



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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WB 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

As we head towards the end of term, we have had a few cases of COVID. If your child is feeling unwell then please do not send them to school until you are sure it is not COVID. The end of term is so close and we do not want to have to cancel any events.

**School Day** – As we begin to start planning for September, we are delighted to have met and welcomed the new children joining us in September. We will be running one gate time in September for drop off and for pick up. **The gates will open at 8.40am and pick up will be 3.15pm.**

**Our reflection time** – This week's reflection. <https://youtu.be/hMlbnUIE0b0>

**Governor visits** – We are lucky enough to have a team of proactive Governors and we welcomed David Shepherd and Fr Paul in to school this week to hear readers. We are keen to check that we have our reading books closely matched to where the child is with reading and phonics.



**Statutory Assessment Tests for Year 6** – Ask any year 6 about SATs week and they will tell you it was one of the best weeks of being in Y6! Our Year 6 letters will be going home to parents tomorrow regarding SAT's results. We would like to remind you all that the Year 6 children have done their absolute best and we couldn't be prouder of all of their achievements and the effort that the Year 6 staff put in to these assessments in a very challenging year. If parents do have any queries then please do contact the teachers in the first instance. These results do not make you the artists, scientists, authors, explorers, mathematicians that you are. Reach for the moon, as you will always land amongst the stars!!

**India class assembly to show case learning** – Thank you to India class for show casing their learning today. They spoke with such confidence and enjoyed every minute of it with evidence of English, Maths, Art, Music and History. Thank you to parents for coming to support.

**Class lists** – A letter will come out on Monday regarding new classes for September. If you wish to discuss the class that your child is in please send an email to the class teacher or myself at [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk). This year there is hardly any room for movement at this time however, we will of course, discuss with parents and explain our reasoning. This may not happen until Tuesday next week though.

**Chichester Festival Theatre** – A wonderful opportunity for Y3 to work with a professional actor. They learnt new skills about voice projection and creating scenes and emotions. Well done to Y3 and thank you to Chichester Festival Theatre.



**Message from our Community Wardens** – It is a bumper year for Giant Hogweed and this plant can be very dangerous. Please do not pick or go near as it can cause some nasty health problems.

**Parking** – Please could we ask you to park considerately so that the children are able to cross the road safely. There is more than enough parking at the **Social Club** and it means that we can keep the children safe when leaving the premises. If you see inconsiderate parking then please report it to [www.operationcrackdown.co.uk](http://www.operationcrackdown.co.uk). The more comments received, will trigger the traffic wardens to visit Pulborough.



**Operation Crackdown**

**Summer Reading Challenge** – We are going to be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge at the library this summer and the children will be awarded 50 dojos for completing it. Please ensure that your child reads over the summer. On our website is 100 best reads for each year group if you need recommendations for books <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2022> so please get your child reading anything and everything over the summer.



**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee book** – Every child in the school should have received a Queen's Platinum Jubilee book that is to keep forever. It comes free and is a memory of this special event. If you have not received a copy then please contact your class teacher.



**Trim Trail** – The Trim Trail opened this week and the children have loved being up on the field and being able to use it. **Martha and Dixie (Y5)** commented on how much fun it was and how it added to their playtimes.



**Parent's Evening and open classrooms** – Thank you to all those parents who have spoken to the class teacher about progress this year and/or have visited the classrooms for a book look. Working together is very important and for you to be able to track your child's progress and see the improvements that your child is making ready for the next year group. If you have any further questions then please contact your class teacher.



**Tom Vaughan** – We welcomed Tom Vaughan this morning to speak to Year 4, 5 and 6 children and it was inspirational! The children interacted so well and we designed our own St Mary's evil character. Tom has written many different books such as 'Bin Boy' and 'A Gangster stole my Trunks' and they are definitely worth a read! **There is still time to order a copy! Bring the £7 (per book) into the school office to pick up a signed copy.**



**Internet safety** – Snapchat have launched a new update for their social media app with a 'Meet Up' feature. This feature located within the SnapMap section of the app allows people to view the location and precise directions to you via Google or Apple Maps without your warning or notifications.

**PLEASE BE AWARE and monitor your child's account.**

**Please see attached the National On-line Safety poster – Minecraft**

**Messy Church** – We are delighted that Messy Church is returning. **Please see attached leaflet** and we will send out a reminder in September

**Learning - Anti-bullying** – Recently we have been thinking about pupil voice around keeping safe.

**Quotes –**

- *'If you feel worried or unhappy, don't hesitate to tell someone.'* Martina Y6
- *'If you feel like you need to use your worry card then USE IT!'* Jack Y6
- *'When you are a bit wobbly then you can either tell a teacher or a friend.'* Freya Y6

This is all good advice and shows the procedures in place in school and we continue to work with parents and children if they feel they are being bullied or are feeling unsafe. We have many different ways for the children to communicate how they are feeling.

**The Big Top and Alice in Wonderland** – As we finish the last week of rehearsals, we are very excited for the Year 6 actors and actresses and the Year 4 and Year 5 singers. If you have not bought any tickets yet then please do as this is a great evening out with live entertainment and a chance to celebrate the children's achievements with acting, singing, dancing and performing. All very important skills for children and ones we encourage!

**Ireland class - Forest schools** – A huge thank you to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gent for all their hard work with Forest Schools. The children get so much from these sessions and they have learnt new skills such as building shelter, lighting fires, camping on fires, Viking knitting, colour dyes to name a few and knowledge about the seasons, trees, Minibeasts and the world around them.

Thank you so much for all your support.



