



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 rain has been torrential this week, but we are using it as a learning opportunity and collecting our rainfall to measure it! There is always a learning opportunity in our school. Our OFSTED report is on the OFSTED website now so please do encourage any friends and family to read it. It has some comments in the report that reflect life at St Mary's and how important the school is to the children and the impact that we have. Thank you so much to parents who have written lovely comments about our school on Facebook community posts as well – we love it that parents are so supportive of our school and know that we always try our best for the children. We are hugely proud of our school and want everyone to see what we offer. If anyone is a 'Friend of St Mary's' on Facebook, then please share the information as well – thank you.

**Fireworks** – A fantastic community event and it was lovely to see the children playing together and families spending time together. Thank you to Aurora, PTA and stall holders for a great firework night. It was a great family event and lovely to see so many families joining the school for the event.



**Remembrance** – Thank you for the contributions to poppies on the playground. We made £186.30 for the Royal British Legion. A huge thank you to Raylene Barnes for supporting us with the poppies and other bits.

**Kindness Shield** – In the month of November, the Kindness Shield goes to **Amelie-Joy (NZ)**; the Kindness Book reads: 'You make my heart sing! You are a kind, compassionate and generous member of NZ class. You are always looking out for others, especially if they are sad or lonely. Keep being you as we are so proud of your humility, kindness and compassion.' Well done, **Amelie-Joy!**



**Let's Celebrate!** – Please see the poster for this short, informal, all-age service at St Mary's Church at 9am this Sunday.



**Anti-Bullying Week** – This week is Anti-Bullying Week; it is so important that we teach children about bullying, with concepts such as what this looks like, how do we deal with it and who children should speak to about it. Bullying is unkind behaviours (speaking or physical behaviours) that happen again and again from the same person.



**Children In Need** – It is 'Children in Need' day on **Friday 18th November**. The children are welcome to dress up in PJs, go spotty, or get everyone wearing yellow. A £1 contribution will go to Children In Need

**Remembrance Day services** – Thank you to **Levi, Martha and Jessica** who attended the service at the church and represented our school. We also held a service in school on Friday 11 November at 11am attended by the whole school. Prayers were led by Yr 6 and the Last Post and Reveille were played by Becka Bannister, an ex-pupil.



**Grounds Working Party** – We look forward to welcoming parents/grandparents on to the school site on Thursday 1st December from 1pm – 3.30pm to help with gardening jobs. We desperately need to clear leaves from our outside areas. If you can give a few hours to help clear some areas, then please let the Office know.



**Vine leaves** – **Caleb (Jap)** is awarded a vine leaf for service in recognition of his technical expertise assisting with the filming of the Roar project. **Anna (SA)** and **Taya (SA)** for their fantastic attitude to their Maths learning and willingness to challenge themselves. **Bowie (Ind)** for perseverance as she is always working hard. **Gemma B (USA)** for showing love and friendship. **Miller (Ind)** for Compassion as she keeps checking in on the teachers to see if they are ok and how she can help when they have a sore throat! **Jens (Mex)** has been awarded a vine leaf for humility as nothing is ever too much trouble for Jens and he has a watching eye always!



**Disco** – The return of the school disco! We are going to trial a Christmas school disco on **Tuesday 6th December**. **EYFS and KS1 will join us from 5 – 6pm and KS2 will be 6.15pm – 7.30pm**. There will be a door entry charge of **£1.50** and there will be some sweets and other bits to buy. Parents will not be allowed to stay and the event will be manned by PTA representatives who have been DBS checked. If you wish to help, you will need a DBS check and you will need to email [pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)



**Christmas cards** – We will be allowing Christmas cards in to school this year. We will have a post box in the front entrance hall. Children will need to put the cards in the post-box and won't be able to give them out individually. Cards will then be delivered to the classrooms and given out at the end of the day. No cards until after the 1st December please.

**PTA** – A reminder as you start doing your Christmas shopping that the school can benefit from these:-

**Giving machine for PTA** – As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering things online. Please could I ask you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and we get a percentage back, which will be spent on your children.



Just go to [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk)

1. Join as a shopper 2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School 3. Find online store, do your shopping. You can also install a "Shop & Give" reminder, so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

**Amazon Smile:** - [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)

To use this, just add Amazon Smile to your Amazon account. The school's charity number is 1147547 or you can type in 'Friends of St Mary's CofE (Aided) School'.



**Hot School Meals** - Order the meal your child would like.

Chartwells are bringing in a new system that allows you to choose which meal your child would like to eat each day.



This is for all children throughout the school, from Reception through to Year 6, those entitled to free school meals and those who pay for a meal.

You will be receiving a letter from ParentPay with all your log-in details and details of how the system will work. The system opens on the 11th November for you to start ordering and the first meals ordered on this new system will be served on the 5th December. **Please be aware that meals for the 5th December will need to be ordered by midnight on the 24th November.**

The School Office will have very limited access to the system, so it is very important that if you wish your child to have a hot school meal in school, no matter which class they are in, you have to access this system and order their meal.

