



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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Dear all,

We are now entering our sixth week in lockdown, we hope that you are all staying safe and following the Government guidance.

British Red Cross – The British Red Cross have a strong message about ‘Kindness’ at this time. During the next few months they will be regularly sharing activities linked to their [kindness calendar](#). The kindness calendar helps 5 to 18-year-olds practice kindness every day during the coronavirus emergency. [Download the calendar now](#).

The Queen’s 94th birthday – It was the Queen’s 94th birthday on Tuesday. If you made a card, cake, crown, birthday decorations or anything else to celebrate do let us see and send us your pictures to head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

NHS Ambulance competition – A competition is running with South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust to design a rainbow for the side of their ambulances. It has to include a brightly coloured rainbow, the NHS logo and a supportive message (the bolder, the better). Take a photo and email it to NHSrainbow@secamb.nhs.uk by 5pm on Friday 24th April – this doesn’t give you long so if you want to enter then do send it in with your full name, age and address.

Government guidance - [Supporting your children’s education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.

Network Rail – Network Rail have sent information about staying safe during this time of lockdown. No one should be going near the railway tracks; this is a very dangerous place to be. **Please look at the information at the end of this newsletter.**

Toilet Roll Challenge – The Year 6 children have risen to the toilet roll challenge and produced their own. It was so lovely to see their faces and see their finished film. We are very blessed to have such an enthusiastic and resilient group of Year 6 pupils who rise to these sorts of challenges. Remember Year 6 – our journey is not over yet! Do watch their contribution at https://youtu.be/gAKAGNe_k7Y



E safety and safeguarding your child – It is very important for children to be safe on line at this time. These might be useful links for parents and children at this time.

- Online resources for parents to keep your children safe - [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Virtual Sports Games – You would have received a letter from Mr Coomber this week about the very first Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games beginning on Monday 27th April at 9:15am. Every week, throughout the summer term, a different sport will take place, made up of four personal sporting challenges which can be completed from home; in the living room, kitchen or garden. You can submit the scores for each challenge online, and this will contribute towards St Mary's average score. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the best scoring schools in each sport. There will also be an Active Adults category with trophies up for grabs, so parents, staff and carers can get involved and represent St Mary's as well. A new sport, and it's four challenges, will be published at 9:30am on a Monday morning, on www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk and on social media. This will also be sent out to you via email and you will have until midday on Friday to submit your scores on the website above, and leaderboards will be published later that day. There will also be an additional training challenge alongside the sporting competition, with the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher as a prize. To be in with a chance of winning this, you will need to upload your training videos and pictures to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok and include the hashtag SussexSchGames.

Free School Meals for those that are eligible - There is some confusion over the supermarket vouchers that the government have put in place. These are for those children who have applied, and are entitled to, the Pupil Premium Grant, which includes a free school meal and assistance with trips and uniform. This is different to the Universal Infant Free School Meal that every child in Years R to 2 is entitled to it, there is no provision in place for these children while the school is closed to them.

If you feel your household circumstances have changed and wish to consider applying for the 'Pupil Premium Grant' please use this link where you will find all the information and how to apply.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Foodbank – At this difficult time, we are aware that parents may not be able to afford food and this worries us enormously. If you are concerned/worried about food in your household then email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and we will be able to put you in contact with the food bank providers – we can't supply food ourselves but we can connect you with the people that can help.

Learning – Teachers will be continuing to phone parents over the next couple of weeks and check in with you. If you are having any problems, please ask. We don't expect you to do everything we set but it is good for the children to have routine and some stimulus and some school activities can help to provide this. If you want to talk to someone then one of the Senior Leadership Team is at school every day and available to chat with.

At this difficult time, please follow Government advice and stay safe. We are thinking of you all and we are looking forward to being back together in the future. If there is anything that you would like me to discuss in the newsletters over the next few weeks or a photo of something your child/children have been doing then please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and I can add things in or address issues.

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Best Virtual Museum Tours for Kids:

The Louvre

Via their website:
www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne/

The British Museum

Via their website:
<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Via their website:
www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/

Van Gogh Museum

Via their website:
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum>

Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

Via their website:
www.roalddahl.com/museum/visit/virtual-museum-tour

NASA Glenn Research Center

Via their website:
www.nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours



DID YOU KNOW?



Our train tracks and overhead line are **NEVER SWITCHED OFF**.



The stopping distance of a train with the emergency brakes on is the length of **20 Premier League football pitches** 2000 metres.



Throwing items at trains or placing objects on track the maximum sentence given can be **life in prison**.



No one is authorised to cross a level crossing on a red light **not even the emergency services**.



A average train weighs over **400 tons** which is equal to **80 large elephants**.



If you trespass on the railway and get caught the maximum fine is **£1000**.



In England and Wales you are criminally responsible and could be **imprisoned from the age of 10**.



Yellow line on a platform is to **warn you** that trains can pass at high speed and create air turbulence - **never cross the yellow line** until your train has come into the station and stopped.