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

NEWSLETTER

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

Telephone: 01798 872007 **WB 17th April 2023**

We hope that you had a great Easter holiday and you spent time with friends and family and the children are returning ready for the summer term. It is great to see so many pupils back in full school uniform and looking so smart.

You will know from the news that there are two more strike days planned. There are huge concerns over funding for schools and with bills and the cost of living crisis getting worse staff feel this is an important issue. At this time, we do not feel that it will affect St Mary's but we will keep you notified if this changes.

School Improvement Plan – We are always improving the school and the quality of teaching and learning for your children. Please go to the website if you wish to see our School Improvement Plan.

Themes for this half term

Uk and Thailand	Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
Italy and India	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets
New Zealand and Ireland	Tremors
USA and Sierra Leone	Volcanoes
Mexico, Japan and South Africa	Shakespeare (The Tudors)

If you go on to the website and go to the individual classes you will find knowledge organisers that show the knowledge your child needs for these units, a homework grid (activities can be submitted via google Classroom) and a class newsletter. This will tell you about your child's learning so you are fully informed.

Christian values – This half term we will be focussing on faith, trust and truthfulness.

Word millionaires – Well done to **Caleb (Jap)** and **Bea G (Ire)** who have become word millionaires – we are so proud of their achievements!

Swimming – It has been great to have the pool open this week and the children have commented on how warm the water is … it is like a bath. **Thank you to Mr and Mrs Sherlock Fuidge, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Norgate,** who worked in the holidays to make sure that the pool was ready and open for the children on their return. Just a quick reminder that we can't allow spray deodorant. Hats need to be worn if the child's hair is below their ears please. If your child does have a verruca then please send a verruca sock.
Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Swimming pool timetable – **Please ensure swimming kit is brought in on the morning their class is swimming to ensure they are ready for their time slot as times can vary on the day. It is part of the National Curriculum for PE and is therefore statutory. We do have spare swimming kits for children who forget.**

Monday (on a bank holiday send kit for the Friday of that week)	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 5/6
Thursday	Year 5/6

Please ensure that the children bring their swimming kit on these days. (Years 5 & 6 please bring in your swimming kit on the Wednesday and you will take it home after you have swum).

King's Coronation – We will be celebrating the King's Coronation and having our own Coronation Party on Friday 5th May. The children are invited to come in red, white and blue outfits and we will be having a picnic outside – weather permitting. The Bank Holiday will be on Monday 8th May and the children will return to school on Tuesday 9th May.

On Saturday 6th May, there will be a **King's Coronation Picnic on the Recreation Ground**. More information will follow.

The PTA are attending the Kings Coronation Picnic on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 6th May and they will be running a sweet tombola and a hamper raffle. The PTA are hoping to get donations in exchange for a non-uniform day.

The '**non-uniform day'** will be on **Friday 28th April**. **Please could EYFS and KS1 children bring in sweets/chocolate for the sweet tombola** and **KS2 to bring in red, white and blue items for prize hamper.** We will be very grateful for any help with this.

Vine leaves – **Indi (SL)** for compassion as she really cared for an animal over the holidays. **Esme (SL)** for her courage and compassion. **Wynter (Ita)** for her perseverance and resilience, being challenged can sometimes feel scary but she is giving above and beyond. **Josh (Ind)** for perseverance and he keeps pushing himself (with a little support). **Michael (NZ)** for humility as he always puts others before himself.

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Kingfishers Club and link with St Mary's church - The school kingfishers group & St Mary's Church were raising money for the toilet twinning initiative… also part of the church eco-friendly award. Alongside the Kingfisher's Group we have raised £263.75, which is amazing! By twinning the toilets, we will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene - a vital combination that saves lives. By twinning a tap we are able to give the gift of safe, clean water that is sustainable, reliable and affordable. The toilet twinning charity also works closely with communities to promote good hygiene including handwashing. This helps them protect themselves against the spread of infection – for any kind of communicable disease, not just in a pandemic. With your generosity and support we have funded the following life-saving installations - 1 Tap DRC Democratic Republic of Congo, 1 Tap in Afghanistan, Latrine in Bloc Hewa, Bora, Lwanma, DRC, Latrine in Poliedouo, 2 Bouna, Cote d'Ivoire, Africa.

