



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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As we complete the second full week since reopening, things are settling and the children have established routines and have loved being back with their friends. Thank you for all the positive messages that we have received since we reopened to all the pupils.

Kindness Shield – March kindness shield has been awarded to: - **Holly McNamara (Jap)**.

Holly, you are wise beyond your years and your skills as a mediator, counsellor and great listener are so needed in Year 6. You astound us with your kindness to all around you. You see the good in everyone and support your friends with whatever they need. Things have been difficult for you recently but you continue to put others before yourself and we are grateful that you have these skills and talents that you are willing to share. Thank you and never stop being you!

Vine leaves – **Skye (Ire)** for kindness & humility. She quietly stood at the sink and washed up the entire classes paint pallets last Friday because she wanted to and didn't do it for any recognition.

Tommy B (Thai) Tommy is so incredibly kind and helpful to the class. He sees something that needs doing and just does it without being asked and never seeks praise or reward in exchange.

Kingston (Ind) for perseverance in his learning. He is determined to read our class text independently and with a little help, he is doing so.

Chloe P (SL) a vine leaf for creativity and perseverance in drawing during art today. She was drawing the outline of the Taj Mahal working very hard on this with Mrs Parsons.

Minnie (Ire) for kindness as she put someone else before herself and waited patiently.

Freddie G (USA) - for excellent organisation, perseverance and wisdom in his home learning.

Parent's evenings – Thank you to everyone who joined us for 'Parent's Evening' on Tuesday and for those who have booked for this evening. It has been a positive way of catching up with lockdown and setting some targets moving forward. The teachers were very grateful for the thanks and positive comments that they have received so far. We are hoping that in June we will be able to send out your child's annual report and give you a further update on where they are academically and personally.

Operation Crackdown – Please park your car considerably! Please use the Social Club carpark just the other side of the park and walk across. If there are issues with parking then please report these to **Operation Crackdown** on **01243 642222** or at <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>





Early Birds & Roosters – Our wrap around childcare started on Monday. Both are bookable via School Gateway or contact the office if you need help.

Early birds - 8am until start of lessons

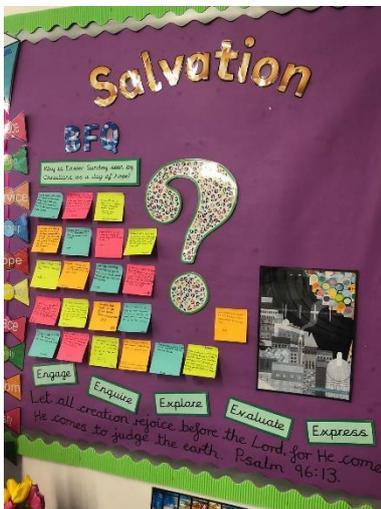
Roosters - End of lessons until 4.30pm or 5.30pm



School class photographs – These were taken yesterday by Yellow photographs. We will send out the proofs in the next few weeks when we receive them back. Please watch out for them!

Seeds and gardening things – China class are keen to do some gardening. If you have any seeds or compost then please let us know. Anything would be gratefully received.

Learning – Such a lot of learning has been going on in class bubbles this week. Stain glass windows have gone up in Year 3. Year 6 have begun to explore Salvation and Year 5 have been making observational drawings of daffodils and looking at shape and colour.



Greek Day – It is Year 5 Greek Day tomorrow, some of the children don't want to dress up and that is fine and they can come into school uniform as normal. It is just some fun for the children to immerse them in their learning. We look forward to sharing photos next week with you.

Vashti Hardy – We are delighted to announce that Vashti Hardy is Zooming in to speak with the children on 22nd April and will be speaking to Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. If your child would like to purchase a copy of the book then please see the attached flyer.

PTA – The PTA are planning a **sweet cone sale on Thursday 1st April**. The cones will be a £1 each, you can order before by going on to the Go Fund page with this link - [Go Fund](#)

Next week we are looking forward to **Hawking About** visiting with the birds of prey for **Year 3** and the hatching of our easter chicks! If you have any concerns then please do email me head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk



PULBOROUGH *Easter* COMPETITION

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

FRI 2nd APRIL- MON 5th APRIL

WIN
The Great BIG
Easter Egg
&
£20 Local
Pulborough
Pound
vouchers!



Find a letter within a word, or a name, at 10 locations across the village, then assemble the letters to make TWO words that describe this event! Find the clues online by searching <https://pulborough.org/> Or scan the QR Code in the top left hand corner with your smartphone camera to bring up the clues!

