



# NEWSLETTER

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

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It has been great to see the sunshine appear this week and we hope that there will be more of that as we head towards February. This week we have had some staff absence and we have been working hard to keep a sense of normality for the children in those classes. Please be aware that if staff are off they may not be well enough to pick up emails so if you don't get a reply then please email [office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Coronavirus update** – Currently, from the 11 January in England, all people including school pupils, who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. **Children must test negative on day 6 & day 7 before returning to school. If your child is still positive on day 6 & day 7 they are required to isolate for the full 10 days. However, this advice will change again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> when isolation becomes 5 days, with a negative test on day 5 and 6.**

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

**Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any symptoms or have had Calpol in the morning as this could mask symptoms. Please click on the link for more details. [COVID - Full Government Guidance](#)**

**School Improvement** – This week we looked at Reading and focussed on Reading being at the heart of what we do. We looked at our reading corners, the reading diet that we are giving the children and how we can encourage the children to read more for a variety of purposes.

## **Children's Mental Health Week 2022 (7-13 February - 'Growing Together')**

This year's theme is ['Growing Together'](#) and you can download free resources for the week. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt. Trying new things can also help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.

**Safer Internet Day** – On the 8th February it is Safer Internet Day and the school will be talking to the children about online safety and looking at what the worries are for the children in this 'rapidly changing' world. If you are concerned about online safety then please have a look at the National Online safety website as it will give you information about how parents can keep their child safe. [National on-line safety](#)

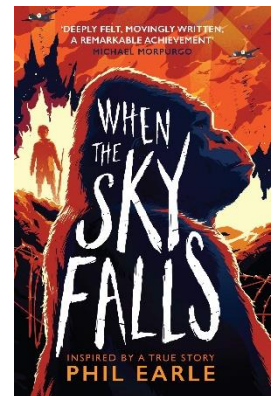
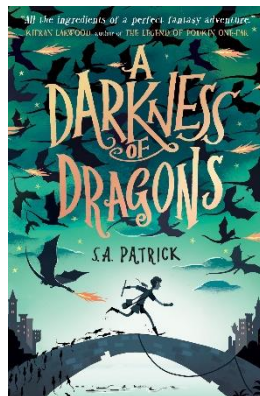
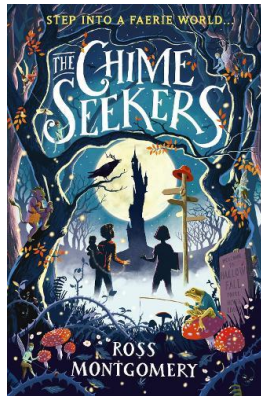
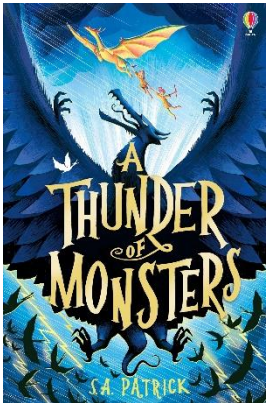
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Please could we ask that you pop a spare pair of socks in your child's PE bag, as we are doing cross-country running on the school field and socks do get wet through their trainers on the wet grass.

Thank you

**Reading** – It would be great to see the children reading a variety of books and we are sending out this grid to give the children some ideas. You will find the grid on your child’s Google Classroom as well. **Please see the reading grid attached**

**Book recommendations** – There are some great new books that the children might want to read.

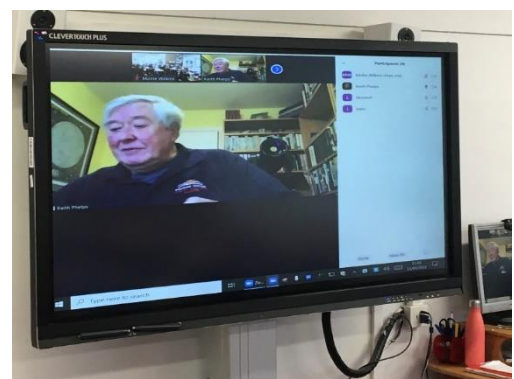


**Church visit** –



**Memory Day KS1**

A huge thank you to Keith Phelps (a grandad of a pupil in India class) for joining the children to talk about his memories growing up. It was great to hear about what school was like, the toys he played with and the other things that he remembers. It gave the children more information about the past and developed their skills as a historian and asking questions.



