



# NEWSLETTER

**“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”**

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As we approach the end of this term we are still enjoying our time in class and we are impressed with how much the children are learning and their engagement with lessons. We have nearly managed a whole term again and proved that St Mary's will persevere to ensure the children are given the best.

We will try and keep you updated with arrangements for the new academic year as much as possible. Please be aware that things are changing daily with COVID 19 and PCR tests and we are trying our best to keep parents informed. Please do ask me any questions on the gate in the mornings if you have questions.

**COVID update** – We are getting many more reported daily cases of children self-isolating and getting a PCR test. Please be extra vigilant – we, as a school, want to get to the end of term without a positive case. We have so many lovely things planned and we do not want to have to shut a bubble for ten days and go back to remote learning unless absolutely necessary.

**Big Top** – An amazing team of people worked all weekend to get the Big Top up and ready for the children. A massive thank you to 'Move' who collected the staging for us and delivered it to site. Mr Douglas has been so generous with his time. Also thank you to Mr Reid, Mr Barnes, Mr Cargill, Mr Lewis, Mr Leach and family, Mrs Dona, Mrs Parsons and family. We have had to put together a risk assessment for the Big Top. It is on the front page of our website if anyone has any concerns then please read and ask any questions.

**Staffing for September** – The second half of the summer term seems to be moving very quickly and we are making preparations for September.

The classes will be:

## KS1

**UK** - Early Years – Mrs Callender

**Austria** – Early Years and Year 1 - Mrs Huntley Hart

**Italy** –Year 1 and Year 2 - Mrs Hubble

**India** — Year 2 - Miss Wilkins/Miss Gorecka

## KS2

**New Zealand** – Year 3 – Miss Heasman

**Ireland** – Year 3 – Mrs Benson

**Sierra Leone** – Year 4 – Mrs Farrant

**USA** – Year 4 – Mrs Gowland/Mrs Martin Wells

**China** – Year 5 – Mr Coomber

**Mexico** – Year 5 – Miss Sleat

**South Africa** – Year 6 – Miss Turner

**Japan** – Year 6 – Miss Callender

When looking at our classes we have to consider many aspects. These include boy/girl split, ability groupings, teacher/child relationships, numbers in each bubble need to be consistent, who works well together and who does not work well. We can't take requests for where children go but please be assured that we look at this closely and it is decided by class teachers and senior leaders and we make decisions for a reason and we ask that you respect that. Class lists will come out on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**PPA cover** – Mrs Burbidge will take PE in KS2, Miss Bell will continue with Spanish in KS2.

**Miss Dunstall** will cover KS1 and EYFS.

**Swimming in September** – Swimming will start again from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September with Mrs Treadwell leading the swimming lessons.

Monday – Year 5

Tuesday – Year 3

Wednesday – Year 4

Thursday – Year 6

There is no swimming on a Friday. The children will need to bring their swimming kit on the day of swimming and it will need to go home at the end of the day. Payment will be on-line and you will receive an email when it is live.

**Forest Schools** – Wild Foxes will be running our Forest Schools provision from September. A timetable will be sent out but the sessions will start with Year 1 in the Autumn Term and the session will start on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Accelerated Reader** – Superb effort from the following children who have passed all their quizzes:

Abi T (Jap)

Aaron G (Ire)

Olivia A (NZ)

Jake E (SA)

Hannah B (Ire)

Abigail H (Mex)

Oscar C (Jap)

Martha L (SL)

William G (Mex)

Martha B (NZ)

Olivia L (Ire)

Harriet J (USA)

Jessica L (USA)

Freddie G (USA)

Scarlett H (Ire)

Chené du P (Jap)

Freya C (Jap)

Charlie K (Mex)

Jessica L (Mex)

Scarlett E (USA)

Noah G (Chi)

All very impressive stuff!

**Tenor Horn concert** – A reminder that next week is the Tenor Horn concert for USA and SL class. The Zoom invite is available below. Sierra Leone's concert is at 9.30 and USA's concert is 10.30 and we think they will last about 20 minutes. Please ensure that the child/family name is on the request or we will not be admitting you.

Sierra Leone – 9.30am

<https://zoom.us/j/99453378897?pwd=clBhdnNYcW9GS25icjE5b1lxNnIQQT09>

Meeting ID: 994 5337 8897

Passcode: 9fJbPB

USA – 10.30am

<https://zoom.us/j/95336037109?pwd=bEd6NkpzU096M0pzQkZSNGxZV3RJUT09>

Meeting ID: 953 3603 7109

Passcode: 2bwY78

**Achievements** - **Theo (Tha)** passed his first grading yesterday at karate earning him his red belt very proud off him as he had to go in on his own and was nervous. Well done to **Holly D (SL)**, **Harry C (SL)** and **Freya (Fra)** on your swimming awards. **Elba and Rex (Ind)**, **Max (Tha)**, **Sophie (Ind)** and **Freddie (Ind)** completed their 'Drowning Prevention' course, **Livia (Ind)** completed her red belt in Karate, **Isla (Chi)** has been an actress in a film called 'ARPU' and she attended the premier – next West End star! **Esme H (Ind)** cut off 14 inches of her hair for Little Princess charity, **Toby (Ind)**, **Freddie (Ind)**, **Oliver (Fra)** got 'Man of the match', **Ruben (SL)**, **Caleb (SL)** and **Mason (USA)** received their Environment Conservation cub badge, **James H (Jap)** passed his Grade 1 piano, **Anna (NZ)** achieved her Stage 5 in swimming and **Indi (Ind)** can now milk the cows!



