning – VR Headsets – As part of the learning on 'Bright Lights, Big City' India class paid a virtual visit to London visiting landmarks and monuments and exploring them. They saw the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Pudding Lane, Buckingham Palace and many others. The children got so much from this enriched learning and we are so pleased to be able to offer this extra level of experience.



Reflection – [Perseverance Autumn 2023 - YouTube](#)

Jewellery – We are seeing a lot of magnetic bead bracelets coming in to school. Please keep these at home.

Remembrance services – Thank you to Rosie and Elani for their poems and to Martha and Aaron for your prayers in the school service. Jens and Anna laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the War Memorial on Sunday and it was good to see so many of our children in the uniformed groups at the church for this Act of Remembrance.



Fireworks – Thank you to the PTA for organising the most amazing firework night. Thanks to your generosity, the event raised £2570, which is a phenomenal amount.



The Weald Book Awards – A group of Year 6 visited The Weald on Wednesday afternoon for the ‘Speedy Books’ event. They had the opportunity to take part in discussions about this year’s Weald Book Award titles, along with Year 7 and 8 students from The Weald and children from other primary schools in the locality. An interactive and enjoyable afternoon of ‘book talk’ for all!



Cross Country – Thank you so much to Mrs Shepherd for escorting the children to the Cross Country event at the Weald last week. Following all the rain, the track was muddy, but our children acquitted themselves well!



Year 5 Boys - Daniel P - 3rd, Toby H - 10th

Year 5 Girls - Daisy E - 6th

Year 6 Boys - Leo D - 1st, Aaron G - 6th, Franco F - 12th, Endre D - 15th, Flynn F - 18th

Year 6 Girls - Olivia A - 5th, Anna E - 8th, Isla E - 15th



Chartwell's Christmas Meal – Please remember to log on to book the Chartwell's Christmas lunch for your child. This meal will take place on Thursday 14th December, so any meals **MUST** be booked by **30th November**.



Vine leaves – **Poppy G (NZ) and Charlotte G (NZ)** - Perseverance - For always putting lots of effort into your learning and never giving up. **Josh D, Freddie B and Harrison B (Ire)** for service. All three children represented the school and the scouting community so well at the weekend. Josh laid the wreath and Harrison and Freddie were both flag bearers. **William K (Ind)** for perseverance - he kept pushing on with reading even when it was hard and he had a sore throat - well done, William. **Sienna E (Mex)** for friendship as she is always keen to look after others around her. **Theo L (Ita)** for perseverance; he has been really struggling with his spellings and he has chosen not to give up but to persevere. This has really paid off as he got a higher score yesterday and we are very proud. **Tommy B (SL)** for courage/perseverance in Buddy Reading last week. Tommy agreed to read one of the reading books and really tried very hard to use his phonics knowledge to blend the words to read to his buddy! It made my heart happy! **Teddy E (UK)** for his humility; he is so polite and is always putting others before himself. **Nellie W (Tha)** for humility as she is always giving to others. **Rosa W (Jap)** for perseverance. She's been working really hard with her Maths. **Immie W (Jap)** for wisdom - she's really engaged with Bible Explorers and has given insightful answers each time Bible Explorers ask a question. **Delilah H (SL)** as she has been a caring friend this week. She always offers to play with children who need a friend. **Stephan (Ind)** for Humility. He has been letting others have their turn before him this week (sharing ideas, lining up etc). **Jaxon M (UK)** for kindness, finding a mobile phone on the way to school and telling his mum. Between them they managed to get it back to the owner. **Rosa W (Jap)** for always offering to help others even when she has not been asked. **Logan W (Jap)** for perseverance in English in which he has worked really hard this week. **Minnie (SA)** for kindness as you are such a thoughtful, supportive member of the class and are always keen to help others.



New children starting at St Mary's 2024- Open Sessions -

We would like to invite parents to have a look round St Mary's on our Open Mornings and Afternoons. We will be conducting tours to show off our learning environment on the date below. We would encourage parents of three- and four-year olds to come and have a look around:



- **Thursday 23rd November 1.15pm – 3.00pm**

Christmas shopping!! The Giving Machine – As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering presents online. Please could we ask that you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and the school will get a percentage of your spend back, which will be spent on your children. Just go to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk



1. Join as a shopper 2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School 3. Find online store, do your shopping and Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

Twitter – We do have a school Twitter account, **Pulb_school**. Please do follow us to keep up with the most up to date news, photos and achievements.



Celebration assemblies – 9am

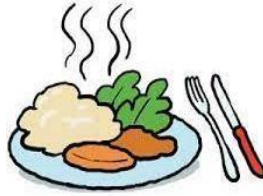
Thurs 23rd Nov – Ireland

Thurs 30th Nov – Japan

Thurs 7th Dec – Italy

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

November Cut off Dates
Thur 16/11 for w/c 27/11



December Cut off Dates
Thur 23/11 for w/c 4/12
Thur 30/11 for w/c 11/12*
*including Christmas lunch
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

- **Fri 17th Nov** – Children in Need non-uniform day – spots and pjs, £1 donation, please.
- **Thurs 23rd Nov** – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm
- **Fri 24th Nov** – non-uniform day for Santa’s Grotto, chocolate or bottle for tombola
- **Wed 29th Nov** – Christmas Jumper sale – 3.15pm on the playground
- **Fri 1st Dec** – PTA Santa’s Grotto at the Village Hall (see attached poster)
- **Sun 3rd Dec** – Christingle Service at St Mary’s Church at 4pm – this is such a lovely service and every child gets a Christingle to light
- **Tues 5th Dec** – Book look for EYFS/KS1
- **Thurs 7th Dec** – Book look for KS2
- **Tue 12th Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Wed 13th Dec** – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Fri 15th Dec** – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist (Parents are welcome to attend)
- **Tues 2nd Jan** – INSET DAY
- **Wed 3rd Jan** – Start of the Spring Term

Achievements

Poppy P (SL) – moved up to Level 8 in swimming

George B (Thai) – was awarded the Player of the Course Award

Ada B (India) – won a trophy for 3rd place and a medal for 6th place in a Dance competition

Elba S (USA) – moved up to Stage 7 in swimming

Rosie F (Italy) – passed her Level 1 swimming

Daniel M (USA) – was awarded the Man of the Match Award



St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Sunday 19th November 2023

Let's Celebrate!

Being Neighbours

An Open, Informal Service for All Ages.

*You are invited to join us for tea and
cake before our service starts.*

3.30pm - Tea and Cake

4pm – Let's Celebrate





**Come and support The Children's Society at our
Christingle celebration on Sunday 3rd December
at 4pm at St Mary's Church, Pulborough.**



**Following the service at approximately 5pm we will be lighting the
Pulborough Star on top of the Church Tower. One person from
the service will be the lucky one to turn the star on!**

We look forward to seeing you at this popular community event



Christmas



Christmas Storytime

Come and share some festive cheer with Christmas stories, crafts and more afterschool at the library!

Friday 15th December
3.45pm – 4.45pm

Suitable for children 4+ yrs

Tickets are free but places limited.
Please book early to avoid disappointment!

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child during this activity

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Sussex Youth Theatre

TO ALL THE TALENTED STUDENTS OF ST MARY'S Cof E (AIDED) PRIMARY

How would you like to join us?

Come along to Sussex Youth Theatre for a **FREE** taster session and meet like-minded people.

Ages 6-18.

Talent Management

LAMDA Exams

You will be trained by amazing people in the industry.

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays 5.30-7.30pm

Booking essential

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