**Anaphylaxis in school** – We do have a few pupils with anaphylaxis so please check the food items that you are sending in to school with packed lunches.



**Music** - West Sussex Music are offering a free five-week taster course for learning an instrument. The link for more details is here: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/top/> for children 8-12yrs. The centres are in Horsham, Chichester and Worthing.

**Learning - Year 4** - Year 4 have been investigating gases in 'States of Matter'. This is the account - Firstly, we weighed a balloon (4g), we then we pumped the balloon up and weighed it again to find the balloon weighed 6g because of the air inside. Next, we put some scent on a piece of tissue and a child in the class hid the tissue. The other children then hunted for it by the scent spreading in the class due to the gas / air spreading. With perfect timing today, Mr. Holloway took our class worship, and he burnt incense which had the same effect with the scent filling the classroom. For our final experiment, we had two identical bottles one with a lid and one without. The children took turns to squeeze the bottles. They discovered it was much easier to squeeze the bottle without the lid because they were both filled with gas / air, but the lid stopped the gas escaping, so it prevented the bottle being squeezed as easily as the bottle without the lid on it.



**Christian Values** – The children have added their ideas to our 'resolutions' and 'service' board. There will be a lot of amazing things happening this year according to the children's stars!



## Achievements

### Vine leaves

**Daisy (Ind) For kindness.**

*Daisy* noticed that another child was upset as they didn't get to sit next to her friend at lunchtime and she gave up her seat. We are very proud of her.

Kindness shield  
January 2022  
Freya C (IND)

Freya is an absolute ray of sunshine and her smile brightens our days! She is always thinking of what she can do to help others and goes above & beyond in her lovely, gentle manner. She has been an amazing talk partner and friend to so many children in India class.

We are so lucky to have her!  
Thank you Freya for being Freya.

**Ivy D (IRE) - Achieved her red belt in karate over the Christmas holidays. Well done.**



**Elani (SL) for her perseverance with her learning. You keep coming in to school even though it is a challenge!**

**William C - (JAP) completed a 5000m swim challenge at Billingshurst Leisure Centre and competed in a swimming gala at the weekend, achieving personal bests in all strokes entered. Well done.**

**Jayden A (Ind) - Gained 'Man of the Match' Well done.**



**Ted Eager (Tha) for his humility and putting others before himself.**

**Dexter (SL) – We are proud of Dexter as he has completed stage 4 in swimming so has moved up to stage 5 which shows great perseverance and resilience.**



**Faith N (SA) for her courage in a difficult situation. I would have struggled and she kept going.**

Life  
Community Church  
Storrington

# FIREWORKS

Kids Club

(From Year 3 to Year 5)

Every Friday Night

(Term Time)

6:00pm - 7:15pm

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Leisure Centre,  
Storrington



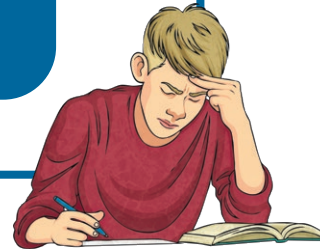
Different activities each week.  
Come and join in the fun!



# 22 Books to Read in 2022



Try and read one of each type of book this year. Once you've finished a book, write the title in the appropriate box. Can you fill all the boxes?



		a spooky book	a non-fiction book	a book which has been made into a film	a book your best friend recommends
the first book you ever loved	a mystery story	a book with magic	a fantasy book	a historical fiction	a book that teaches you how to do something
a book of poems	a graphic novel	a book your parent loved as a child	a book with an animal character	a book from another country	
a book set in outer space	a book with an evil character	a book written by a BAME author	a funny book	a book with a monster in it	

