



# NEWSLETTER

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

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It has been lovely to see the sunshine appearing over the last few days and we are hopeful that this means that we are heading towards lighter mornings and lighter evenings.

**Curriculum** – In our staff meeting this week we have been looking at ‘Zones of regulation’ and helping children to regulate themselves and role modelling this for them. The pandemic has caused some anxiety for children in different ways and so we are keen to help the children to regulate themselves through issues that they may have.

**Eco Schools** – The Lions have kindly given us a free copy of “**Marli’s Tangles Tale**” which is about the problem of balloon releases and plastic in our oceans. “**Duffy’s Lucky Escape**” which is about plastic in our oceans and “**Nelson’s Dangerous Dive**” which again is about plastic pollution. We will be sharing them in classes over the next few weeks.

**Worship this week** – This week in worship we looked at service and we talked about people who help us. Some of UK class came dressed as police, nurses, doctor and a paramedic and we were able to think about what they do for us. We linked the people that help us to the ‘Healing of the lame’ and we were able to then reflect about how we might serve each other, our classes and our communities. We prayed for those who serve us from the church such as Father Paul and Mr Holloway. We have attached a sheet all about Service if you wish to work with your child.

**St Mary’s Church** – We have been working with St Mary’s Church on ‘Growing Partnerships’; part of this work is that we will sign a covenant to say that we will continue to work together and we have a list of aims that we will achieve together. We are keen to work together as a church school and we are hoping that Archdeacon Luke might witness us signing this agreement. We will keep parents updated should they wish to be part of this or attend the event.

**West Sussex County Times** – I hope parents saw the article in the West Sussex County Times. If you didn’t then please click the link. [Storrington Rotary help school with music lessons](#)

**Ex – pupils** – It was great to see Archie going on to secure a place at the Royal Northern College. A huge congratulations from all of us at St Mary’s.

[Collyer’s students gain prestigious places](#)

**PTA and the Summer Fayre** – The PTA are beginning to plan for the Summer Fayre. This is going to be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. If you would like to be involved, and this can be just doing a small job or being on the committee whatever you can offer, then please email the [pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Pocket Park - U.K. and Austria class** met Lisa Underwood from Pulborough Parish council and Fred, head groundsman from Pulborough recreation ground. Lisa talked about the piece of land in Pocket Park that St. Mary's Primary School will be caring for. Lisa kindly presented us with gardening tools, binoculars, a bird feeder and a mini-beast identification plaque, all kindly donated by Tesco as part of their helping the community scheme. Fred will also be making benches and positioning the bird feeder.



**Reading** - A reminder of these links to look at a variety of recommended books. The children really need to be reading as much as possible and there is nothing better than curling up with a book. Please check your child's reading log as it will have targets for reading and what they have been reading in school.

[100 best picture books to read before you are 5 years old](#)

[Suggested reading list year 1 / KS1 Age 5-6](#)

[Suggested reading list year 2 / KS1 Age 6-7](#)

[Suggested reading list year 3 / KS2 Age 7-8](#)

[Suggested reading list year 4 / KS2 Age 8-9](#)

[Suggested reading list year 5 / KS2 Age 9-10](#)

[Suggested reading list year 6 / KS 2 Age 10-11](#)



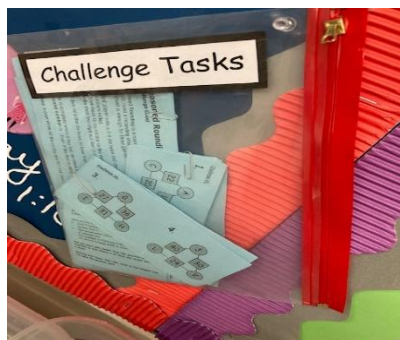
**If you want to get involved in PARKRUN** - PARKRUN is a wonderful free initiative for all the family, regardless of ability, it's an inclusive event. They are always on the lookout for volunteers to help manage these events. <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

**Calling all writers** - Do you enjoy creative writing? We are creating an anthology to celebrate the arrival of spring and would love you to get involved. This year our theme is Emergence. By this, we mean whatever brings you joy in the natural world as it emerges - from the dawn chorus, to daffodils or sticky buds, catkins or frogspawn. We are looking for something short and sweet. Entries can be a poems including haiku or a piece of micro-fiction (maximum 150 words). If you are looking for some more inspiration, please come along to our free Creative Nature Writing Workshop on Tuesday 8 February. [Contribute to our community writing project](#)

A focus on writing with increased stamina is a focus on our School Improvement Plan. If you are in KS2 why not try writing for this purpose above?

