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





### "A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum"

### Compassion, wisdom, justice and peace

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#### 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Attendance** – We are keen to raise our attendance figure further and from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we are running a 25day attendance challenge to see how many children can earn themselves a certificate for coming to school for 25 days in a row. We are looking forward to seeing how many children are up for the challenge.

**Parking** – The police and our community wardens were monitoring parking this week and had to move a number of parents who had parked dangerously. **Please. Please. DO NOT** Park on the roundabout as it blocks access. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

**Coronavirus and school action** – Over the last week, we have sent out the information that we received from Public Health England and WSCC. We are being proactive in encouraging good hygiene throughout the school day, we have posters in all classrooms and toilets to show how to wash your hands effectively and the children have watched videos and learnt songs to ensure the children are washing their hands for the correct amount of time.

We have the adult Coronorvirus information posters around the school, anti-bacterial hand gel on entry into school and we will be continuing to inform you via email with any relevant updates.

If your child shows signs of flu like symptoms and you are concerned please contact NHS 111 and gain advice. All children must be in school unless a medical professional has advised them otherwise. If you keep your child off school, they will be marked as unauthorised.

Writing - We are celebrating the writing in Year 6, please come and see some examples in the front entrance.



**Reports – Parents evenings have now gone live. If you would like an appointment, please log on and book!** As a school, we are required to report to parents once a year in written format. Reports will be coming home to the majority of parents on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** and then **Parents Evenings will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The **window for parents evening will open on the 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8am** through e-schools via the school website. **Usborne Books** will be attending both parent's evenings.

**World Book Day** – It is great to welcome Giles Paley Phillips, author to so many books, and to hear him read to the children and inspire them with his ideas around Superheroes. We saw an array of costumes and this was the best year ever for the effort so thank you to the children and the parents for making it so exciting and celebrating reading and the value of books. **See last page for photos.** 



Henry Adams - This is being judged on Monday - please ensure you have sent in your entries.

**Spring Flower and Plant Sale 2020** – 4<sup>th</sup> April in Pulborough Village Hall. Please see last week's newsletter for details. Entry forms can be collected from the school office.

Steyning Book Shop will be visiting the school on Friday 13th March from 2pm for the children. The parents are invited to look at the books in the school hall from 3pm. As a school, we do get commission from the sale of these books, which in turn allows us to purchase new books for our library. The children received their £1.00 book voucher yesterday, which can be used towards a book of their choice. Books start from £1.00 and the children.

Fairtrade - Photos of the work completed across the school on Fairtrade Fortnight.









School Council – The helicopters were judged this week and the winner was Rex E (France class). We were so impressed with the standard of the entries and a huge thank you to everyone that entered. The Air Ambulance does such a fantastic job and has helped many of our families over the years.





Peace Posters – We are entering the Lions 'Peace Poster' competition and we are looking for entries.

**Pulborough Village Market Poster Competition** - The Pulborough Village Market is celebrating running for 20 years in May, we would like children to design a poster to celebrate this event. All designs need to be in **landscape** and emailed to <u>terriashpool@uwclub.net</u> or handed in to the school office by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at the very latest.

The Judging for the winning design will take place at the Market on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. For full details, please see separate email.

There will be a prize for the winning entry and their design will be our May poster and distributed through Pulborough and local areas.

### Please ensure all completed entries state which competition it is for and the child's name is clearly marked on the poster.

**Sports Relief Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – We have run this before and the children liked this event. Children can come into school in the favourite sportswear, i.e. Football kits, Rugby kits etc. PE kit if preferred, please may we ask no swimwear or leotards without shorts, for a donation of £1.00 toward the Sports Relief Charity.



**Football Lancing – Football Lancing –** Under 9's football tournament organised by Brighton & Hove FC, this took place at Lancing training ground on Tuesday. They played against a multitude of teams from around Sussex, unfortunately, we didn't qualify but the whole team played really well.

**Forest Schools** – We are looking for someone who may have some expertise to help with a few jobs. We are looking for someone with some carpentry skills to look at our log store and someone who could help relocate compost bins. Please contact the school office if you feel you could help.

**Food testing India class** – As part of their DT topic India Class have been designing, making and evaluating their own dips using a variety of different ingredient. They liked trying a variety of different foods so do chat with the children about their learning.





**Little Explorers** – This week we have carried on with our healthy eating theme, the children have prepared snack, chopping fruit and vegetables, making sandwiches and squeezed oranges to make their own juice. They have planted cress seeds in pots they have decorated and are looking forward to watching them grow.



At forest school this week the children made bird feeders. They played in the mud kitchen, went digging for worms in the digging area and enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate.

On Thursday, we celebrated world book day the children came in wearing their favourite book character costumes or pyjamas and we shared lots of stories and songs.

Super Hero Fun Run is a fun charity event in aid of Home-Start CHAMS on 11th April in Tilgate Park in Crawley.

Every year Home-Start CHAMS support hundreds of local vulnerable children and their families across Crawley, Horsham and mid-Sussex and this event is in place to help us raise vital funds to carry on our work. Last year we supported 335 children across 142 families for reasons such as isolation, disability, abuse, neglect, additional needs and many more.





























### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PULBOROUGH YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

# Doors open from 7pm - First race 7:30pm CASH PRIZES

# **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**

### All the family welcome plus raffle!

TICKET £4 ADULT £2 CHILD Burgers & Hot Dogs available Licensed Bar with soft drinks

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# Spring Flourish in Fittleworth

Local makers, food and crafts

Local wellbeing specialists

Are you local maker or have a wellbeing business? Please contact **flourishinfittleworth@gmail.com** to check availability

### PULBOROUGH GARDEN SOCIETY SPRING SHOW ENTRY FORM 4th April, 2020

### All entry forms are to be submitted by 6pm 1<sup>st</sup> April, to Michael Pioli, 6 Southside, PULBOROUGH, West Sussex RH20 2DH

#### CLASS NUMBERS ENTRIES ARE FREE Please tick through the Classes you are entering

NAME .....

### IF CHILD: AGE ...... YRS ...... MTHS

ADDRESS

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### PLEASE STAGE ALL ENTRIES ON SATURDAY 4th April between 8am & 10am.

Entries for children can be staged by another person and collected after the Show at 4.00pm.

NO late or unregistered entries on day of show can be accepted