



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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Cake sale EWA** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December please let your child come to school with some 10p's 20p's and 50p's to buy cakes during their break time (prices 30p to £1). Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated, please bring into school the morning of the sale.

**Big Top fund raising sale** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December on the playground after school, Ruben and Caleb are holding a sale to raise funds for the big top they have been busy making paracord items (Christmas decorations and bracelets) perfect for Christmas gifts. Prices start at £2. Poster below.

**Recycled Decoration Competition** – We were delighted to welcome Dee and Sarah, from Henry Adams Estate Agents, into school this week to judge the entries for the Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition. There was a wide selection of entries from across the school and the winner was **Alicia B (NZ) who received a large Lego kit as her prize. Very well done, Alicia. Dee and Sarah were very impressed by the inventiveness and high standard of the entries. See the website for more photos.**



**Kindness Shield** – **Gemma Bramley** has been awarded the Kindness Shield for December – What a fantastic role model you are! You amaze us with how kind, compassionate and thoughtful you are. Nothing is too much trouble and you never moan about anything. We think you are an absolute superstar and are so proud of you – please make sure you never change!



**Gardening** – Thank you so much to **Mrs Moran and Mrs Lewis** for giving up a few hours of their time to help with gardening. The removal of the leaves out on the playground has made such a difference to the safety of the children at playtimes.

**Messy Church** – **Messy Church is on this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Pulborough Village Hall 3pm – 5pm.**

This will include a proper Christmas dinner; including roast chicken, all will be made very welcome... so long as they bring their parents!

**Lighting of the star on the church** - Well done to **Mrs Edge and her family** who, having won the playground raffle, lit the star on the top of the church this week. It is such a great marker for Pulborough, particularly as you approach the village from the south!



**Cubitt and West** – Christmas at Home – the children do a marvellous job every year entering the 'Home at Christmas' competition. The children have come home with an A3 template tomorrow; please could they draw their house using any art medium (no glitter please) and then **bring it back to school by 15th December**. There are prizes available for the best designs and they will be displayed in the windows of Cubitt & West over the Christmas period.



**UK and Thailand Production** – 'Come to the Manager' - It was great to see the children performing so well on the stage. **Thank you to Mrs Huntley-Hart, Mrs Gowland, Mrs Martin-Wells, Mrs Ansell and Mr Barrett-Garlick** for their hard work on the production and putting the children through their paces. It is such a good opportunity to perform to an audience.

**Vine leaves** – For friendship - **Alexa (Ind)** as she is such a good friend and shows great kindness to a friend who finds the morning challenging.



**Snow plan** – With the threat of snow on the horizon we have uploaded the snow plan the St Mary's website please click this link for full details - [St Mary's Snow Plan](#)

**The Journey** – Aaron Becker – Italy have been performing some drama based on The Journey by Aaron Becker. They showed great expressions of how the characters were feeling.





## Hot School Meals - Order the meal your child would like.

Remember to order your child's meal for the first week back by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



### December Cut off Dates

Thur 1/12 for w/c Mon 12/12

**Thur 22/12 for w/c Wed 4/1**

Thu 29/12 for w/c Mon 9/1

### January Cut off Dates

Thur 5/1 for w/c Mon 16/1

Thur 12/1 for w/c Mon 23/1

Thur 19/1 for w/c Mon 30/1

Thur 26/1 for w/c Mon 6/2

### February Cut off Dates

Thur 9/2 for w/c Mon 20/2

Thur 16/2 for w/c Mon 27/2

Thur 23/2 for w/c Mon 6/3

**Disco** – It was great to be able to share dances with the children. We danced to a variety of songs and were able to get in the Christmas spirit – thank you to the PTA for organising and the helpers who were keen to sell so many pieces of bling!



**Reflection** - This week's reflection - [\(104\) Courage - YouTube](#)

## Dates for your diary

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| <b>Tues 13th Dec</b>            | <b>India and Italy Xmas production (Bethlehem Bake-off)</b> 2pm and 5pm – Tickets are now on sale.   |
| <b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | <b>Cake sale</b> with a Christmas theme – cakes 30p up to £1 (if you can bring any that would be appreciated – organised by School Council raising money for EWA)  |
| <b>Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | <b>Chartwells Christmas Meal</b> for pupils (ordering now closed for this)<br><b>Pantomime</b> (kindly paid for by the PTA)  |
| <b>Fri 16th Dec</b>             | <b>Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day</b> for all (no money needed) to wear over uniform (no need for school jumpers) <b>Class parties will be in the afternoon</b> – the children may bring in party clothes in a bag to change in to at lunch time. |
| <b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | <b>Community Carols</b> – Please see PTA Facebook post about this –<br><b>4pm to 5.30pm – Meet outside Chequers Hotel for the stroll to school.</b>  |

## Spring Term 2023

- Tues 3rd January – INSET DAY – Focus for staff will be developing writing and SEND within the school.
- Wed 4th January – Welcome back to the children!
- Thurs 11th Jan – Year 3 – Hawking About – Birds of prey
- Thurs 19th Jan – Celebration assembly for Ireland (Parents are very welcome)

### Achievements

**Rosie O (USA)**  
Passed Level 1  
swimming today, so  
now moves on to Level  
2 (orange hat)!



**Molly G (Jap)**  
Has gained her  
knot badge at  
Guides

**Alicia T (Mex)**  
Gained her Nature  
badge with Cubs –  
good work Alicia!

**Oscar D (USA)**  
Was given 'man of  
the match'

**Beatrice G (Ire)**  
Has gained her  
Bronze Chief Scout  
Award.

**Spencer N (USA)**  
Was given the captain  
role in football

**Scarlett**  
Received an orange  
belt in kick-boxing

**Jaxon S (Ind)**  
Scored lots of tries in  
his rugby tournament

# Handmade paracord items for sale

Tuesday 13th December  
3.15pm

Prices  
start  
from £2



To raise funds for the year 6 big top

You're invited to:



**PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL**

**2nd Saturday each Month**

**3pm – 5pm**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

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# Let's Celebrate! at



St Mary's Church, Pulborough

*Join us for a  
New, Modern, Interactive  
Open Service for All Ages  
9 – 9.40am*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Contact Vicky Smith on [stmaryschilchildrenschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschilchildrenschurch@gmail.com)  
for more details

