



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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

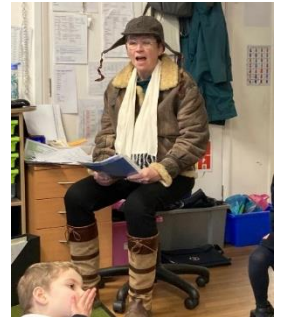
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**WB 23rd January 2023**

It has certainly been a cold week this week. Thank you for making sure the children have had enough layers. It is so important to have layers for break time and lunchtime plays so that we keep the children warm.

**Reflection** - [Humility - YouTube](#)

**Amelia Earhart** – As part of our role-play and encouraging spoken language Amelia Earhart came to visit Thailand Class. She talked about the travels that she went on and we celebrated her life as one of the world's most celebrated aviators as she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. The children used turn taking to ask her questions and they listened to her answers to find out more.



**FOREST SCHOOLS** – UK class have been thinking about 'The British Birdwatch' this week. The children made speedy bird cake to feed the birds, they hung this in the trees; they used binoculars to watch out for British birds and used their counting skills to tally and add up the number they saw. The children then made nests for the birds and discussed what a nest would need to be a good habitat.

**Top readers** – Well done to **Daniel P (SL), Freddie (Jap), James M (Jap), Martha (SA), Alfie (Jap), Jessie W (Jap), Harriet (Jap), Elani (SA), Lily G (Mex) and April (SA)** for being our top 10 readers in the school. Such an amazing achievement!



**Staff professional development** – We looked at the maths books in our meeting and reviewed the coverage and evidence of progress that we could see. We looked at planning activities to help the children with their maths fluency and to increase the speed of recall. The staff are also looking at the Oracy 21 project and looking at how we keep encouraging collaboration and speaking and listening in our classroom.



**Professional development for TA's** – Our teaching assistants looked at 'Adaptive Teaching' this week. We thought about how we scaffold learning for the children and how we support alongside a child for a short amount of time and then allow them some independence.

**Vine leaves** – **Alfie P** in IRE for kindness, when another pupil is needing something - he will instantly offer up his own rubber, ruler, glue stick etc. **Dixie (SA)** receives a vine leaf for resilience and kindness – she continues to involve others in her games. **Scarlett E (SA)** for humility as she puts other people before herself. **Tyler (SA)** - for showing kindness to another child by helping them to complete their work on fraction pyramids. **Olivia (NZ)** - Kindness - For trying her best to show kindness to others by being helpful and cheering her friends up when they are feeling down. **Fred M (Ind)** for compassion as he sat with his arm around a child that had banged his head for the rest of playtime. **Imogen (Ita)** for being such a fantastic friend and showing such compassion.



**Egyptian Day** – Year 4 put so much effort in to their costumes for Egyptian day – thank you to Horsham Museum for bringing the topic to life and sharing artefacts. It is great to have 'experts' that the children can learn from and enhance their knowledge.



**Chartwells meal choices** – Please could we ask then 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 get delivered what you have ordered to reduce food waste.



**February Cut off Dates**

Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2  
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2  
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3

**March Cut off Dates**

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3  
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3  
Thursday 16/3 for w/c 27/3

**Strike Action** – You may be aware that the teaching unions have been balloting their members regarding strike action. The NEU have decided to strike. We do not think the strike will affect the opening of the school. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> February and the 2<sup>nd</sup> March initially.

**Peace Posters** - The Billingshurst and District Lions are looking forward to working closely with our school again in 2023. Attached are details of our Poster for Peace art competition, which runs during the spring term, with the theme 'What is Peace'.



**St Mary's Church has a workshop coming up.** The theme is 'Mardi Gras comes to St Mary's' – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 11.30am for children aged 4-12.

**Book a place by emailing** [stmaryschilrenschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschilrenschurch@gmail.com)



**Worship** – In worship this week we have been focussing on ‘Going the extra mile’. We looked at the story of the Good Samaritan and how one man went the extra mile to help someone else and we then thought about what actions at school show that we are going ‘the extra mile’.

**Health and Wellbeing** – Pulborough Medical Group now have a health and wellbeing coach. This might be useful to know about:

### Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning

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

Thur 2nd Feb – India class,  
Thurs 9th Feb – Mexico class,  
Thur 23rd Feb – Thailand class,  
Thur 2nd Mar – New Zealand class,  
Thur 9th Mar – USA class,

Thur 16th Mar – Japan class,  
Thur 23rd Mar – UK class,  
Wed 29th Mar – SL class,  
Thur 30th Mar – SA class.

