



NEWSLETTER

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

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Happy New Year – We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year from all the staff and Governors and hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. As you will be aware COVID cases are very high at the moment in this area, although we have very few cases currently in school. We are thankful that we have been able to open with enough staff, however, please be aware that this term might be a challenge with staff and we may need to change staff or worst case scenario, close classes. We will communicate with parents if we need to make changes.

Risk Assessment – Our COVID risk assessment is on our website. If you have any questions then please do contact the office on office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Temperatures for learning – As winter is here, temperatures have dropped and the classrooms have got cooler. We do still have to follow Government guidance and ventilate the classrooms with open windows due to COVID, but we will ensure that the classrooms are at least 16 degrees Celsius (minimum). The children may want to wear a vest, or another layers, underneath their uniform. We now have carbon dioxide monitors in all the classrooms so we are able to ventilate based on the readings from these to ensure we are following guidelines and keep the children safe.

Update to guidance – you may be aware of the new guidance this week concerning PCR testing after a positive LFT. Just to confirm if your child has a positive LFT **but NO symptoms** they should still isolate and take LTF on day 6 & day 7, if these are both negative they can return to school on day 8. No PCR test is required.

However, if your child has a **positive LFT and symptoms** they must get a PCR and isolate as per current Government Guidance.

***In both these scenarios please let the school office know of any LFT or PCR test results.**

Welcome – Mrs Hatcher has taken up the post of Deputy Headteacher. She will be out on the gate in the mornings to meet the parents and welcome the children in, and will be teaching India class in the afternoon.

We are also welcoming **Mr Barrett-Garlick** as a teaching assistant on a six month placement and he will work in different classes across the school.

School Improvement priorities for Spring Term – We are going to be Focussing on Oracy and spoken language within the curriculum this term, this will include; Stamina for reading with high quality texts; extended writing in all subject areas; Mental maths skills with basic times tables being implemented from Y1.

We will also be looking at how we embed learning in the children's long-term memory, with retrieval of learning and how we teach our lessons to help the children with this.

Diary Dates

See the attached at the end of the Newsletter!

Newsletters – Class newsletters with details about learning will be on the website from next week. Please have a look at the learning across all subjects and how you can support your children.

Homework – Homework grids are up on your child's Google classroom. If you need a paper copy then please email the teacher on the class email.

INSET DAY – This is on the **Monday 28th February** and is based on staff professional development. As a teaching staff, we will be focussing on Oracy and spoken language through drama and linking this in to our curriculum across all subject areas.

Vine leaves

Levi (Chi)

For perseverance and resilience and for the love of a good book that Levi has found.

Themes for the term – The themes are off and running this term with UK and Austria thinking about 'Love of the Outdoors', Key Stage One focussing on 'Memory box and the past', Year 3 looking at 'Predators and Prey', Year 4 being Historians and focussing on 'Temples, Tombs and Treasure'. Year 5 are looking at the "Greeks" and Year 6 are looking at "Explorers and Adventurers". There is such a lot of learning here and it builds on previous topics that the children have done so they can link their learning and build on skills and knowledge.

Christian Values – Humility, Service and Forgiveness – We will be looking at these values this half term and talking to the children about opportunities to show these.

Peace Poster competition – Every year we work with The Lions on the peace posters.

Please see the attached information about this.

Reaching Families – Additional needs – These dates may be useful for you to connect with other parents/carers if you child has additional needs. Please see the flyer.

Church links – All of the classes will be visiting St Mary's church this term for an assembly on a Friday. We are so thankful for Fr Paul and his team of volunteers who help staff these events.

Year 5 Greek Day – The children loved dressing up in their Greek clothes and immersing themselves in this topic with Greek food and having a go at the Greek Olympics whilst learning about the events.



Year 3 Hawking About – The children were able to handle a variety of birds of prey including a Kestrel, Eagle Owl, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl to learn about predators and their prey. They watched the birds fly and talked about their diet and habitat.



Achievements

Daniel P (Ire) Congratulations to Daniel, he paced himself beautifully and swam an incredible 64 lengths of the pool to get his One Mile badge. This shows so much perseverance and resilience and that if you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything.



Charlie K (SA) Got her blue stripe in Karate.

Polly B (SA) Got her blue stripe in Karate and nunchucks.

Luke T (SA) Swimming gala he swam 50m front crawl in 38.36 seconds, Backstroke in 47.99 seconds, 50 breaststroke in 56.79 seconds and 200m front crawl in 3.39.63.