Keeping children safe – We, as a school, are dealing with more issues around social media and accounts at home. There is a new app called 'Twitch'. Twitch is the world's most popular live streaming platform and has around 140 million active users. It is extremely popular in the gaming community. Please be aware that children at this school are using it and as it is live streamed no one can predict what is going to come up. Twitch is rated 13+, but there is no age-verification when you sign up. Please check if your child is using it. Most apps have a 13+ rating, please ensure you check your child's social media at least once a week and read messages.

Celebration Assemblies – We love showcasing our learning to the parents and the dates below are for this to happen:

Italy	18th May 23
Mexico	25th May 23
India	8th June 23
New Zealand	15th June 23
Sierra Leone	22nd June 23
UK	28th June 23
USA	29th June 23
Ireland	6th July 23
Thailand	13th July 23
Year 6 leavers assembly	20th July 23

Reflection – We are thinking about Faith, Trust and Truthfulness this half term. Thank you to Mrs Smith for putting these reflections together. Click on the link to watch the 'faith' reflection.
Faith - YouTube

Reaching families – There are some brilliant courses being advertised by Reaching Families and this is the best place to get support if you feel your child may have something else going on for them. The dates and contact details are listed below. There is also a contact number for Early Help if you need support at home or someone to talk through issues with. Contact the office if you need this. office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Residential Trips – We have arranged parents' meetings for the parents of the children attending the Year 5 & Year 6 residential trips. These will take place on:-
Thursday 20th April at 3.30pm for Year 6 Bethany House trip
Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm for the Year 5 Cobnor trip

Learning – Volcanoes – Year 3 launched their topic of volcanoes by building volcanoes and creating eruptions. They have been using great vocabulary used around tectonic plates, lava, etc.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 20th April	Forest Schools for NZ/Residential meeting Y6 3.30pm
Wednesday 26th April	Cake Sale organised by Japan class
Thursday 27th April	Forest Schools for NZ
Friday 28th April	Non-school uniform
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Year 2 SATs information afternoon 3.30pm India classroom
Thursday 4th May	Year 1 Phonics information afternoon 3.30 Italy classroom
Friday 5th May -	King's Coronation Party Day – children to wear red, white and blue
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th May	KS2 SAT's starts – Breakfast club for Y6 pupils only
Thursday 11th May	Cobnor Residential meeting for Y5 (that are attending) Mexico classroom
Mon 15th May	Year 6 to Bethany House, Hindhead – residential

PTA – The PTA are instrumental in any school to help fund the 'extras' for the children. Without the PTA committee and the trustees we simply can't run the social events for the children or pay for the extra bits.

YOU CAN HELP US! – We need new members for the committee and for the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meets about 6 times a year for about an hour and they ensure the PTA is working well and support them strategically. If you feel you could commit to this please come and talk to Mrs Copus.

If you feel you could help run an event Eg the disco, a stall at a fayre, a film night then please talk to Raylene Barnes, Kate Williams or any of the other PTA members or drop the pta an email pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

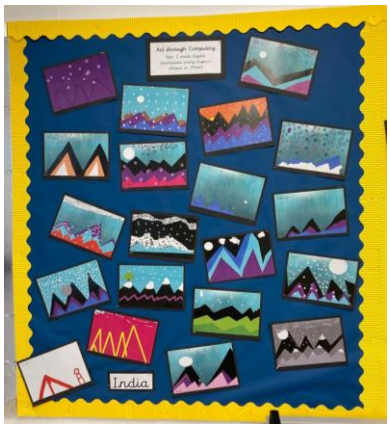
Forest Schools – Year 3 and Year 4 will have Forest Schools in the summer term. **Please do look at the timetable for more information.**

Clubs – A club email has gone out to parents. There are great clubs on there and some new ones. Please do sign up if you feel there is something that will interest your child.

Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask that 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 receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

April Cut off Dates
Thur 6/4 for w/c Mon 17/4
Thur 13/4 for w/c Mon 24/4
Thur 20/4 for Tue 2/5
Thur 27/4 for w/c Mon 8/5

May Cut off Dates
Thur 4/5 for w/c Mon 15/5
Thur 11/5 for w/c Mon 22/5
Thur 25/5 for w/c Mon 5/6



Science learning wall – We are delighted with the installation of the new Science wall. We have linked scientists to our science curriculum and this is another way that children can learn more about the work of scientists and enrich their science knowledge. Thank you so much to the PTA and parents for their fundraising contribution to make this happen.