**Opportunities** - <https://www.kidstri.co.uk/> have opened their entries for several events this year. First triathlon is at Billingshurst on 25th July. We always have some children who are great at competing so do have a look at their website.

**Petworth Art exhibition** – We are exhibiting some of the children's artwork at the **United Reformed Church in Petworth from the 14th – 17th July from 10am – 4.30pm**. Some will be electronic and some will be the actual pieces of artwork. This is a great opportunity for the school to show off the talent that we have in Art. We have sent you an email if your child's work has been chosen for the digital exhibition so that you are aware.

**Summer Library Challenge** - Each year we look forward to finding out more about the Summer library challenge. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes. You can find out more about the challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> The challenge starts from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July and you will need to collect your medal by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Please ask the children to bring their medals into school when we start again in September.

**PTA Colour Hamper Raffle** - Thank you if you have donated a prize for the end of term raffle. Tickets will be on sale next week.

**Sports Day KS2** -

**Blue - 902**

**Red - 775**

**Green - 716**

**Yellow - 679**



**The Weald Book Award** -Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have taken part in the Weald Book Award this year. This is a project for able readers involving other primary schools in the locality. The children involved have read six challenging books by new authors and submitted work that they have produced in response to these titles to a series of competitions. After reading all six titles, the children were asked to vote for their favourite; our votes were then combined with those from other participating schools to determine the winning title. This week, we were delighted to learn that 'The Mask of Aribella' by Anna Hoghton was the overall winner - this title was a firm favourite amongst the St Mary's readers!



Well done to Lily, Mae, Maddie, Oliver D, Alex and George (South Africa) and Freya, Aimee, Chene, Holly, James H and Jensen (Japan) for their hard work and commitment to the project throughout the year.

The Weald have selected the following children as competition winners: Reading photo - George and Mae; Front cover illustration - Lily; Poem - Chene and Alex; Character creation - Mae; Letter writing - Mae

**Sussex Green Living** – UK, Austria, Thailand, France and India class were lucky enough to have Sussex Green Living visiting them last week. The children found out about reuse, recycle, reduce and how we can protect our world and then they attended a workshop about life cycles in the wild and food chains. Thank you to Mrs Hubble who organised this for the children.

**PIRA and PUMA information** – There have been a few enquiries and wanted to explain a few things about the tests that we are using to monitor progress.

PIRA means Progress in Reading Assessment and PUMA means Progress in Understanding Maths Assessment

The Standard Age Score (SAS) is based on the student's raw score which has been adjusted for age and placed on a scale. This makes a comparison with a nationally representative sample of students of the same age across the UK and in British-curriculum international schools. The average score is 100.

Very low	Average			Very high	
Below 74	74-82	82-96	114	114-118	119-126 +

If the child has a score below 80 in any of the assessments we would be concerned and be looking for a monitoring form (Class based) or an individual learning plan (through discussion with Miss Wilkins (SENDCo)).

Please remember that this is completed in a test situation and sometimes children find tests very tricky – a test is a skill on its own. Results can fluctuate as tests are done on one day and it is one moment in time. If you have any other questions then please do not hesitate to ask us.

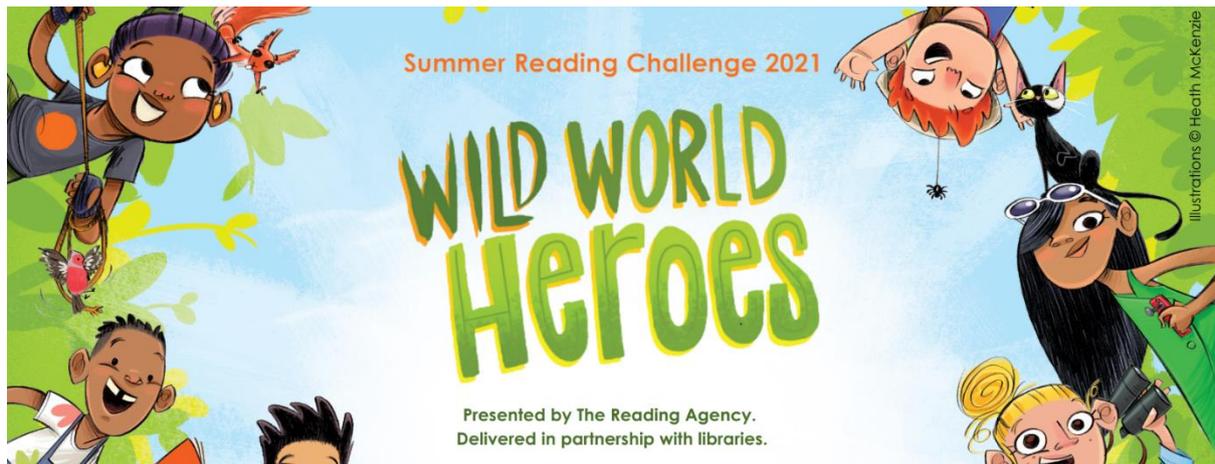
**Reading books** – If you have any school reading books at home – please could I ask that you return them to school by the last week of term. We have lost many books and we need everyone to look to see if they have any please.