### Dates for your diary

**1st February** – Potential strike action for some classes

**Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb** – Half term

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Sibling photographs to be taken

**Thursday 2nd March** – Potential strike action for some classes

**Thursday 2nd March** –World Book Day (dress as a word – E.g. all in white for the word white or in a book costume)

**Importance of sleep** – We have had some parents commenting on sleep recently and asking for top tips. This might help:





## Achievements

**Michael B (NZ)**  
Gone up a stage in  
swimming

**Isobel (Ire)**  
achieved her Level  
4 in swimming

**Rex (USA)**  
achieved a medal  
at Rugby

**Jayden (NZ)**  
received a trophy  
for rugby and being  
a good team player

**Theo (Ire)**  
for gaining a  
certificate in piano

**Beatrice (Ire)**  
gained her level 2  
in swimming

**Oscar (Ire)**  
gained his Level 4 in  
swimming

**Daisy (SL) and  
Charlie M (SL)**  
won a rugby  
competition and  
was awarded a

**Lexi (Mex)**  
has completed a  
tumble turn in  
swimming

**Alicia (Mex)**  
came second in a cubs  
games evening. Olivia  
(Mex) competed at  
cubs and did well.

# PMG HEALTH AND WELLBEING COACH



**SUPPORTING YOU TO MAKE LIFESTYLE CHANGES**

**Would you like to:**

- Lose weight
- Feel less stressed
- Sleep better
- Lower your blood pressure and cholesterol
- Feel fit and well
- Feel more confident to exercise
- Take control of your blood sugar levels
- Have a safe space to talk

**TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 01798 872815 OR TALK TO  
RECEPTION.**



# CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

## Miniature Acrylic Painting on Stones

Learning to use a new painting medium to create a variety of 3D miniatures on stones (please wear old clothes). The class is suitable for 7-12 year olds and all materials are supplied.

To book a space please call in or telephone Arundel Museum on 01903 885866 or email [office@arundelmuseum.org](mailto:office@arundelmuseum.org)



# Art Workshops

**Tuesday 14 February**  
**Monday 3 April**  
**Thursday 1 June**  
**Monday 23 October - morning only**  
**Tuesday 19 December**

**£10 per child to include all materials and a refreshment break**

**10.30am-12.30pm and 2.00-4.00pm**



# Arundel Museum

Mill Road, BN18 9PA

01903 885866

[www.arundelmuseum.org](http://www.arundelmuseum.org)

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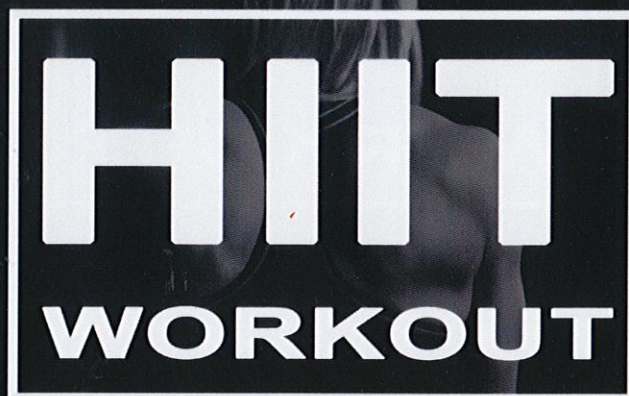




# Pulborough Village Hall

## Starts Monday 16th Jan 2023!

@LDLOVESFITNESS



# LET'S WORK OUT!

### *WHAT IS HIIT?*

*Train for a short period of time, then rest and repeat...continue to burn calories for up to 16 hours after whilst having fun and making new friends!!!  
ALL levels welcome!*

**Call Lisa on 07872 968708**

**[@ldlovesfitness](mailto:lisadirencay@hotmail.com)**



*Level 3 Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor  
1:1 also available*



# MARDI GRAS

**Comes to St Mary's**

**Join us for Mardi Gras  
crafts, games and  
stories**

**On: Saturday 18th February**

**From: 09:30 to 11:30 am**

**At: St Mary's Church, Pulborough**

**From: Ages 4 to 12**

**Please book a place by emailing  
[stmaryschildschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschildschurch@gmail.com)**

**Children under the age of 7 need  
to be accompanied by an adult**