Could It Be Dyslexia...?

Common signs of dyslexia, include, but are not limited to...

Difficulty with Rhyming
Children with dyslexia often struggle to hear rhymes & identify rhyming words.

Memorization Difficulties
Memorizing information presents a real challenge to dyslexic children. Having to recall the information later on is even more difficult.

Effortful Writing
Dyslexic children frequently find writing to be painstaking and tiring.

Reluctance to Read
Children with dyslexia tend to alternate between having "good" and "bad" days when it comes to reading. Some days, things "click" and come together relatively well, while other days present a real struggle in getting all the pieces to "fit together."

Unpredictable Word Retrieval
It is common for children with dyslexia to struggle with being able rapidly retrieve words, much less put them in the correct order. This is very evident during oral reading and conversation.

Poor Spelling
Hearing the sounds that make up words, and placing those sounds in the correct order, is very challenging and inconsistent.

Achievements -

Freya C (Ire)
Achieved her 1 Mile badge (she swam a total of 1,700m

Harry C (SA)
Diving award stage 1 completed achieved his 2000m badge
(He actually swam 2,500m)

Olly G (SL)
Achieved his stage 6 Swimming

Skyla R (Ire)
Dance medal

Mattie (Ind)
Achieved stage 5 swimming

Freddie
Man of the Match

Flora B (Ind)
Moved up a level in Karate

Florence K (Mex)
Green strike in Karate

Flora, Jaxon, Sarp (India)
All got a medal for playing Rugby in the Holiday

Lexi A (Mex)
Moved up to stage 6 in swimming

Theo (Ire)
Won Gold in the children's Air Safety Quiz

Bea K (SL)
Moved up a stage in Karate

Poppy (Ire)
Moved up to level 6 in swimming

Ronnie H (Ind)
Moved up to Stage 5 in Swimming

Harper (Ita)
Moved up a level in her swimming

Well done!

Elba S (USA)
Passed her diving level 3

Lexi H (Ire)
Won a dance competition

Toby H (USA)
Completed stage 5 in swimming

Niamh R (Jap)
Green & White belt in Karate

Hettie S (Italy)
Passed stage 4 Swimming

Ruben S (Jap)
Swam 3000m

Flora B (Ind)
Orange & White belt in Karate

An opportunity - Perform in Fittleworth Village Hall on Mondays at 4:45pm for age 7-12 (there is also an earlier slot at 3:45 for kids age 4-7, who work on a different performance). First trial session is FREE, but needs to be booked online, and using the code below will give £30 off the course cost.

https://www.perform.org.uk/portal/contact/account/recommend-a-friend?xpc=JOHANNAO1

Next terms production is THE DREAM, a modern version of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Here's the blurb:

From April, your child could join Oberon, Titania and a host of footballers, popstars and celebrities as we recount the story of Shakespeare's most popular play.

Social media is going mad about the engagement of Theseus, the England Football Captain and popstar-model-influencer, Hippolyta. But when multi-millionaire media mogul, Oberon, vies for the exclusive rights against his wily wife Titania, a quartet of celebrities get caught up in his schemes and chaos ensues. Meanwhile, will hapless Bottom win reality TV contest – Confetti Dreams? Find out in this unique adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, rebooted with infectious songs, exuberant dancing and hilarious dialogue.

Umbrellas

Parent Support Group

Summer Term 2023

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

20th April	7.30 pm - 9 pm
4th May	10.am - 11.30 am
18th May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
8th June	10 am - 11.30 am
22nd June	7.30 pm - 9 pm
6th July	10 am - 11.30 am

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact Hannah Delmar-Addy:

Email: hannah@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 07951 794734

Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
18th April / 16th May / 20th June / 11th July

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
19th April / 3rd May / 7th June / 5th July

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
25th April / 23rd May / 27th June / 18th July

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Donnington Parish Hall
27th April / 25th May / 15th June / 13th July

Billingshurst Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Billingshurst Community Centre
10th May / 14th June / 12th July

CORONATION PICNIC ON THE GREEN

AT THE MAIN RECREATIONAL GROUND NEAR THE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Saturday 6th May, 12pm-5pm

MAIN ARENA

12PM MR CLUMBSY
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER

1PM LIVE MUSIC BY JULIE STARDUST

3PM LIVE MUSIC BY
ACCIDENTAL SUSPECTS

THE SOCIAL CLUB WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY

- SERVING DRINKS AND BBQ FOOD

PULBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB
OPEN TO ALL FROM 3PM

ALSO JOINING US WE HAVE, THE PULBOROUGH PATTISERIE, JUBYLEE BAKES, THE KAISERS, BOUNCE ABOUT SUSSEX, ST MARYS SCHOOL, FACEPAINTING, AIR RIFLE SHOOTING, CHANTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE, BOXING DEMOS, SAND ART, ARTS AND CRAFTS AND MORE.