Jessica (SA) swam 2000 metres in the long distance swim, a great achievement



SPRING TERM		Christian Value - humility, service, forgiveness
January 2022		
Monday 3 rd		BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 th		Spring Term begins
Monday 10 th		After school clubs to start in Zones
Wednesday 19 th	3.30pm Zoom	Yr 6 - SATs Parents Meeting
February 2022		
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th		HALF TERM
Mon 21 st – Fri 4 th		Fairtrade fortnight
Monday 28 th		INSET DAY
March 2022		
Thursday 3 rd		World Book Day
Friday 25 th		Reports go home – All years
Tuesday 29 th	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening – All years – via School cloud
Thursday 31 st	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening – All years – via School cloud
SUMMER TERM		
		Christian Value – Summer - faith, trust, truthfulness
April 2022		
Friday 1 st		After school clubs finish
Tuesday 5 th	1.30pm TBC	Year 4 Easter play - TBC
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Easter Eucharist
Friday 8 th		Easter Eggstravaganza
Mon 11th – Fri 22nd		Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th		Summer Term begins
May 2022		
Monday 2 nd		BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4 th	3.30pm Zoom	Year 1 Phonics Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th	3.30pm Zoom	KS1 SATs information Parents Evening
Mon 9 th – Thur 12 th	8.00am	KS2 SATs week including Breakfast Club
Monday 9 th		After school Clubs begin
Wednesday 11 th	7.00pm TBC	New EYFS Parents Information Evening
Mon 23 rd – Thu 26 th		KS1 SATs week
Mon 30th – 3rd Jun		HALF TERM
June 2022		
Monday 6 th		Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 7 th		Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Tuesday 14 th	1pm	<i>EYFS & KS1 Sports Day</i>
Wednesday 15 th	1pm	<i>*Wet weather plan EYFS & KS1 Sports Day</i>
Thursday 16 th	1pm	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 17 th	1pm	<i>*Wet weather plan KS2 Sports Day</i>
Mon 20 th – 24 th		New starters Walk around week
Monday 27 th	10.30am	Yr6 - Leavers Service Chichester Cathedral
Tuesday 28 th	All day	Year 6 - Transition day to The Weald
Wednesday 29 th	PM	Year 6 - Welcome Evening at The Weald School
Mon 27 th – 1 st July		New starters Stay & play week
July 2022		
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th		Art week
Monday 4 th	All day	EYFS Interviews
Tuesday 5 th	All day	EYFS Interviews

Tuesday 5 th	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Friday 8 th		Clubs finish
Saturday 9 th		Big Top Arrives
Monday 11 th		New class letter home
Tuesday 12 th	1pm & 6pm	Year 6 Production – Big Top
Thursday 14 th	6pm	Year 6 Production – Big Top
Friday 15 th	6pm	Year 6 Production – Big Top
Saturday 16 th	6pm – 8pm	Year 6 – Summer Ball
Thursday 14 th	2pm	Year 6 - Leavers Service at St Mary's Church
Monday 18 th	1pm – 3pm	Move-up afternoon
Wednesday 20 th	9.30am	Year 6 - Leavers assembly – School Hall
Thursday 21 st	INSET DAY	
Friday 22 nd	INSET DAY	



Poster for Peace, 2022.

The Billingshurst Lions want you to design a poster promoting peace in the world.

The theme is 'Peace Now'.

The best poster in each class will win a £10 token to be spent in WH Smith, plus a certificate. The runner-up in each class will get a certificate, too.

This contest is open to children aged 8, 9 and 10 by 31st August 2022, and gives an opportunity for a discussion on the true importance of peace.

The best poster from each class will also be sent to the South East Headquarters of the Lions Clubs, where it will be entered for another competition. The prizes will be:

1st - a £30 art voucher + £100 for the School

2nd - a £25 art voucher + £50 for the School

3rd - a £20 art voucher + £50 for the School

What you need to do:

Design a poster promoting peace in the world

Do it on paper or card no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4

Make sure you put your name, class, year group and school on the back of the poster - *which must not be folded*

When you need to do it by:

Your poster must be handed in at School by Thursday the 16th of March 2022.



Reaching Families

Umbrellas Parent Support Group

Spring term 2022

Would you like to connect with other parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.

Billingshurst Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Billingshurst Community Centre
12th Jan / 9th Feb / 9th Mar / 6th Apr

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub
11th Jan / 1st Feb / 1st Mar / 29th Mar

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
18th Jan / 15th Feb / 15th Mar

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays, via Zoom

6th Jan	10 am - 11.30 am
13th Jan	7.30 pm - 9 pm
20th Jan	10 am - 11.30 am
27th Jan	7.30 pm - 9 pm
3rd Feb	10 am - 11.30 am
10th Feb	7.30 pm - 9 pm
17th Feb	10 am - 11.30 am
3rd Mar	7.30 pm - 9 pm
10th Mar	10 am - 11.30 am
17th Mar	7.30 pm - 9 pm
24th Mar	10 am - 11.30 am
31st Mar	7.30 pm - 9 pm
7th Apr	10 am - 11.30 am



Find out more about our support groups at:

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk