



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The sun has come out this week and it makes such a difference to the children. Well done to the children, parents and staff who have managed this whole half term and giving this term so much enthusiasm. Thank you for your ongoing support and please enjoy the half term holidays.

**Anxiety** – These are resources for children who are anxious to complete at home and to help with shared conversations. It is a great idea to find a time after school to talk. Don't do these at bedtime as they will make the brain think and not settle for bed. Regular talking and calming strategies are the best ways to manage anxiety. <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/wellbeing>

**Risk Assessment** – Our most recent risk assessment is on our website. We will review this again on June 21st or when the Department for Education reviews their guidance. Our main priority is to keep the focus on teaching and learning and ensuring that we use our gap analysis to help plan for the children and their learning.

**Twitter** – We are keen to get as many parents as possible reading our school newsletter to get the messages out. Please join our twitter feed at [@Pulb\\_school](https://twitter.com/Pulb_school). If you have any suggestions of how we can reach more parents please email [office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk) and let us know your ideas.



**Instagram** – We had a parental suggestion about using Instagram and we will be looking in to this and will let you know when it is set up.

**Vine leaves** – **Martha (SL)** has been awarded a vine leaf for perseverance as she has been working extremely hard with her Explanation text in English about 'How to build a pyramid?' and **Reg (SL)** for perseverance as he has been working extremely hard in Maths lessons trying his best. **Skyla- Rae C** for Perseverance with her learning and compassion for others in the class. **Abi T (Jap)** have a vine leaf for courage and perseverance and she has kept on persevering even when things were tough. **Amy C (Jap), James H (Jap) and James T (Jap)** for friendship, you stepped in when it was needed most and showed how friendship is important. **Alfie J-U, Maddie R and Tyler S** for showing such determination and perseverance with your extended writing this week and working brilliantly as a team to help evaluate each other's work. **Jess N** - you deserve recognition for the tremendous resilience that you have shown during a tricky few weeks.

**Happy Book certificates** – Happy Book certificates will come out this week. Well done to all those who have been awarded one. Please ensure that you share these with your children if they have received one.

**Kindness shield** – The kindness shield for **Kingston (India)** What a superstar you are! Thank you for the kindness that you have shown to others. You are thoughtful, gentle and kind to all in India class. Whenever something happens you are there offering support and empathy and you try to make things better. Thank you.

**Caleb S (Mex)** – What an amazing achievement – **Caleb** is the first pupil to get 1 million words! This is such an achievement and shows the impact that reading can make. You should be so proud!



**Lorry** – We are in great need of a 7.5-ton lorry to move the staging for the Big Top this year for the Year 6 production. If anyone has a contact please could they let me know. Many thanks.



**Request from EYFS** – We are looking for any donations of brushwood (large cuttings) to make dens with and any large rolls of wallpaper/lining paper. These are for Austria and UK class.

**Archery for Year 3 and Year 4** – What fun was had in the sunshine.



**Year 6** – As we approach the second half of the summer term, we are excited that the Y6 children, supported by Y5, will be performing 'Oliver'. The children have auditioned this week and we will be looking at the parts ready to start rehearsals after the half term break. The Y6 children will also be at Lodge Hill after half term for an enrichment day to participate in some outdoor activities.

**Thiago De Moraes** – We are thrilled that we have got Thiago De Moraes coming to visit us In June. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out about what it is like to be an author and how an author writes books. A flyer has come out so if you would like to order a copy of one of the books then please see this flyer.

**Drums** – Does anyone know an adult who plays the drums to a very competent standard. If you do then please could you get in contact with [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)



**Parental questionnaire** – We are keen to hear from parents about how the school is running and your opinions. Next week you will receive a Google form. Please complete this for us.

**A huge thank you for all your support** – the school has so much going on for the children which is vital for their learning and mental health and we are determined to give the children the very best and not have to close a bubble or have another lockdown. If you have any questions or queries then please do email [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Reminder** – We are a nut free school. We have children in the school with severe nut allergies, please do not pack any snack or lunch items which include nut this includes Nutella.



**Achievements** – Well done to **Holly D (SL)** who achieved her certificate for 'Preparatory stage Violin', **Elba S (Ind)** who has been awarded 'Foundation stage violin' and **William C (Chi)** has been awarded Grade 1 Clarinet. Instruments are a challenge to learn so well done for persevering and learning an instrument.

**Learning** - In year 4 we have been leaning about teeth and digestion this half term. This week we modelled the digestive system using crackers, water, vinegar, a plastic bag and an old pair of tights! The crackers were broken up as our teeth would and water mimicked saliva to allow the crackers to be swallowed, the clear plastic bag represents the stomach which is a large muscular sac that contains hydrochloric acid, it is able to churn the food, mixing it with the acid so that it can be broken down into even smaller molecules. The food is then poured into the tights, this represents the small intestine inside the body. This is where the nutrients from the food we have eaten is absorbed. The small intestine is well adapted for digestion: it has thin walls, making it easy for food molecules to pass through into the blood stream. The last stage of digestion involves the large intestine that absorbs water and any remaining nutrients from the small intestine. Once this has been done the waste products are then excreted from the body as poo!



### Things to look forward to in the last half of term:

- Lodge Hill – Japan Class 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Lodge Hill – South Africa Class 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Chance to Shine – cricket coaching for Y5/Y6 starts on a Monday
- Y6 Health checks – 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Author visit Thiago De Moraes KS2 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Egyptian workshop Y4 – 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Bookings open for parent evenings – 15<sup>th</sup> June
- UK/Austria Library visit – 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Oliver production 1.30pm and 6pm 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Oliver production 8<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Leaver's Prom 6 – 8pm 10<sup>th</sup> July
- New classes letters 19<sup>th</sup> July
- INSET day – teachers are in school – 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- Visit week for our new EYFS children – 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Roman workshop from The Novium Museum Y3 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Reports come home 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Eco Roadshow visit for whole school – 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents evenings 29/1<sup>st</sup> July
- Forest Schools Japan 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Forest School SA 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Big Top arrives 3<sup>th</sup> July
- Leaver's Service at church for Y6 (possibly Y6 parents) 2pm
- Move Up afternoon – 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Y6 Leavers Service – more details to follow – 22<sup>nd</sup> July



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## Virtual Author Visit with THIAGO DE MORAES



Dear Parents / Carers

On Thursday 10th June, children from St Mary's Pulborough will take part in a live virtual event with author / illustrator **THIAGO DE MORAES** to talk about his brilliant new illustrated time-travelling adventure *A Gladiator Stole my Lunchbox* and his previous book *A Mummy Ate my Homework*.

During the fun, hour-long event children will learn about how the ancient Romans lived, thought, dressed, and worked. They can ask questions and tell Thiago what to draw, and they will finish by making a totally bonkers Ancient Roman scene together.\*  
\*(historical accuracy not guaranteed)



The Steyning Bookshop will be selling **SIGNED** copies of Thiago's books via their website for the special event price of £7.50 (RRP £8.99). Follow the instructions below to order – orders placed by Sunday 13th June will be able to pick up their books from school, with no postage charges.



### About *A Mummy Ate my Homework*

**RRP £8.99 EVENT PRICE £7.50**

A peril-packed, crocodile-crammed, fun-filled adventure through ancient Egypt! Being whisked back to 1300 BC certainly wasn't on Henry's to-do list. Can he make his way through a new school, odd sports, unexpected friends and deadly pets, Egyptian style? And will he ever find his way back to the present day?

Featuring laugh-out-loud pictures on every page, a riotously funny story, and cool hieroglyphics to crack!

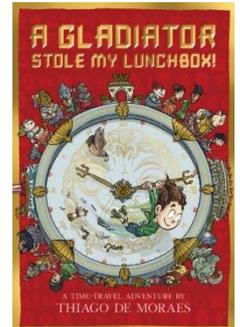
### About *A Gladiator Stole my Lunchbox*

**RRP £8.99 EVENT PRICE £7.50**

Henry is back in the present day - but he isn't happy about it. His little sister is driving him mad, and no one believes that he travelled through time.

But all that is about to change when Henry finds himself travelling back to ancient Rome - where he soon realises that sibling rivalry can take a darker turn...

A toga-tickling, gladiatorial gallop through Ancient Rome, packed with lions, gladiators, assassination plots and a dare-devil rescue!



### About *Thiago de Moraes*

Thiago de Moraes spends most of his time in a tiny shed at the bottom of his garden, writing and illustrating books, comics and bits of old cardboard boxes. He has won the Sheffield Children's Book Award, was longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and twice nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Thiago is 90% beard, dangerously fond of bacon and lives in England with his wife, kids and a pet tortoise called Nibbles.

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP YOUR ORDERED BOOK/S FROM SCHOOL IF ORDER IS PLACED BY SUNDAY 13th JUNE**

**TO ORDER YOUR COPY VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP WEBSITE:**

- 1) Copy & paste this link direct to the books: <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/?s=thiago>
- 2) Add the book/s to your shopping basket
- 3) Fill in your BILLING ADDRESS, **SELECT 'LOCAL PICKUP'** (No postage charge)
- 4) In **'ORDER NOTES'** box under your address, please add: **ST MARY'S PULBOROUGH EVENT, CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS NAME**. Proceed to payment by credit/debit card.
- 5) If ordered by Sunday 13th June your signed books will be delivered **TO SCHOOL** and handed out by the school office, in named bags.

**If you have any problems placing your order, call the bookshop on 01903 812062 or email us at [info@steyningbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@steyningbookshop.co.uk)**



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