



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

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WB 4th December 2023

As we gear up for our last week, we are so thankful for everything that has happened over the last few weeks and we are grateful for the things that are happening in the last week. The pantomime for the children, our christmas eucharist and our thankfulness for the birth of Jesus. Our nativity plays, the children singing at some of the local nursing homes and a visit from Father Christmas at the end of the week and concluding with a party with our friends. We look forward to seeing parents at the nativity performances.

Christmas Jumpers – We would love to see the children’s Christmas Jumpers on Friday 15th December. Please wear these over school uniform. No contributions are necessary.

Reading – Congratulations to **Daniel P (Jap)**, who has read 4, 176,874 words so far this term. This is a staggering number of words in a short amount of time, the equivalent of reading Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix 16 times! **Martha B (Jap)** is on 1,300,031 and **Bea G (SL)** has read to 1,061,844. Well done to all of them, keep it up!



Reflection - [Courage - YouTube](#)

Celebration assemblies - Spring term – These will take place at 9am.

- Thurs 18th Jan – Italy
- Thurs 25th Jan – Thailand
- Thur 1st Feb – SA
- Thur 8th Feb – Mexico (large hall) USA (small hall)
- Thur 22nd Feb – Jap
- Thur 29th Feb – UK (small hall) SL (Large hall)
- Thur 7th Mar – NZ
- Thur 14th Mar – Ireland
- Thur 21st Mar – India



Singing! We took some of Year 5 and Year 4 to The Anchorage to spread some Christmas cheer. The children sang The Gift, Christmas Calypso, Rock around the shops and Away in a Manger. Thank you to Mr Hancock for accompanying them. We were praised for how well behaved and enthusiastic the children were! They were a credit to the school.

INSET DAY – The teachers have an INSET Day on 2nd January and the children return to school on 3rd January 2024. We look forward to seeing them return.

Cake Sale – A huge array of cakes arrived today for the termly cake sale. This term the funds are going to Education West Africa that we support. Miss Turner is heading out to see our partner schools in Bo in Kenema during the February half term and she will see how our fund raising has helped.



PTA – A huge thank you to the PTA for being part of the villages festivities last Friday. The PTA raised £1043.93. We are so grateful to those parents who gave up their time and made this happen.

Girls' football tournament - On Friday afternoon, the year 6 girls' football team completed their final round



of matches in the Horsham Primary Schools Girls' Football League at Tanbridge House. On a bitterly cold evening and with fewer fixtures in this round, the girls were well beaten in their first match against Leechpool A losing 3-0. With plenty of layers on to stay warm during the 25 minute break, the girls then fought a closely contested 1-1 draw with Southwater B with Scarlett H on target for her seventh goal in the

league. Some heroic defending in the final game against eventual runners-up Southwater A, could not prevent the girls falling to another 3-0 defeat. After 12 games in the league over three Fridays, the girls ended in 7th position with 4 wins, 3 draws and 5 defeats. A fantastic team effort from the girls who have shown such determination and resilience. They have been great representatives for St Mary's. Well done to the whole squad - Poppy G (c), Scarlett H, Rowan S, Lexi A, Taya E, Olivia A, Anais B, Martha B, Olivia L, Georgie R, Anna E.



Vine leaves – **Anthony M (SL)** for service as he defrosted all his neighbours' cars! **Evie-Rae D (Jap)** for friendship as she gives so much to her friends. **Eadie C-C (Ire)** for creativity as she continues to learn, but shows it in such creative ways. **Brooke W (Mex)** for her perseverance as she



never gives up with anything and shows such determination. **Toby H (Mex)** for his creativity in making a beautiful Christmas tree out of a book. **Kevin M (SA)** for perseverance in his reading. **Ralph D (Tha)** - kindness. For helping out a friend, without being asked, when on the carpet in our learning groups. **Ada B (Ind)** for courage and perseverance as she is brilliant at playing her part in the play. **Edward S (Ind)** for courage and perseverance as he super in the play! **Emilia (UK)** for her humility as she puts others before herself and encourages others around her. **Charlie (SA)** for thoughtfulness as he really does think about others and how he can help. **Hartley (Ita)** is awarded for courage as he kept going even though he felt wobbly

about his class assembly. **Lincoln B (SL), Archie P (SL), Ethan (USA), Georgie R (Jap)** and **Arlo (USA)** for generosity as they helped out a friend who didn't have money for the cake sale. How very kind!

Learning in School - Thailand class have been learning about the Creation Story in RE – they have made a beautiful hanging representing the first 7 days. Year 5 have been working hard in Maths and India have been working on phonics to re-inforce their knowledge of capital letters. We keep learning all the way to the end of term.



School Uniform – We are aware that some school shoes have given up on the run up to Christmas. We ask that you do get new school shoes in the sales ready for the start of term – thank you for your cooperation with this.

