



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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The Big Top is up and this is exciting as it indicates that the end of the summer term is approaching. Thank you so much for the parents and local volunteers who helped. It wouldn't be happening without them! The next few weeks are very busy so do check the diary and make sure you have got the events listed in your diary. Sports Day for KS2 has been rebooked for Thursday 13th July with Y3/4 at 9.30am and Y5/6 at 1.15pm.



We finish school on Thursday 20th July and the children will be welcomed back on Tuesday 5th September.

Leaver's Service at Lancing – It was lovely to celebrate the children's time at primary school with this special service. The Year 6 went to Lancing College with lots of other church schools and were able to think about their journey at primary school and think about the adventures that they have ahead of them. The Diocese have bought each child a bible and they will bring them home with a gift from St Mary's Church as well.



Book Look – Thank you so much to all the parents who came and shared the books with their child. It was lovely for parents to come in to classrooms and see where your child learns and what they experience. The books will be coming home shortly. Please could you send in a large, heavy-duty bag, labelled with your child's name, on Monday 17th July in which the books can come home.



Parents' Evenings – Thank you to all the parents who came to the Parents' Evenings. Those conversations are so important so that you can see how your child presents at school and how engaged they are with their learning. We will be offering a Parents' Evening in November, so that you can see how your child has settled in to the next year group.



Word millionaires! Daniel P (SL) has done it! 3,212,840 words - amazing! Bea G (Ire) has now achieved a stunning score of 2,223,514. *Well done to both of them!*

New Classes – New class letters will come out electronically on Thursday 6th July. When the staff look at classes, we look for a balance of boys and girls, a range of abilities and equal numbers in classes. The class teachers have looked closely at who learns well together and where we feel your child will learn best. If you have a concern, we can have a discussion, but there really is no room for manoeuvre this year due to the numbers in each class. We have attached a list of Christian names of children as well. We ask that you do not use the class Whatsapp groups to discuss – this is not what they are there for. If you wish to discuss this issue, then please email office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and either Mrs Hatcher or I will make contact with you within two working days.

New class day – The children will visit their new classes on Wednesday 12th July and they will spend the afternoon with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

Petworth Art Exhibition – Art work from some of the children will be displayed in Petworth from 12th July. Please see the flyer. We have so many talented artists and it is great that we put time in the curriculum to develop children with artistic talents. **Please see the attached flyer.**

Reflection – [Generosity & saying thank you! - YouTube](#)

Library Challenge – We welcomed the Library Service into school this week. The library challenges starts on **Saturday 8th July**. The children have three months (closes on 9th September) to read 6 books of their choice. There are lots of prizes to earn as they complete the books. The school are offering 50 dojos for completing it and we would love to see the children's medal and certificate when we start back in September.
<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/summer-reading-challenge-ready-set-read>

Reading over the summer – The children can still access MyOn over the summer as well. Please contact the class teacher if you need a log in for this.



Active board – We are delighted to add even more things to our playground to get the children active. These boards have been added to the back playground. Thank you to Mrs Lees for organising this and getting them installed for the children.

Potential strike days – **New Zealand, Ireland, Thailand and Japan class will be closed on Friday 7th July.**

We apologise for any inconvenience but this is an important issue to our teachers. The rest of the school is open at this time.

Conservation and compassion – **Holly (Jap)** – Holly has been commended this week by the Bat Conservation Trust for helping save a rare bat. They told Holly that she had done exactly the right thing by looking after it and bringing it to the centre. The bat (who Holly named Pip) was only a pup, no more than a couple of weeks old. We had assumed it was a Pipistrelle, (hence the name Holly chose), but the volunteer told us it was a Serotine which are much more rare and grow much larger. A true show of compassion! Well done Holly!

Vine leaves – **Keeyan (Ind)** for generosity please. He gave his pencil to another child that did not have a pencil despite this meaning he did not have one! **Ella C and Phoebe (NZ)** Friendship - For working collaboratively during lessons and developing a very positive and supportive friendship. **Service** – **Jayden (NZ) and Olivia (NZ)** for collecting rubbish from outside of our classroom. **Victoria and Lucy (NZ)** Wisdom - For being mature when they come across obstacles in their day. **Violet and Alfie (Ita)** for showing true friendship to a child.



Celebration Assemblies – We love showcasing our learning to parents and the dates below are when this will happen:

Thailand	13 th July 23
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am	20 th July 23

Swimming contributions – The swimming pool is such an asset to our school, we are so lucky to have it, but we do need your donations to keep it running. Thank you to those of you that have paid the £15 swimming donation. Please can we ask if you have not yet done this and are able to please log onto your MCAS account and pay ASAP. Any problems please contact the school office. It may not reopen in September unless we receive some more donations.



Forest school USA – Making rhubarb jam on an open fire...



Anxiety – We all suffer with anxiety but it can sometimes be disproportionate to what we are experiencing. Have a look at these top tips to help.

