



NEWSLETTER

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

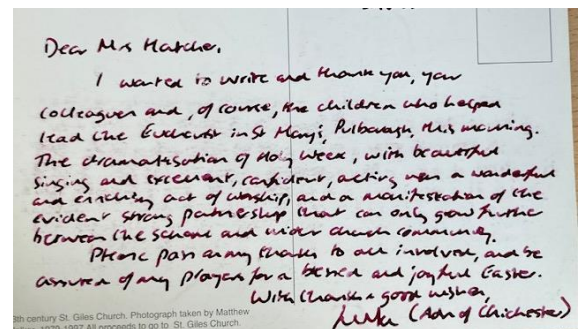
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WB 4th April 2022

What a great spring term we have had with many topics linked to learning, sports events of which we have shown real achievement, visits and visitors such as the Horsham Museum, Street Dance, the library, Hurston Warren, Pocket Park to name a few and Science week and Number Day. We are so fortunate to have staff who are enthusiastic and passionate about learning and very keen to organise events for the children at St Mary's and we just keep offering these opportunities for the children to learn skills and knowledge in all areas of the curriculum.

Open classrooms – Thank you to all the parents who came along to share the learning with the children. It is great to be able to open the classrooms and for you to share in the classroom environment and to have shared conversations with your child. We will offer this in the summer term as well.

Archdeacon Luke – On Sunday, many of the children in Yr 4 attended the service at St Mary's Church and performed part of their Easter play, "Good News", as well as singing some of the songs from the play. The congregation were delighted to welcome the children and Mrs Castle, Mrs Lee, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Hatcher. The Archdeacon of Chichester, the Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, also attended the service and witnessed the signing of the 'Growing Partnerships' covenant between St Mary's School and St Mary's Church.



Summer Term – We are excited to be opening the swimming pool. A timetable has come out to parents and Mrs Treadwell will be leading the swimming lessons. The children will need to bring a swimming costume (no bikinis), towel and swimming hat (for shoulder length or longer hair) and everything should be in a drawstring bag. Suncream should be applied before school if the children need it, they will not be allowed to apply it just before a swim session.

Monday – Year 4 / Tuesday – Year 3 / Wednesday – Year 5 / Friday – Year 6

On the first week, back Year 5 will swim on Tuesday 26th April and Year 3 will swim on Wednesday 27th April (only for the first week). The class teachers will include the details on their class newsletters that come out but we will be swimming from Monday 25th April.

Themes – We will be launching our new themes for the Summer Term. EYFS will be thinking about Minibeasts as a stimulus, KS1 will be starting the term with Dinosaur Island, Year 3 focus on ‘Tremors’, Year 4 are doing ‘Rocks, Relics and Rumbles’ Year 5 will be focussing on ‘Under the waves’ and Year 6 focus on ‘Shakespeare’. These are brilliant topics with so many opportunities to look at subject knowledge and we are already excited about what we are going to be learning.

Duathlon - The children in Year 6 have been working extremely hard on fundraising projects throughout the term to raise money for this year's Big Top Production. The activities culminated in a Sponsored Duathlon held on the school field on Tuesday afternoon. Twelve children took on the whole course which consisted of a 3 lap run, 6 lap cycle and a second 3 lap run. A further 21 children worked in teams to complete the course with a partner. Everyone that took part performed brilliantly and challenged themselves; it was fantastic to see the teamwork and encouragement shown throughout the afternoon. **Year 6 have now raised over £900 towards the Big Top – amazing effort from them.**

Boys:
1st - Max D,
2nd - Luke T,
3rd - Alex B

Girls:
1st - Amelie EW,
2nd - Molly B,
3rd - Charlie K

Team Event:
1st - Isla C and William C,
2nd - Jess L and Polly B,
3rd Equal - Jack H and Mrs Hayes, 3rd Equal - Freva L and Martina S

A huge thank you to **Mrs Treadwell** for her expertise in organising the event, along with **Mrs Bryan, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Castle, Mrs Lees, Mrs Callender and Mrs Kendall** for supporting us on the afternoon. We were pleased to be able to welcome families to cheer the children on - many thanks to all who joined us for your support.



Year 4 Easter Play – Well done to the children in USA and SL who performed the Easter Play outside. You sang with such gusto and knew the story and your script so well. You should be proud of your achievements. Thank you to Mrs Martin-Wells, Mrs Gowland, Mrs Castle, Mrs Shepherd and Mr Yates for helping the children put this together.



Read-A-Thon – We have heard some amazing stories of raising money for Red Nose. Holly Allen beat her target to read 20 chapters for the comic relief read-a-thon and we have so many other children who have given above and beyond. Thank you to everyone! We do not have a final figure yet but we will let you know next term.



Kindness shield for April – Flynn A (SL) has been awarded the 'Kindness shield' for April. You never fail to amaze us with how kind, friendly and compassionate you are. You are always on the lookout for who needs you and you offer a great smile and such helpful words. Keep being you Flynn, as we need this kindness in our world.

Staff professional development – This week we have been thinking about the different forms of neglect and what this means for safeguarding within our school. Half-termly safeguarding training helps the staff to stay vigilant!

Head lice – Please check your child's hair. Should you see any signs of infestation, nits (eggs) or live lice, please treat him/her and the rest of the family and inform the class teacher. Your child does not have to be kept away from school once they have been treated.