**Learning** – Year 2 were able to talk about grouping as part of their division learning. This is a great way to practise the number sentences needed to develop their understanding.

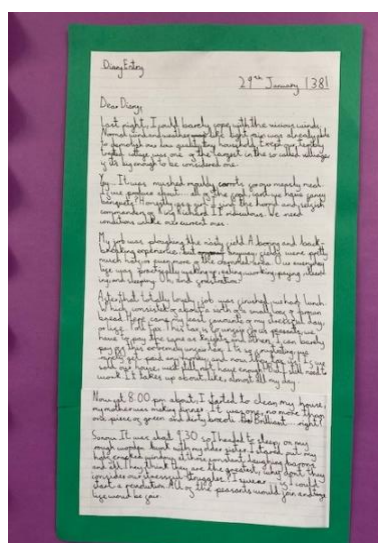
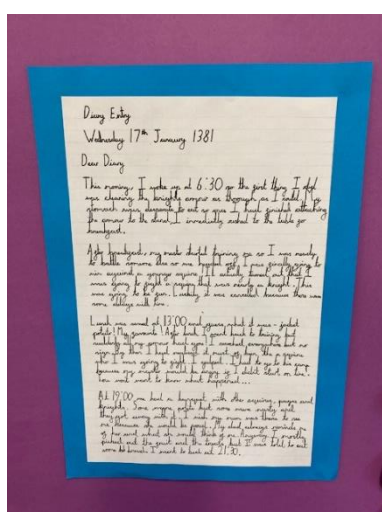
**All the classes** have challenge tasks to stretch them if they need it in Maths and they are linked to different areas in Maths to help with long term memory and retrieval of information.



**Year 3** have been looking at Ordnance Survey maps as part of their geography learning and focused on looking for features.



**Year 5** writing has gone from strength to strength.



As we head towards half term, I wanted to thank you for your support during these challenging times. We are doing our very best to keep school as motivating as is possible and we know that with the good weather we will be able to offer even more opportunities. If you have any worries then please do not hesitate to contact the office [office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

## Achievements

**Benedict G (Japan)** - for making sensible choices and walking away from a difficult situation on the playground

**Daniel (Ire)** got his music badge at cubs

### Vine leaves -

**Tyler (Chi)** for bringing in another pupil's Forest School clothes.  
**Jordan NP (Chi) and Dexter RL (SL)** are so polite on the gate in the mornings. They always ask how we are, **say thank you** etc. I know plenty of kids do but they always stand out to me.

**Freddie (Ire)** Got his hiking badge at Beavers

**Martha B (SL) and Flora B (Ita)**  
Fabulous junior Parkrun in Horsham. Martha is achieving great results and her attitude helps her improve/ get stronger. She is focussing on HER run and pacing. Flora is learning from her sister and is keen to join in.

**Abi H (SA)** - for demonstrating great perseverance on the Cross Country field this term.

**Ruben (Chi)** achieved his Stage 6 in swimming

**Ella and Lucy (Ind)**  
Got their hiking, cycling and first aid badges at Beavers

**David (Jap)**  
Gained his hiking and camping badges, Ellie (Jap) won a dance competition

**Archie (Ind) and Charlie H (Ind) and Oscar (Ire)**  
Got 'Man of the match' in football

**Caleb (Mex)** got his music badge at cubs for stage 2

**Noah (Jap)**  
Got his Navigator Level 2 badge for Scouts

**Indi (Ire)** achieved her Stage 2 swimming badge.

**Rosie (NZ)**  
Rosie won runners up prize in the Lego Building Wonders of the World competition which The Novium Museum in Chichester were running over the winter. They could be real or imagined Wonders. Rosie entered photos of a piece of work, which she actually did for her Autumn Term homework, which was a Stone Age caveman cave, inspired by reading about Stig of the Dump. Her prize was a family gift voucher to visit the Brick Wonders