8 WAYS A CHILD'S ANXIETY SHOWS UP AS SOMETHING ELSE

1. Anger

The perception of danger, stress or opposition is enough to trigger the fight or flight response leaving your child angry and without a way to communicate why.



4. Chandeliering

Chandeliering is when a seemingly calm person suddenly flies off the handle for no reason. They have pushed hurt and anxiety so deep for so long that a seemingly innocent comment or event suddenly sends them straight through the chandelier.



2. Difficulty Sleeping

In children, having difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep is one of the hallmark characteristics of anxiety.



5. Lack of Focus

Children with anxiety are often so caught up in their own thoughts that they do not pay attention to what is going on around them.

FOCUS

3. Defiance

Unable to communicate what is really going on, it is easy to interpret the child's defiance as a lack of discipline instead of an attempt to control a situation where they feel anxious and helpless.



6. Avoidance

Children who are trying to avoid a particular person, place or task often end up experiencing more of whatever it is they are avoiding.



7. Negativity

People with anxiety tend to experience negative thoughts at a much greater intensity than positive ones.

8. Overplanning

Overplanning and defiance go hand in hand in their root cause. Where anxiety can cause some children to try to take back control through defiant behavior, it can cause others to overplan for situations where planning is minimal or unnecessary.



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Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

2022 /2023
July Cut off Dates
Thur 6/7 for w/c 17/7



2023 /2024
August for September
Cut off Dates
Thur 24/8 for w/c 4/9
Thur 31/8 for w/c 11/9

2023 /2024
September Cut off Dates
Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9
Thur 15/9 for w/c 26/9
22/9 for w/c 3/10
29/9 for w/c 10/10

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th July
Tuesday 11th July
Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July
Thursday 13th July
Friday 14th July
Friday 14th July
Saturday 15th July
Thursday 20th July
Thursday 20th July

New Classes letters home – this will come out electronically
Wizard of Oz production – 1.15pm
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Sports Day 9.30am for Y3/4 and 1.15pm for Y5/6
Wizard of Oz production – 6pm
PTA Freezer Pop Friday – selling of ice pops
Prom for Y6 Leavers – 6 – 8pm
Class parties – please bring party clothes PM
End of term – final day (9.30am assembly for parents of Y6 leavers)
(PLEASE NOTE WE CAN ONLY ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF 3 PEOPLE PER FAMILY)



Achievements

Elliot K
Moved up a stage
in Gymnastics



Mattie and Dan P
They ran in the Roundhill
Romp - a 1-mile fun-run in
Steyning for 7-15 year olds.
Over 130 young people took
part and Dan finished 11th and
Mattie 84th.
Well done to them both.



Thank you so much for your support this half term. It means such a lot. If you feel we are doing things well or you feel we could do things better then please do fill in the slip below and pop it in the mail box attached to the fence. 'It takes a village to raise a child (African proverb) and together we can achieve so much for the children in our school.

We think that

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HERE THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY!

TECH SUMMER CAMP

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VIDEOGRAPHY



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LEGO ENGINEERING

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ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

WEEK 1

ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN



Program **robots**, design **games**, model **3D creations**, experience **Virtual Reality**, learn to mix like a **Pro DJ** ... plus **MEGA LASERTAG!** A week of inspiration and creation with **MAXIMUM excitement**. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst developing their **world skills**.



WEEK 2

MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING



Designed for **ULTIMATE fun and education!** Students can dive into **Minecraft Education** and **design game elements**, **build Redstone circuits** and **learn coding fundamentals**. Then take a deeper look into **engineering** using **LEGO bricks** combined with **sensors** and **motors** to create **cool inventions** powered by **code**.



WEEK 3

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS



Is your child obsessed with **Youtube** and **Tik Tok**? Join us for a complete masterclass in **capturing** and **editing like a pro**, whilst instilling **safety** and proper practice. Plus, a **BONUS Arts and Crafts session** each day that will become their content focus.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP



Packed Lunch and
Snacks
(NUT-FREE)



Water
Bottle



Medication
If Required



Weather Appropriate
Clothing



" Both my son and daughter had lots of fun,
made new friends, learnt new skills and will
not stop talking about the Robots! "

Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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You are invited to opening words
by sculptor Jon Edgar at 4.30pm Wednesday 12th

12-16th July 2023 10-4.30
United Reformed Church, Golden Square

ART EXHIBITION



*Celebrating vibrant and diverse visual art
by young people from the Festival area*



5th YEAR of this 'Pop Up'
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MONDAY 31st JULY 10.30-12.30 AND 2.00-4.00

Kenojuak Ashevak ~ Inspired by Nature

Kenojuak Ashevak was one of Canada's most famous graphic artists. She belongs to a group of indigenous people known as the Inuits. She spent her life in an arctic village in northern Canada and was even born in an igloo.

Her work was inspired by her surroundings, especially animals in nature. We look forward to exploring Kenojuak Ashevak's artwork with the children. It will be exciting!

Cost £10 to include all materials and refreshment break

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