



# NEWSLETTER

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

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What a fantastic week we have had and the children have settled so well in to the new class routines with such dedicated staff who are providing learning opportunities with high expectations around behaviour and standards for learning. The children are now playing in year groups for playtimes and the feedback has been that they love seeing other children in their year group.

**Welcome** - A huge “welcome” to our new reception children and their families, we are so pleased that you are joining us. We hope that the settling in process has gone well for you and your child this week. Next week the children will be coming through the main gate at 9am and Mrs Callender and Mrs Huntley Hart will be there to greet the children. (Pictures below)

**Reception Baseline Assessment** – We will be running the Government Baseline Assessment for the children in UK and Austria over the next few weeks. Please click on the link below to find out what that means

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**PTA** – We are so grateful to the PTA for the service that they give to the school. Thank you to the reps who are going to assist the PTA in individual classes. If you need to know who the class rep is then please contact the office. The class rep is not there to deal with teaching and learning queries or operational day to day queries. For these you must contact the class teacher. The whatsapp group is for the PTA to get information out to parents about the day and PTA events that are coming up. The group should not be used for an offload for moans – please talk to the school if you have a concern that you would like to discuss.

**Scarecrows** – Every year we participate and we get a range of scarecrows. So ... build a scarecrow, any theme, shape or size. Plenty of ideas to think of such as footballers, NHS workers, local heroes, artists, scientists, celebrities or anyone think!

Please drop you scarecrow up to Glebe field between 8am and 10am and hand it to a steward and collect at 4pm please. There will be prizes for the best scarecrow for creativity, originality and likeness. Judges decisions will be final. There are 50 dojos on offer for those children who can support our community and join in.



**PTA AGM** – The PTA AGM will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom at 3.30pm. Anyone is welcome to find out more about the support that the PTA give the school and how they can be involved. If you join the PTA you don't need to do everything but you could help with one or two things and get to know more parents at the school.

**Heritage Day** – Pulborough's “hidden heritage” is on display on **September 11th & 12th between 11am and 4pm** as part of the National Heritage Open Days sponsored by the National Trust. With free parking and free rides on two classic ‘heritage’ buses between many of the village sites all visitors are free to explore Pulborough's broad heritage. The unique “showpiece” of the Weekend for many is a 50 feet long working hand built scale model of Pulborough Station and its trains as it was around 1910. Other sites such as the Masonic Hall are open to all and have guided, or self-guided, tours and other activities. All the weekend activities and sites are described in a free brochure available at shops and other places in the village, or you can download it here: [Pulborough Heritage weekend programme 2021](#)

For more information email [chair@pulboroughsociety.org](mailto:chair@pulboroughsociety.org).

**Amazon Smile Link** Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select Friends Of St. Mary's C Of E (Aided) Primary School (Pulborough) as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select Friends of St. Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School (Pulborough) as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



**Year 6** – The children worked in groups to complete the 'Spaghetti Towers' challenge this week. They demonstrated fantastic problem solving and communication skills and applied their mathematical knowledge to create some impressive freestanding structures!



### Sport - Target Games with Horsham Sports



**Chocolate rocks** – The Year 3 children have been learning about sedimentary and igneous rocks in Science and represented this through chocolate – what a great learning opportunity to help them understand.



**Non-uniform day** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – It is a **non-uniform day** and in exchange for bottles and chocolate. The PTA will be on the gate to collect at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day to receive donations

**Class newsletters** - These will be on the school website under the new class from Tuesday next week – please have a look at what your child will be learning.

**Year 5** - We have started to receive homework from Year 5 and had the most amazing rockets, what great projects to be involved in.



**Online Safety** – Homework is going to be on Google Classroom this term and the class teachers will invite you to their Google Classroom. Please have a look at the homework activities that will broaden and deepen the theme for this half term.

**WhatsApp reminder** – Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Please ensure that the children are not using WhatsApp as we have so many problems that come back in to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Learning resources** – If anyone has any of the following laying around at home and would like to donate them to the school we would gratefully receive them: **Saucepans, colanders, butler sink or alternative, play mobile, small world bits, Sand/water trays, Pallets, cable reels, large tyres, kitchen utensils, old CD's, marine ply, large screw hooks, large toy road track, artificial grass, soil, plants, herbs, gardening hand tools, plastic pipes, small wheelbarrows, acorns, chestnuts/conkers, plasticine.**

**Ice Cream Van** – A welcome back visit from the Ice Cream van, this is planned for **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** after school in park.

**Harvest fayre** – The Harvest Fayre is **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September** on Glebe field, opposite the church. It is 11am – 5pm and the PTA are looking for helpers to set up, clear away and man the stalls during the day. If you can help then please contact Amy Hayes or let your class rep know. It is always a lovely village event so do come and say hello to us on the stall.



**Clothes Bin** – There is a large green 'Clothes Bank' now in our car park for recycling of textiles, clothes, soft toys, shoes, linen and bedding. Money made from this goes straight to our PTA so if you are having a sort out please consider using this bin. **NO** rubbish, glass, paper, curtains, carpet, rags.

## Dates for your diary –

- **W/C 15th November 2021 Year 6 Bikeability** – more information to follow.
- **Tuesday 14th September - Mrs Edwards** , The Headteacher of The Weald, is coming to visit Y6 to tell the children more about the school
- **Thursday 16th September – Stone Age Day for Year 3** – Forest School clothes required
- **Friday 17th September – Non-school uniform Day** in exchange for a bottle or some chocolate for the Harvest Fayre
- **Tuesday 21st September – Sensory Day for Thailand, Italy and India class** – outdoor clothes required. Please collect a shoebox ready for this learning day.
- **Thursday 23rd September 6pm – 8.30pm - The Weald Open Evening & Midhurst Rother College** (Details on their website)
- **Friday 24th September 2.15pm – Tea and Chat with the School Governors** on the School field – to talk about School development plans, the role of the Governors and parental worries and concerns.
- **Saturday 25th September – Harvest Fayre 11am – 5pm** – do come and see the St Mary's stand and say 'hello'
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Meet the Teacher via Zoom 3.30pm** (Link will be sent out nearer the time) Please take the time to log on and meet the teacher. They will tell you more about the class, the learning and routines for the year.
- Make your own scarecrow for the Harvest Fayre (Sat 25<sup>th</sup> September)
- **Friday 1st October – Harvest Eucharist** – There will be a Zoom invite if you wish to join us. Gifts that parents generously donate will go to FSW. Boxes will be available on the gate in the morning.
- **Tuesday 5th October – Year 6 parents – Sex and Relationships Education Zoom meeting 3.30pm**

EYFS - Fabulous first week



**Please ensure you name all clothing that is coming into school, including PE kits, Forest school clothes and swimming kits/towels.**

**Thank you to all parents for the support that they have given this week to the school. If you have any questions or suggestions about the school then please complete the tear off slip below and pop it in the post box**

Tear off slip - - - - -

My thoughts and suggestions:

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened; they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

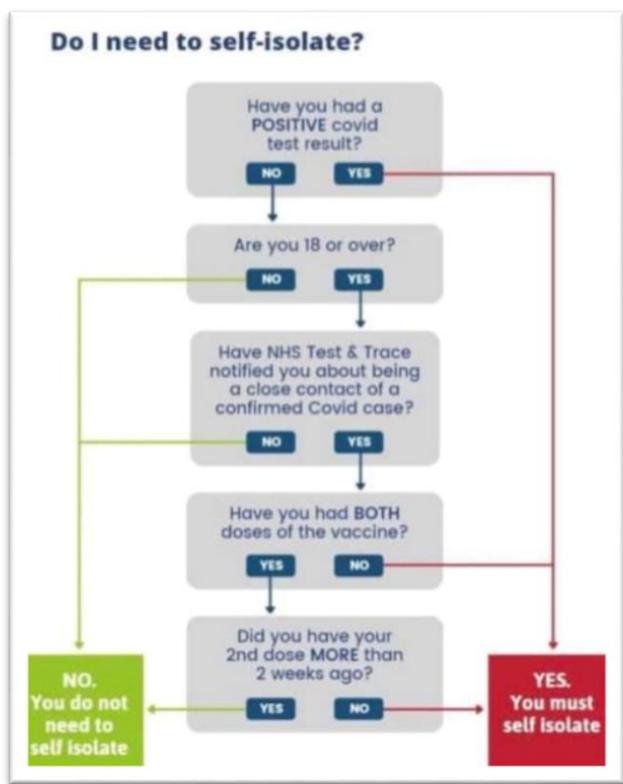
### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

**NOS National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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### How long do I isolate for?

I live with somebody who has tested positive for COVID-19

The person who tests positive should isolate for 10 days and:

- Stay in a room away from the rest of the household
- Use the kitchen when no one else is using it, eat in their own room and wash their own dishes
- Use a separate bathroom where possible (if a shared bathroom is used, clean after each use) and use their own towels
- Wash hands regularly
- Open windows

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Others in the house, who are over 18 and not fully vaccinated need to:

- Self-isolate at home for 10 days (EVEN if they have a negative test result - this is for the safety of others!)
- Keep separate from the person who tested positive
- If you have to share spaces, do everything possible to minimise the time together, wear a face mask and keep 2 metres apart
- Wash hands regularly

Others in the house who have been fully vaccinated (both doses) for more than 2 weeks, or are under 18:

- Do not need to self isolate
- Get a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus. If this is positive you will need to self-isolate for 10 days
- If it is negative but you go on to develop symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and get another PCR test

**SELF ISOLATE** Let's Do It