**Holly (Chi)** swam 400 metres



# SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20.35 - The Good News Bible*



## READ TOGETHER...

### Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

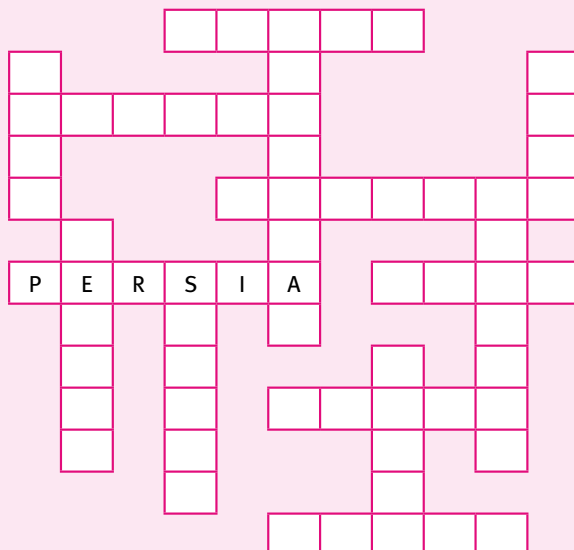
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



## QUIZ Word Fit

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| ESTHER   | FEAST   |
| XERXES   | GATES   |
| HAMAN    | KING    |
| MORDECAI | QUEEN   |
| JEWS     | SERVICE |
| PERSIA-  | SORROW  |
| CUNNING  | WISE    |





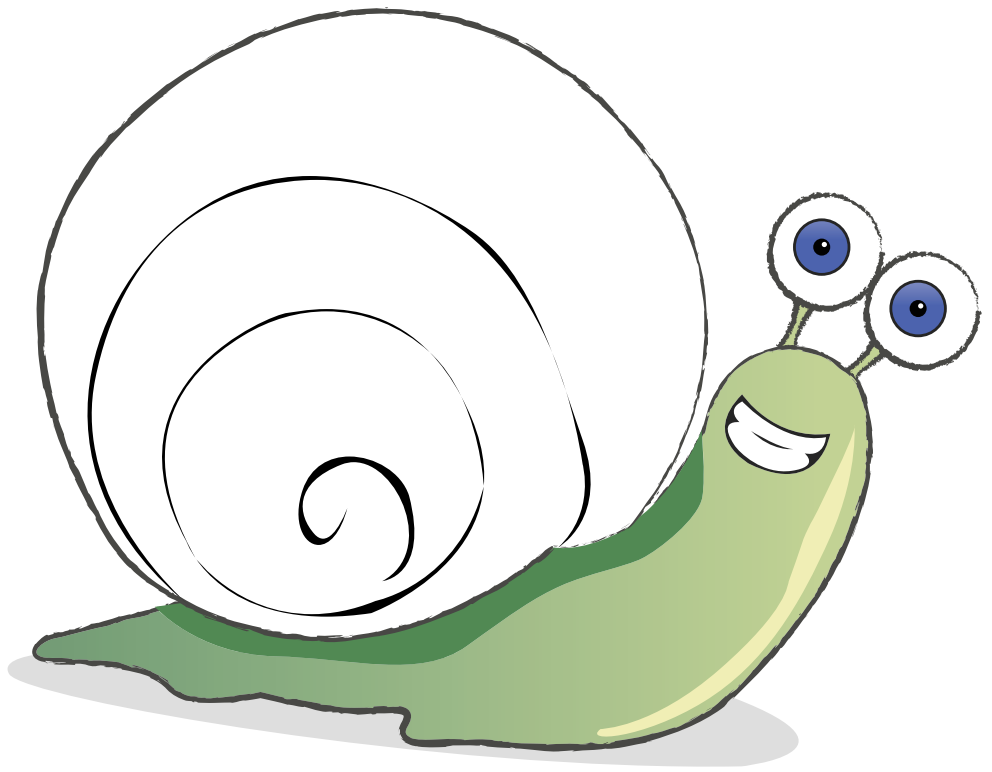
## FAMILY FOCUS

### Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



## HALL OF FAME

### JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".



JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



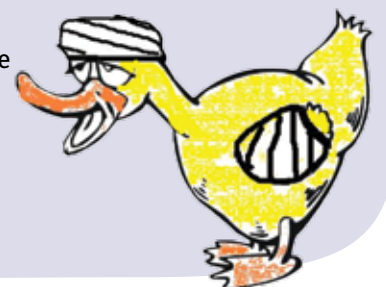
## FASCINATING FACTS



### OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
  - o helping disabled children and their families
  - o working on nature conservation projects
  - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
  - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
  - o providing animal welfare





# Storrington Rotary help school with music lessons

The Storrington and Pulborough Rotary club has supported a primary school by funding a block of music lessons.