We have divided the village into four sections

- 1) Old Rectory Lane
- 2) London Road
- 3) Lower Street
- 4) Down Barn House Lane onto the Brooks

For example: in a clue you might be asked to find a sign and on that sign would be a word. You might be asked to find the 2nd letter in that word. "W" for example.

Make sure you note down all of your collected letters!

Once you have collected all 10 letters, use them to create your two words!

Email your answer along with your name(s) & phone number to pulboroughharvestfair@yahoo.co.uk by 4pm Mon 5th April

If your two words are the same as ours then we will enter you into a draw for the top prize and the runner up prizes! All winners will be notified by email or phone by the 9th April. If nobody gets the same two words as the organisers, we will select the best two word phrase from all of the entries.

Organised by the Pulborough Community Partnership



YOUR CLUES TO THE WORDS & LOCATIONS



Area 1- Old Rectory Lane, and the clues

- On a Blue Plaque what was the original name for Pulborough.. find the 5th letter.
- On a White Board by the footpath across the field, what is the name of the City mentioned.. find the 7th letter.
- Where you can lay your head in a comfy bed...find 3rd letter in the name.

Area 2 - London Road, and the clues



- The name of the shop where you can charge an Electric Car.. find the 1st letter.
- Where you could buy a Classic Car which has a watery name.. find the 3rd letter.

Area 3 – Lower Street, and the clues

- On the Pub sign that has a rose in the middle of a shield take the last letter of the second Latin word just under the shield.
- On the butchers there is a picture of a bull on the wall, under this there is a person's name of seven letters... find the 5th letter.
- A footpath off Lower Street has an animal's name on the sign ... find the third letter of first word.



Area 4 – Down Barn House Lane and on to the Brooks, and the clues

- Next to the road sign for Barn House Lane there is red sign...find the last letter on the first word.
- Across the first field of the Brooks there is a foot bridge with a sign by it about fishing ... find the last letter on the first word on the sign.



Your TWO words describing this event - _____

Don't forget to email us your answers to pulboroughharvestfair@yahoo.co.uk



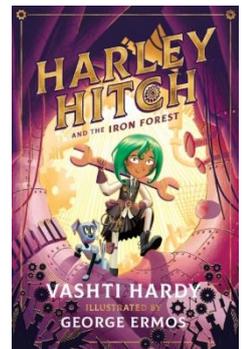
Vashti Hardy 'Harley Hitch' Virtual Schools Tour

April 2021



Award-winning children's writer Vashti Hardy will be talking to children in Years 3-6 about her brilliantly inventive new book 'Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest', and Vashti will deliver virtual creative writing workshops to the children exploring STEM, robots, and inventions.

'Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest' is a fast-paced, engagingly illustrated fantasy adventure story about a feisty young girl inventor, the first in a great new series for younger independent readers, aged 7-10. Join Harley, her robot dog Sprocket and best friend Cosmo for problem-solving adventures and mysteries in Inventia, a world where science rules, and technology grows in the forest! It comes out on 1st April.



Vashti's debut novel 'Brightstorm' was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and her second novel, Wildspark, won the Blue Peter Book Award 2020. She has also published 'Darkwhispers'; a follow-up to 'Brightstorm', and 'The Griffin Gate'; a shorter novel for reluctant / dyslexic readers.

This virtual tour has been jointly organised by The Steyning Bookshop and Scholastic Publishers.

The Steyning Bookshop will be organising SIGNED & DEDICATED copies of 'Harley Hitch' & Vashti's other books, on sale to pupils through their website. The Steyning Bookshop is offering FREE DELIVERY to the children at school, saving on postal charges, if they are ordered by the end of the Easter Holidays (Sunday 18th April) or, if you prefer to get your book earlier, you can choose to pay for postage to your home. Books ordered earlier will not be signed & dedicated by Vashti, but we can organise signed bookplates later. All books are £6.99.

- Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/signed-books/vashti-hardy-signed-books/>
- Add the books to your shopping basket
- If you wish the book to be delivered to your child's school, at Checkout, select 'LOCAL PICKUP' option. Add your billing address, but instead of shipping address fill in your child's name, class & school.
- In the 'ORDER NOTES' section, write the names(s) you'd like Vashti to dedicate the book(s) to.
- Payment is by credit or debit card, processed through Paypal (You do not need a Paypal account to order)
- Hopefully, Vashti will sign & dedicate the books. If this is not possible due to COVID, we will supply signed bookplates to stick in later.
- The books will be delivered to the school on or after 20th April, unless you selected 'flat rate postage', in which case your book will be posted to your home!

