



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



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

Love

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13th September 2019

Congratulations - We would like to let you all know the fantastic news that Mrs Burbidge has had a little baby boy, Joseph Robert was born yesterday on the 12th September weighing in at 8lb 3oz. Congratulations to Mrs & Mrs Burbidge.



Governors – We have a fantastic board of Governors working for the children – if you would like to know more about them then there are profiles on our website and up in the entrance hall. David Shepherd (Chair), Fr Paul, Andrew Clark (vice chair) Richard Cordy, Sharon Ansell, Cecile Bagnell, Charlotte Cargill, Laura Batchelor, Julian Edge, Dan Jenkins, Caroline Butler, Simon Doy, Rachel Sleat and Janet Lees. They are available if you would like to speak to any one of them. Please let me know.

Vine leaves – Josh (SA) for humility. You took it upon yourself to set up a stall and sell produce to raise money for the Big Top and you made £68.50. What an amazing achievement – we are so proud of you. Sam R (Jap) – has been awarded a vine leaf for humility, you have entered year 6 with a determination to succeed but you are taking everyone with you and ensuring that others are doing their best. Thank you.

Stone Age Day – Y3 – What a fabulous launch to our topic ‘The Stone Age’. We spent the day out in the Forest Schools area where Mrs Agate had arranged several activities, from this period of our history. The children learned how to make mats and mattresses from hay; drew pictures using paint made from natural resources such as charcoal, spun wool using stones, built shelters and even threw the odd spear....at imaginary Stone Age animals such as the Woolly Mammoth and Saber-toothed Tiger. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make our day so special.



Meet the Teacher (How to be successful in the next year) – This is on Wednesday 25th September at 6pm. Please come and meet the staff in the main hall, there will be a quick talk with some information about the School Improvement priorities and then off to classrooms to meet with the teachers and find out more about what the children will be doing this year. This is not an individual parents evening but is just information for your child's class. There is a **Parents Evening planned for 13th November** where parents are able to meet with the class teacher to find out how the year has started for their child. Tracking data will also be available on that evening and can be discussed with the teacher on a one to one basis. This is in response to parent questionnaires who felt this would be beneficial.

Kindness Shield – Nathan T (Fra), has been awarded the Kindness Shield for September. Nathan – you amaze me! You are such a wonderful member of France Class. You never put a foot wrong and are supportive to your friends. You show kindness in so many ways through sliding your hands into someone's hands or smiling at them or giving them one of your best smiles. Thank you for being you and for the kindness that you show.

Harvest – Harvest Eucharist is on Friday 4th October at 9am. On this morning, we will be collecting gifts for the charity FSW and would like each child to present a gift. This could be tinned meats such as chilli, stew, tinned carrots/sweetcorn/peas, cooking/pasta sauces, tinned fruit, coffee, jam and toiletries. Thank you in anticipation.

Harvest Fayre – The Harvest Fayre is at The Glebe Field on Saturday 28th September from 12.00noon – 5pm. Every year we love to contribute to this village event and make scarecrows. The theme for this year is **circus scarecrows**. There are 50 dojos on offer for every scarecrow that we get. The scarecrows will need to be dropped off at Glebe Field on that morning.

PTA AGM – The PTA AGM is on **Tuesday 8th October at 3.30pm**. Please see attached letter.

Clubs – We have a parent who is happy to run a Gardening Club but we need another adult to help. If you feel that, you could give an hour after school, please let the office know ASAP. Many thanks for your help with this.

SEND children – The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) is running an awareness of Dyslexia from 7-13 October, this year will focus on schools empowering people with dyslexia. More than one in ten of us are dyslexic. Dyslexic strengths around understanding complex information, seeing the big picture and communicating with others, means dyslexia creates great work at all levels, in all kinds of roles and across all industries. Yet, too often, we are failing to empower dyslexics to do their best work. We will be talking about Dyslexia during this week with the children in school.

Eco Council Appeal: Please can you bring in your old, empty crisp packets and unwanted (damaged or not) inflatables, such as lilo beds and so on, so that these unwanted items can be recycled and aid the cause of saving the planet. A huge thank you from the Eco Council.

Tempest Photos: A reminder that we have Tempest coming in on Friday 20th September to do the children's individual photos, please ensure your child comes to school in full clean uniform including a logoed sweatshirt or cardigan. Siblings will be photographed together, as well as individually. Unfortunately, this does not include any children in the pre-school.