**By Megan O'Neill**

Wednesday, 26th January 2022, 11:28 am

The pandemic has been a real challenge for the children of St Mary's Primary School, Pulborough, whose eldest pupils have missed a block of musical instrument playing due to remote learning.

Last year the school ran a 10 week Ukulele music course for 100 pupils from Years 5 and 6 which had a positive impact on the children's mental health, enjoyment of the curriculum and also improved their musical skills.

To continue the children's musical progress and well being, the [Rotary Club](#) has provided funding to support another block of lessons starting this week.

Another term of training would mean that the children could become fluent in playing pieces of music and give them the level of knowledge to continue to play on their own.

Headteacher Samantha Copus said: "We are so grateful to the Rotary Club for their support: the children cheered when they found out that the lessons would continue, due to the enjoyment, confidence and musical knowledge that they have developed."

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# VENTURES DAYS

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022 WEEKLY PROGRAMME (8-13 YEAR OLDS)

### Week: 14 – 18 February 2022

TIMINGS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0830-0900 hrs	<b>Sign In</b>				
0900-0915 hrs	<b>Welcome</b>				
0915-1200 hrs 1615 hrs	Climbing Bush Craft Rifle Shooting	Paddle Sports Archery Mountain Biking	Archery Climbing Orienteering	Paddlesports Low Ropes Bouldering	Climbing Bush Craft Rifle Shooting
1630-1700 hrs	<b>Sign Out</b>				

### Week: 21-25 February 2022

TIMINGS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0830-0900 hrs	<b>Sign In</b>				
0900-0915 hrs	<b>Welcome</b>				
0915-1200 hrs 1615 hrs	Climbing Paddle Sports Bush Craft	Paddle Sports Archery Mountain Biking	Archery Climbing MTA	Mountain Biking Low Ropes Orienteering	Climbing Bush Craft Rifle Shooting
1630-1700 hrs	<b>Sign Out</b>				

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022 WEEKLY PROGRAMME (13-15 YEAR OLDS)

**Week: 21-25 February 2022**

TIMINGS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0830-0900 hrs	<b>Sign In</b>				
0900-0915 hrs	<b>Welcome</b>				
0915-1200 hrs 1615 hrs	Bouldering Paddle Sports Mountain Biking	Paddle Sports Climbing Rifle Shooting	Bush Craft Climbing Paddle Sports	Mountain Biking Raft Building Climbing	Climbing Mountain Biking Rifle Shooting
1630-1700 hrs	<b>Sign Out</b>				

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022 WEEKLY PROGRAMME (5-7 YEAR OLDS)

**Week: 21-25 February 2022**

TIMINGS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0830-0900 hrs	<b>Sign In</b>				
0900-0915 hrs	<b>Welcome</b>				
0915-1200 hrs	Climbing Low Ropes	Bush Craft Bouldering	Biking Bouldering	Low ropes Soft Archery	MTA Climbing
1200-1215 hrs	<b>Sign Out</b>				

*Each day we will offer at least 3 activities, the above is a guideline and subject to change at short notice.*

**Activities:**

**Paddlesports:** Canoe (2-3 person), kayak (single) or stand-up paddle boarding (single). Dependent on the tide. Water sports are offered at high tide only. Please note that this is weather dependent, particularly in winter months.

**Low Ropes:** Obstacle course 1-2m off the ground.

**Mountain Biking:** All bikes and helmets provided, although you're welcome to bring your own. Biking on nearby recreational field or surrounding areas such as the tow path to Bramber.

**Orienteering:** simple activities with a map and compass in and around the centre and on the recreational field

**Bush Craft:** activities such as fire lighting, cooking food on the fire, purifying water, shelter making and bush craft skills.

**Climbing:** Indoor climbing wall

**Target Shooting:** air rifle targets in a range within the grounds of the centre

**Team Games:** Ball games or capture the flag in the ground or on the recreational field.

**Problem solving:** Learning to solve problems as a team, sometimes as a competition against other teams.

**Multi Activity session:** combining several of the above for smaller time sessions but covering more activities.

**MTA:** Giant Meccano building



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