**Vine leaves**

**Ruben S (Chi)** for his humility – you give above and beyond and we do see this!

**Albert (Chi)** for his humility – you give above and beyond and we do see this!

**Scarlett H (USA)** for friendship as you give so much to your friends and sort out situations.

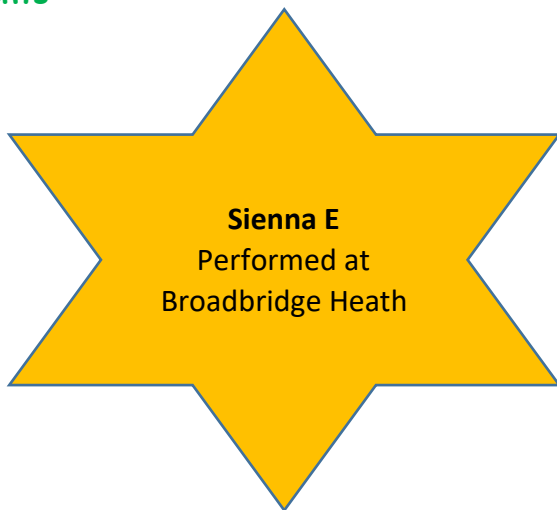
**Things coming up:**

Friday 8th July -	Open classrooms – come and share your child’s learning journal or books with them for KS2 3.15 – 4.30pm.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Letters come home for next classes
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	‘Alice in Wonderland’ performance 1pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Performance 6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service at St Mary’s church 2pm – two parents for each Y6 child
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Ireland class Assembly 9am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Performance 6pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Summer Ball for 6pm – 8pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Afternoon – children to meet their new teacher
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service – Two parents for each Y6 pupil are invited – main hall - 9.30am
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day

**New academic year 2022 - 2023**

Thur 1st/Fri 2nd Sept	INSET Days
Mon 5th Sept	Return to school for all
Fri 16th Sept	Non uniform day – donations for the Harvest Fayre
Sat 24th Sept	Harvest Fayre
Tue 27th Sept	Individual photos for all
Wed 28th Sept	Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm in classrooms
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Y6
Thur 13th October	PTA AGM at 3.30pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM week

**Achievements**



**Summer Reading Challenge 2022**



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Special Educational Needs – As we are not a medical profession, we cannot diagnose medical condition but we can signpost parents on how to get help if you have a concern. Have a look at these below. If you are concerned and need some help then please email [mwilkins@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:mwilkins@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk) and she will make an appointment to listen and signpost.



**Understanding  
Autism**

**Tuesday 28th June  
10.30am via Zoom**

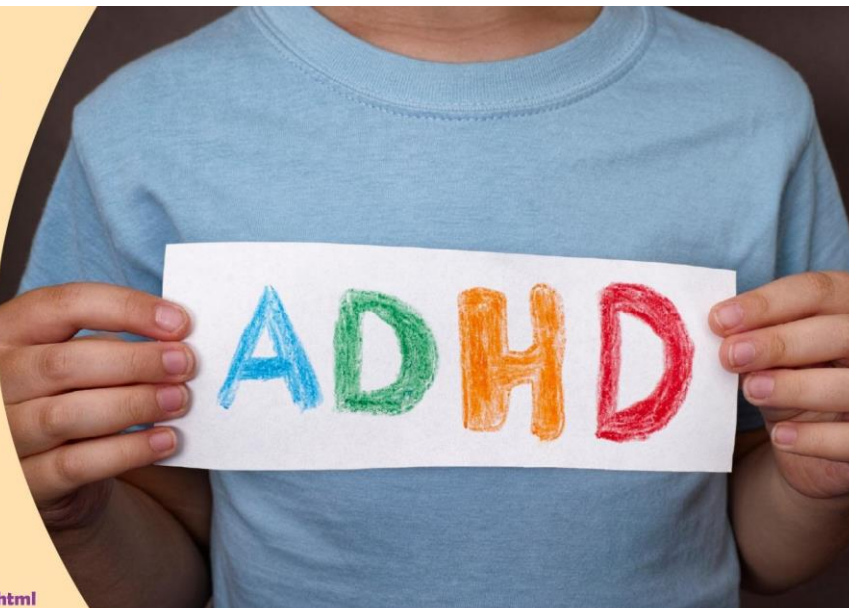
**An introductory workshop  
for parents and carers**

For further information please visit:



**Reaching  
Families**

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**Understanding  
ADHD**

**Thursday 7th July  
7.30pm via Zoom**

**An introductory  
workshop for  
parents and carers**

For further information please visit:



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## CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS - DESIGN FROM TEXTILES

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 – 12.30 or 2 – 4



We are pleased to be able, once again, to offer a children's art workshop in Arundel Museum. This workshop will be looking at African textiles and using them as inspiration to draw and paint their own designs. The class is suitable for 7-12 year olds and all materials are supplied.

Cost £10 to include all materials and refreshment break

Book on our website [arundelmuseum.org](http://arundelmuseum.org) or contact Arundel Museum on 01903 885866 [office@arundelmuseum.org](mailto:office@arundelmuseum.org)

Arundel Museum open seven days a week 10am-4pm.

Opposite the entrance to Arundel Castle.

## WORKSHOPS - GLORIOUS GAUDI

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 – 12.30 or 2 – 4



We are pleased to be able, once again, to offer a children's art workshop in Arundel Museum. This second workshop of the summer holidays will introduce the children to Antoni Gaudi the Barcelona artist and architect. His work is a highly individualised style which will inspire the children to create their own creative interpretation of his work.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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# Sports Talent Academy Football Festival



## DATES

### *Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School*

4th & 5th of August  
18th & 19th of August

### *St Mary's Cole Aided Primary School*

11th & 12th of August  
25th & 26th of August

## Price

Single day - £25  
Two days - £40

## Times

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