Space Chase – The Final Countdown! - It has been such a busy summer in West Sussex libraries, with lots of children from St Mary's Primary School enthusiastically taking part in Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

Over the holidays, many of your pupils read six library books of their choice for the reading challenge and received the official Space Chase finishers' medal and certificate. There is still time for those children who have not quite finished the reading challenge to collect their medal and certificate from us, as Space Chase does not end until Saturday 14 September.

Pulborough Library opening hours: Monday-Wednesday until 5pm and Saturday 14th between 9am-1pm

Billingshurst Library opening hours: Monday-Friday until 5pm and Saturday 14th between 10am-2pm

Storrington Library opening hours: Monday-Friday until 5.30pm and Saturday 14th between 10am-4pm

Attendance – Well done to New Zealand class who got the highest attendance this week.



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

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2019 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Friends of St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School would like to invite all parents and carers to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th October in the small hall at 3.30pm. You are warmly invited to share some refreshments and meet the existing PTA before we start our meeting. This is an important part of the PTA year, where we tell you about what we have been up to as a committee and form a committee for this year, with new ideas and enthusiasm! We will also be electing the PTA Trustees for the next year. The trustees support the re-election of the existing trustees and propose Rob Davies to be elected as Treasurer as a replacement for Sarah Reid who has stepped down to pursue new work challenges. Thank-you Sarah for all your efforts

The PTA is a friendly committee of parents, carers and teachers who are committed to raising funds to help all the children at the school. In the last academic year we had a fantastic year and raised around £16,500 for the benefit of the children but we could not achieve that sort of success without the support of all the helpers and volunteers that give up their time and talents.

You do not need to join the committee to come to this meeting but for the PTA to be successful we do need your help and input. We need to know what you think:

- About our events; and
- About what the money we raise is spent on

So please, come along to the AGM - meet the existing members, let us know what you think and what you would like to see the PTA doing for your children.

I am able / unable to attend the Friends of St Mary's PTA AGM on Tuesday 8th October.

Signed _____

Child(ren) _____ Class _____

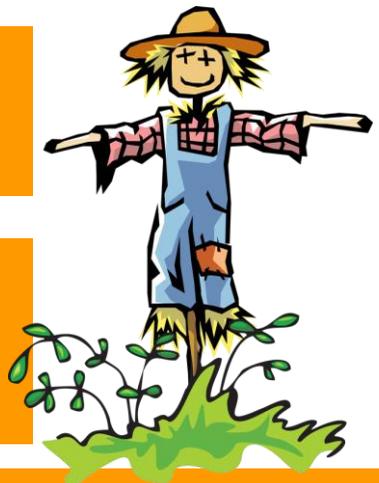
Draft AGM Agenda

Tuesday 8th October 2019

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

1. Persons Present
2. Apologies
3. Head Teacher's Report
4. Chairman's Report, including
 - a. Friends of St Mary's CofE Aided Primary School, Pulborough as a Charity
5. Finance report
 - a. Treasurer's Report – followed by acceptance of the accounts so they can be audited and filed with the Charities Commission.
 - b. Reappointment of Alan Copus as the independent examiner of the accounts
6. Election of Trustees
 - a. Requests for nominations
 - b. The trustees support the re-appointment of Annie Lewis; Bev Berry; Laura Batchelor; Sam Copus; and Steve Leach (chairman) and the appointment of Rob Davies as Treasurer
7. Election of Events Committee members
8. AOB
9. Date of next ordinary meeting of Events Committee

HARVEST TIME AT ST MARY'S CHURCH



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

HARVEST FAIR SAT 28th SEPTEMBER

Family friendly activities and refreshments in the church and zip wire teddies!

EARLYBIRDS SUN 29th 9am-10am

St. Mary's children meet on the last Sunday of the month for craft, songs and fun! On the 29th we are running a 'Harvest from the Bible' session and everyone is welcome.

HARVEST CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

SAT 5th OCTOBER 2-4pm

A chance for children to try their hand at a range of craft activities with a Harvest theme and help prepare decorations and displays for the Harvest Thanksgiving. Suitable for age 3+ (all children must be accompanied by an adult). There is no charge but donations are welcomed.

HARVEST SUPPER SAT 5th 7.30pm VILLAGE HALL

Join with us, and the other Pulborough churches, for good company, good food and good fun! Tickets £10 (U12's free), available from Ann Kaiser (872819) and Alyson Heath (873795)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUN 6th 10.30am

The first of our new format 'first Sunday' All Age Celebrations. Giving thanks for the 'Bounty from our County'. Bring and Buy your own local produce. Traditional hymns and the best of the new.



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