



# NEWSLETTER

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

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**Year 6 SATs tests** – What a week – In all my years of doing SATS, I have never come across the tangible feeling of perseverance and resilience that the Y6 children showed this year. We, as a school, are very impressed with the effort that they put in to their learning, we would like to say a really big Thank You to ‘Cubitt and West’ for supporting the breakfast this week, they were very generous with a donation. It makes such a difference to the children and ensuring that they can do their best with a fully stomach.



**Kindness shield** – Lily R, SL Class - You are such a kind, thoughtful and caring member of Sierra Leone Class. You give 100% effort in all areas of your learning and your perseverance and determination this year have not gone unnoticed.

You are calm, sensible and polite and set a brilliant example to others in all that you do. You are well organised and efficient classroom helper and can always be relied upon to help a friend in need. Your positive attitude, patience and humility inspires others around you to always give their very best too. Thank you and well done.

**Staff training** – This week we celebrated books. We were excited to see so many different texts and talk about how this links with the children’s curriculum. We are keen to get some of these new high quality texts into our lessons now.

**Vine leaves:** – **Luke W**, Japan class for perseverance – you have amazed me. **Emily E**, SA class for the methodical way you worked out the SATs paper astounded me, you were not going to be put off.

**Scarlett R**, India Class for her poem she wrote at home about the talents and skills of every single child in India Class, except herself. **Chloe P**, India class for donating her own money she was saving up to Christian Aid because she cared about others less fortunate than herself. **Zac W**, Japan class for perseverance, even with an injury you were determined to get that final maths paper completed. And lastly all of Year 6 for the most amazing week of SATs!

**Japanese evening of culture** – Thank you to the Year 6 parents who went off to Rikkyo. It was great to see the children learning alongside the pupils of this school and experiencing some of their sports and cultural activities. Thank you to Mrs Batchelor for organising this for the Year 6 pupils.



**Walk to School Week – 20th May – 24th May** - The greatest national Walk to School celebration where pupils and grown-ups around the UK unite for one week of walking to school.

We want the children of St Marys to embrace this week, and we would like to see as many pupils as possible making the effort to walk to school. It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. As well as this it helps alleviate the congestion on the roads. It isn't easy for everyone to walk to school and if you do have to drive why don't you join the **walking bus** for the week?

You can park at the sports and social club and walk with your children into school or alternatively leave them with the group of volunteers who will walk them for you. The Pulborough Community Wardens are going to be joining the walking bus a few morning during this week.

**School shoes** - We are noticing a number of children wearing trainers to school; we ask parents to provide sensible black outdoor shoes, canvas-topped shoes or trainers are not suitable footwear for a school environment. Please ensure your children **do not** wear trainers to school unless they have a note from a GP or podiatrist specifying this is to support a medical condition.

**Barnardos** – Exciting opportunity! Barnardos are running some parent workshops for parents who are concerned that their child might be 'at risk' and possibly vulnerable. The parent sessions will focus on strategies and information to help support parents in keeping their child safe from harm as they approach adolescence. It will look at building parents confidence to deal with their child, give parents skills to deal with secondary school behaviour and with conversations on developing relationships at home, tackling exploitation on mobile phones and computers and managing their peers. The course will also signpost you to other agencies that can help with pre-teenage/teenage behaviour. The course is over four Thursday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm on September 12th/19th/26th and 3 Oct. If you are interested then please let the office know.

**School Improvement priorities** – You will be aware that one of the OFSTED actions was a Pupil Premium review. On Thursday an external reviewer came to visit. He conducted interviews with teachers, teaching assistants, Governors and completed a scrutiny of books. We are now awaiting a report and we will share the findings with you once we receive this report.

**Christian Aid week** – The children have been learning more about the work of Christian Aid this week. In classes we have discussed the aims of Christian Aid and the groups of people around the world that benefit from the work done by this charity. This year's Christian Aid Week appeal is titled 'Hands across the World.' We were inspired by the stories of two young girls from Sierra Leone named Rejoice and Kadiatu. Thanks to the work and mission of Christian Aid, they now have the opportunity to go to school to fulfil their ambitions of becoming a lawyer and a doctor. We reflected on how even though we can't physically join hands with children across the world, we can still show friendship and support through our thoughts and actions.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their collection envelopes with donations to support the amazing work of Christian Aid. Any further contributions would be greatly appreciated.



**Resilience** – The University of Chichester are running a course around 'Developing Resilience'. This is a skill that is vital to children so if you feel it would be of interest, then please have a look. This will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

**Little Explorers** – This week the children have been looking at colours and patterns. They've been doing lots of coloured hand prints, playing colour games and colour sorting. They been making the most of the lovely weather with lots of sand / water play as well as cooking up things in the mud kitchen, digging in the digging area and making potions with leaves and flowers. They also really enjoyed last Fridays P.E session on the trim trail where we practiced lots of climbing and balancing skills.

**Non-Uniform day** - Don't forget non-uniform day on the **Friday 24th May** in exchange for booze or sweets for the tombolas at Summer Fayre.

**The Ghosteleers:** Following the successful launch of 'The Ghosteleers' and signing event at Waterstones in March, they have asked me to come back for another signing!

The event will take place at **Waterstones in Horsham on 25th May between 10am and 3pm**. If there were any pupils who missed out on a copy during my visit in March, it would be a great opportunity for a chat and a copy of the exciting, fun-filled adventure with Norman and Morph.



**William Orrell News Report: New swimming Pool facilities:** Over the Easter break our school had some new faculties built in the swimming pool area. It consists of very nice marble tiling, a new toilet (only for use if you're bursting) and a shower to wash you off if you have an injury.

**Clubs** – We are keen to offer clubs which will be popular with the children as some clubs have had to be cancelled due to low numbers. If you have a suggestion for a club, please complete the slip below and we will try to find a provider.

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**My suggestions for clubs**

**Child's name:** .....**Class:** .....

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We have had the offer of a **Bridge club for Key Stage 2**. If your child would be interested, then please fill in the slip.

**Child's name:** .....**Class:** .....

Would be interested in the Bridge Club. Please send me more details.

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## DICE from Barnardo's is here to help

We will be running a 4 WEEK course at St Mary's School, Pulborough on Thursday evenings.

Course dates will be; 12, 19 & 26 September, 3 October 2019

Parents/carers should be available for all 4 sessions

To book a place please contact the school, further information can be sought by emailing:

[dicereferral@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:dicereferral@barnardos.org.uk)

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