**Education West Africa - Fundraising Update:** The children in Year 6 have made a fantastic start to their summer term fundraising project for Education West Africa. Over the past week, they have been busy running a successful sale of jewellery from Sierra Leone, along with homemade jam and a selection of cards. Well done to Mrs Bryan and her hardworking team for raising an impressive total of £170 so far! A huge thank you to everyone who has purchased items and donated items for the raffle hampers - we have been overwhelmed with your generosity. In addition to organising the raffle this week, the Year 6 children will also be completing their sponsored swim on Thursday - we look forward to updating you on our further fundraising progress next week.



**HELP needed** - Japan and South Africa are busy writing some bilingual story books for their Reception buddies. If they would like to bring in any materials to add to their story books, please can they bring them in ready for our lesson on Friday? They know if they need to bring anything in for their book or not.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support. It is a challenging time for all at the moment and we will take each day as it comes.



## Wild World Heroes – Summer Reading Challenge 2021

As the summer holidays are fast approaching now is the ideal time to register for [Wild World Heroes](#), the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

This year children can join the heroes of Wilderville, and their trusted animal companions, in saving the natural world. It's fun and free to take part - keep an eye out for a special bookmark invitation with more information coming home with your child soon.

Get ahead of the game and sign up today online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/src) then head to your local library from **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July** to collect a special goody bag. Inside you will find everything you need to take part in the challenge, including the ever-popular scratch & sniff smelly stickers, plus rewards and activities to help keep children amused over the holidays. Don't forget to borrow some library books and start reading!

Children have all summer to read their chosen books but once completed come back to the library from **Monday 2 August** to collect a gold medal and certificate.

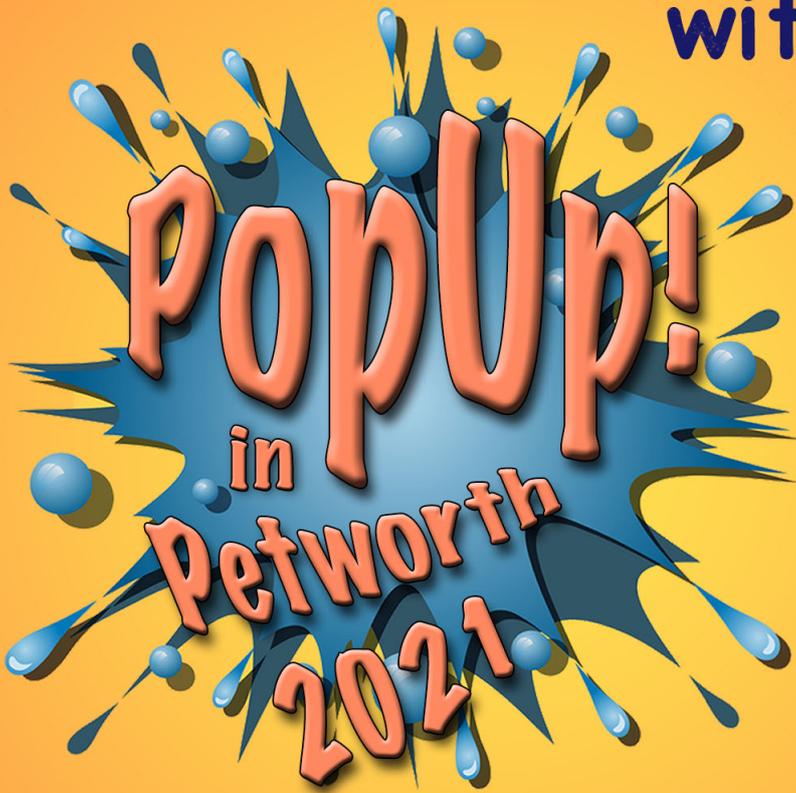
Want to learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge? Watch our [Summer Reading Challenge assembly video](#) (we had great fun making this!!)

For reading inspiration why not explore the official Wild World Heroes [book list](#)? Children can choose to read any library books and there are books of all kinds to choose from at their local library. Don't forget, [eBooks](#), [eAudiobooks](#) and [eMagazines](#) all count too!

We have more fun resources and information on reading and the environment on our own [Wild World Heroes](#) webpage, where we'll be sharing more activities to join in with at home throughout the summer.

# Celebrating Young Artists

with Jon Edgar



Leconfield Hall,  
Petworth  
Saturday 17 July  
11:00 to 12:00  
Admission Free

20 Participating  
Local Schools

**Vibrant & Diverse Art Exhibition**

Previewing at  
The United Reformed Church,  
Golden Square, Petworth  
10:00 to 16:30 - 14 to 17 July  
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