**Big Top Fundraising: Bingo Night** – Year 6 are commencing this year's Big Top fundraising activities with a Bingo Night on **Friday 25th November**. This will be held in the School Hall between **6:00pm and 8:00pm**. Details on how to obtain tickets for this event will be available shortly. Please save the date in your diaries - we hope that many of you will be able to join us with families and friends for a fun evening! Thank you to those who have already bought tickets; we would be very appreciative of any donations of prizes for this event - edible gifts, drinks, toiletries, children's gifts, etc. Please could these be dropped in to the School Office or handed to Miss Turner or Miss Callender by **Friday 18th November**.



**SEND** – Congratulations to Mrs Adams and Mrs Bryan who completed the CAAPSTA course (Certificate in Autism Awareness with Practical Strategies for Teaching Assistants). We have started collecting our evidence towards the Autism Aware Award just like the Dyslexia Award last year.

**Reflection** - These videos are so thought provoking and great to watch with your child. [Perseverance! - YouTube](#)

## Hockey report – Written by Amara A and Will K –

“In the Hockey Festival we had 7 activity stations which helped improve our hockey skills. After our activity stations were completed, we played four matches. We won 3 and drew 1. In one of the games, it was a celebrity match where if you scored a goal you would write your signature and the school who had the most signatures by the end of the time limit won. In a match if the music was on, then you scored your team double points. We really liked the opportunity and we would like to go again. “



**Cricket** – If you have an interest in sport, then you may like to know that England men’s team have made it to the T20 World Cup Final, which is to be played in Melbourne. The ECB & Sky have come to an agreement with Channel 4, to broadcast the match – which means it’s free to watch! It’s due to start at 8am (our time) on Sunday - <https://www.skysports.com/cricket/news/11061/12743819/t20-world-cup-channel-4-and-sky-strike-deal-to-make-mens-final-between-england-and-pakistan-free-to-air>



## Achievements



### **Bea G (Ire)**

Achieved a Level 1  
swimming certificate.  
Keep up the good  
work!

### **Lucy (NZ)**

Gained her Level 4  
swimming award.  
Keep up the good  
work!

### **Oscar D and Seb H(both USA)**

Men of the match  
for the Under 9’s –  
great work, chaps!

### **Rex W (USA)**

Rex passed his Level 5 in  
swimming and also in Tai  
Kwondo he is now a red  
belt.

### **Hector S (USA)**

Passed his level 3  
Swimming award.  
Well done, Hector!

### **Zac H (USA)**

Gained his green belt  
in Karate.  
Keep it up, Zac!



# Christmas family bingo

**FRIDAY 25TH  
NOVEMBER**

**6pm - 8pm**

Bring your  
own drinks  
for £2  
corkage per  
person



**YR 6  
FUNDRAISER**

**£6 per  
book**  
10p booking fee

**To book e-mail**

**[pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)**



# Let's Celebrate! at



St Mary's Church, Pulborough

*Join us for a  
New, Modern, Interactive  
Open Service for All Ages  
9 – 9.40am*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Contact Vicky Smith on [stmaryschilchildrenschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschilchildrenschurch@gmail.com)  
for more details



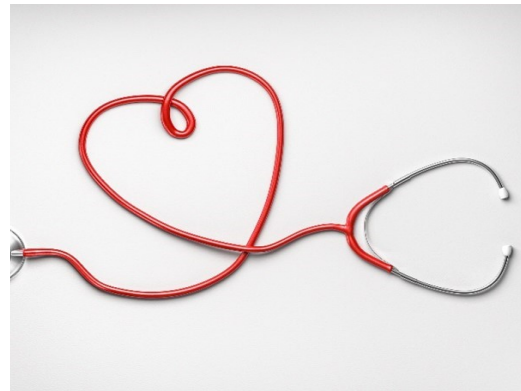
**Free First Aid Courses run by Training Legs First Aid**  
**in conjunction with the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre & the Pulborough Wardens**



### **Save A Baby's Life**

Ideal for parents and grandparents.  
This 2 hour session runs through how  
to react in an emergency focussing  
on babies & toddlers under  
5 years of age.

**Thursday 24th  
November  
10.00am – 12.00am  
Pulborough Village Hall - Meadow Hall**



### **DeFib Awareness**

Did you know that 37,000 women  
suffer a heart attack each year?  
This 1 hour session teaches you  
how to perform CPR and to use a  
Defibrillator correctly, focussing on  
female patients.

**Thursday 24th  
November  
12.30pm – 1.30pm  
Pulborough Village Hall - Meadows Hall**

**First Aid Courses are free to attend but booking is essential,  
call [07584-337476](tel:07584-337476) or email [pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)**





**Chartwells Catering**  
**have vacancies at the following**  
**Vale, Storrington, Upper Beeding &**  
**West Chiltington**

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Positions are available for 10 to 16.25 hours a week term time only over 5 days.

Appropriate training will be given, smart uniform will be provided and staff discounts are available

For more information please contact  
[Donna.Hosford@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Donna.Hosford@compass-group.co.uk)







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