ONLY DISABLED PARKING AT THE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
NO BBQ'S OR VEHICLES ON THE FIELD
PLEASE PUT YOUR RUBBISH IN THE BINS PROVIDED OR TAKE IT HOME

Cost of Living Drop-in Sessions

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Café, Storrington

Friday 28 April
10am - 12pm

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

FREE REFRESHMENTS

Pop in to talk to a friendly advisor about help with:

- Money/Debt
- Food
- Heating
- Mental health
- Employment
- Family support

For more information please call **01403 215100** or visit **www.horsham.gov.uk/community/community-drop-in-sessions**

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Cost of Living Drop-in Sessions

Wednesday 8 February 10am - 12pm
Billingshurst Library, Billingshurst

Wednesday 15 March 10am - 4pm
Swan Walk Shopping Centre, Horsham

Friday 28 April 10am - 12pm
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Café, Storrington

Wednesday 3 May 10am - 12pm
Henfield Library, Henfield

Wednesday 17 May 10am - 12pm
Trinity United Reform Church, Billingshurst

Wednesday 21 June 10am - 12pm
The Capitol, Horsham

Friday 7 July 10am - 12pm
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Café, Storrington

Wednesday 19 July 10am - 12pm
Trinity United Reform Church, Billingshurst

Wednesday 2 August 10am - 12pm
Henfield Library, Henfield

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WOMEN / FAMILY

HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

@ FITTLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL

RH20 1JB

SAT 1ST JULY 2023 10AM - 2:30PM

INDEPENDENT MIDWIFE SERVICES & HOLISTIC THERAPY SERVICES INCL:

ANTENATAL/POSTNATAL CARE
MOTHER BLESSINGS & WOMEN'S CIRCLES
HYPNOBIRTHING ANTENATAL &
BREASTFEEDING EDUCATION
PREGNANCY and BABY MASSAGE
NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES ORGANIC NYRO
HOMEOPATH
PREGNANCY/POSTNATAL NUTRITIONIST
PREGNANCY AROMATHERAPY/ACUPUNCTURE
CLOSING THE BONES SPECIALIST
DMT - WOMEN'S THERAPIST
PLACENTA ENCAPSULATION SPECIALIST
NEWBORN/BIRTH PHOTOGRAPHER
CRANIAL OSTEOPATH
BLUEBELL BRAS
SUE'S SAND ART
TONGUE TIE & ORAL FUNCTION PRACTITIONER
WEST SUSSEX PAMPER PARTIES
FRIENDLY YOGA
UTILITY WAREHOUSE
THE COOKIE SHELF
DAISY 1ST AID

Plaistow Preschool

Maypole Fete

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

12noon - 4pm

— Featuring —

◊ Bar ◊ BBQ ◊ Dog show ◊ Traditional games ◊
◊ Family entertainment ◊ Live Music ◊
◊ Stalls ◊ Cream teas ◊ Grand raffle ◊

Plaistow Pre-School
learning through play

PEACOCKS BUILDERS

Knight Frank

DIRECT ACOUSTICS

showerpower
BESPOKE SHOWER ENCLOSURES & SCREENS

Plaistow Village Green

For stall holder, sponsorship, donation and volunteer enquiries please email plaistowps.fundraising@gmail.com

Registered Charity no.305405

Parish Church of St Mary, Pulborough

'The Big Help Out' part of Coronation celebrations

Monday 8th May, 2023 10am to 4pm

Could you spare and hour or so to come and help tidy up the Churchyard at St Mary's Pulborough? We always have a variety of jobs to do. Refreshments served. All equipment provided.

For more information please contact the Churchwardens: Alyson Heath on 01798 873795 or Ann Kaiser 01798 872819