Christian Values for Spring Term – We will be thinking about Humility, Service and Forgiveness.

Dates for your diary – SPRING TERM



- **Tues 2nd Jan** – INSET DAY
- **Wed 3rd Jan** – Start of the Spring Term for the children
- **Thur 4th Jan** – Hawking About for Year 3
- **Mon 22nd Jan** – Thought-Full – Sleep workshop for all parents – please complete the Google Form
- **Tue 6th Feb** – KS2 SATs meeting for parents 3.30pm
- **Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb** – HALF TERM

Library news – Thank you to the following people from Haywards Heath who have generously donated copies of the Harry Potter series to the school library: Lindsey Gilbourne, Tori Phipps, Hayley Buchanan, Ray Turner and Emma Jarman. It is so lovely to have the whole series available for the children.



Achievements

Elani dP (Jap) - got a 3rd place for her reel at the Southern England Regional Feis, her first Irish dancing competition. Well done!

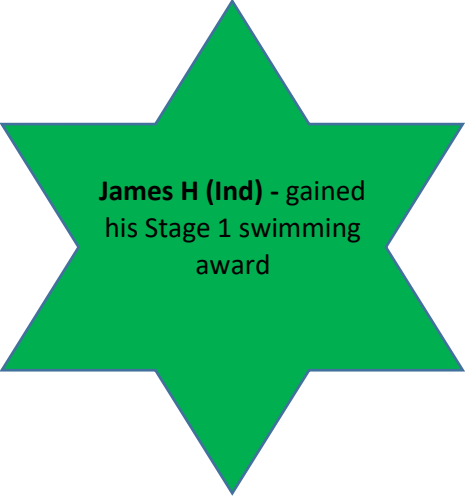


Aaron G (SA) – recently scored 3 tries in a Harlequins tournament and 1 try in an U11's festival. Congratulations!

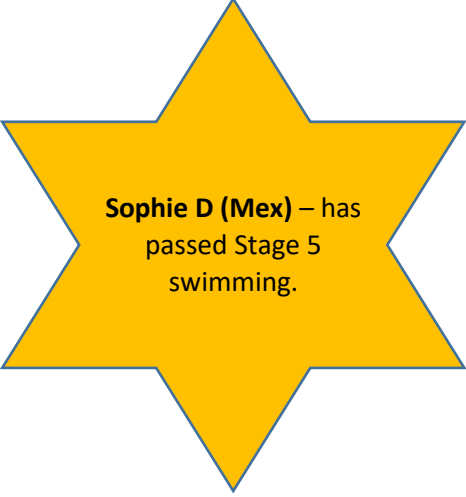
Isobel H (SL) – has passed Stage 5 swimming



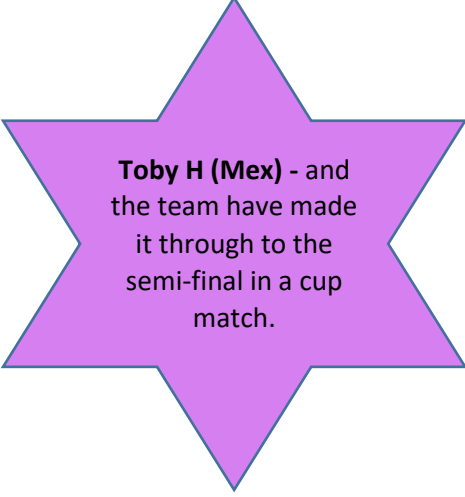
Victoria C (USA) - has gained her stage 6 swimming and is now working on stage 7.




James H (Ind) - gained his Stage 1 swimming award



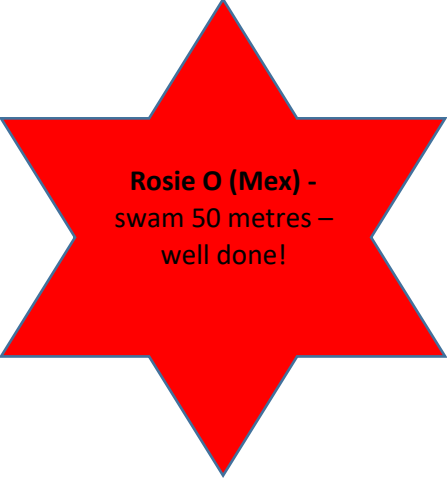
Sophie D (Mex) – has passed Stage 5 swimming.



Toby H (Mex) - and the team have made it through to the semi-final in a cup match.



Rex W (SA) - has gained his stage 8 in swimming.



Rosie O (Mex) - swam 50 metres – well done!

Thank you for all your support.

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!



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CENSUS DAY!

18TH JANUARY 2024

MENU

**Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice**

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Peas or Salad

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Chocolate Brownie

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school funding, so lets come together to support your school.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL ON PARENTPAY, BY 4/01/24.

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