Class Assemblies Return! – Next term we will be restarting class assemblies so that parents can come and celebrate the learning with their children and find out more about the learning that the children are getting. **It will just be the children in the class and the parents during the summer term.**

UK - Friday 24th June at 9am

Austria – Thursday 16th June at 9am

Thailand - Thursday 16th June at 9am

Italy – Friday 20th May at 9am

India - Thursday 7th July at 9am

New Zealand – Friday 1st July at 9am

Ireland – Fri 15th July at 9am

USA - Thursday 30th June at 9am

Sierra Leone - Thursday 23rd June at 9am

China - Friday 27th May at 9am

Mexico - Friday 8th July at 9am

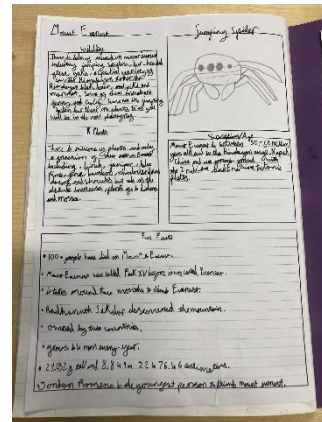
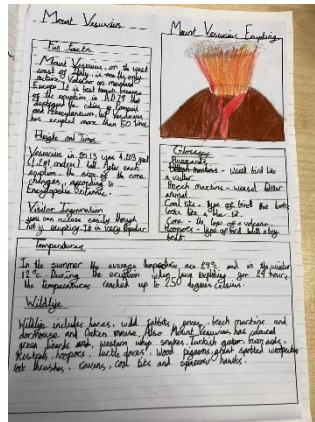
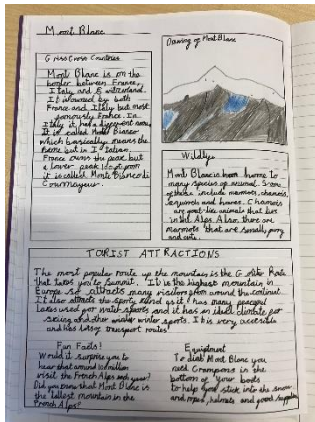
SA Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am –

Japan Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am –

Choir – Do you have a love of singing? Please see the West Sussex Music Choir leaflet attached.

Our reflection time - patience! Thank you to Vicky Smith for her reflection this week. [Reflection 6 - Patience - YouTube](#)

Year 4 learning - There are so many examples of the moment of our learning but these are some of the Year 4.



Fundraising for the Ukraine - Last Sunday Holly along with her grandma and grandad took part in a 90 minute Zumba session to help raise money for the people of Ukraine. It is great to see Holly fundraising for others.



EYFS Easter fun - We have been busy this week making Easter egg nests, meeting the new chicks, playing an Easter number game and retelling the Story in our Easter garden.



Cake sale today – William G in South Africa Class has been working hard to prepare for an Easter Bake Sale, which will be taking place on the playground at the end of school today. Please pop along to treat yourselves to some Easter goodies. All to raise money for the Big Top.

Thank you to William what a fantastic job you have done with Easter treats. You should be so proud of yourself!



Reports – Thank you for all the feedback sheets that have come back from the school reports. We have had a few comments regarding low attendance; all throughout this pandemic, we have been told by the DFE how to mark children’s absences due to COVID. We are fully aware why your child was absent and no action will be taken against any confirmed COVID related absences.

Things coming up

Monday 25th April – Term starts/Swimming starts for KS2

25th April – Bug Fest are visiting UK and Austria

26th April – Lantern Making from Chichester Theatre for Year 3

28th April – Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Trip for Y5

28th April - 3.30pm Residential meeting for Y6 parents

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

4th May – The Lions Book Giveaway – each child will choose a book

4th May – Phonics information for parents 3.30pm Zoom

5th May – KS1 SATS information afternoon for Year 2 children – Zoom

9th May – KS2 SATS week – Breakfast available for all children from 8am

12th May – Year 5 residential meeting 3.30pm Main hall

16th May – Residential for Y6

A big thank you for all the support from parents this term. Please enjoy the Easter holidays and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 25th April**.

Achievements

Elani D (SL)

Passed her Ballet exam and got brilliant marks on her Bronze medal Tap solo so received her Bronze medal. Very well done to her!

Robyn D (SA)

Has worked hard to achieve her goal of jumping a clear round course with her pony summer. The process has involved practising at home, riding different ponies, practising balance and position, developing confidence and skill and she has raised £75 for Big Top fundraising!

Holly D (Chi)

Awarded two Brownie Badges

Elba (Ire)

Got her First aid, Space and Zero Waste Brownie Badges

Freddie (Ire)

Man of the Match and we won!

Oscar (Ire)

Won 6-3 Against Rustington Green

Charlie (Ire)

Won a medal in Rugby

Rex W (NZ)

Moved up a Grade in Taekwondo

David CG (Jap)

Artist Badge at Scouts

Daisy E (Ire)

Medal at Rugby in Horsham

Molly B (Jap)

Came 3rd on the Bars in Gymnastic Competition

Harriet (Chi)

Badges at Brownies

Ruben (Chi)

Fire Safety & international Badge Cubs

Alfie (Chi)

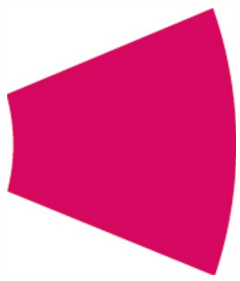
Badges at Cubs

Freddie (Chi)

3rd place in Irish Dancing

Ruben (Chi)

Nominated for most improved swimmer 2021



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