



NEWSLETTER

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

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Vine leaves – **David CG (China)** for Generosity; he has been doing fundraising for Cancer Research.

Amy H (SA) has been awarded a vine leaf for thoughtfulness - you have shown great kindness and consideration for those around you and this has not gone unnoticed. **Harrison P (NZ)** had been given a vine leaf for his humility as he is always putting others first and he is so polite in his approach to school.

School report – You will be receiving your child's annual school report on Friday. It has been a pleasure to read the school reports this year after what has been a challenging year for all. The children have so many successes to be extremely proud of so please share the report with your child. The parent's evenings are planned so that parents have a chance to discuss the reports with the class teacher.

Parent's Evenings – Parent evening is on **Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 1st July between 3.30 – 6pm**. This can be booked via school cloud. The appointments will be ten minutes and the teachers will be sharing examples of the children's learning in their books so that parents can see the progress that has been made this year. The teachers will be available to answer any questions about the school reports.

Achievements – Well done to **Olivia A (NZ)** who has completed her Stage 6 swimming award and swam 800 metres. **Caleb L (SL)** for his Grade one piano. **Toby H (Ind)** who earned his Drowning Prevention certificate. **Martha B (NZ)** has completed 11 park runs and gained her half marathon wristband. **Jessica L (USA)** for her 10-meter swimming award.

Key Stage One Sports Day – Well done to all the children that participated in EYFS & KS1 sports day. The results are in: -1st – **Green** / 2nd – **Yellow** / 3rd – **Blue** / 4th – **Red**

End of day arrangements – Just a reminder that there is an 'IN' gate and an 'OUT' gate for one way traffic, masks should be worn for collecting the children and children must remain with the adult who has collected them. Children must not climb on the pencil fence or on the gazebo. Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Pupil Premium – If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium funding then you do receive a package which includes two complete school uniforms and school shoes. For more details please contact the school office.

Poetry – The children in **India Class** have been recognised for their poetry on 'Safari'. The children's work is going to be published by Young Writer's. It will be fantastic to see their poems printed in a book. We look forward to putting a copy in our school library for all to see.

SPLASH Holiday Club – SPLASH are running a holiday club from **Mon 2nd August until Friday 6th August**. If you would like your child to attend then you can click on this link – **see poster attached**

Cleaning up our community - Rosie O (France class) - You are such an amazing ambassador for our school – thank you for all your hard work cleaning up our community.



Eco Schools – Key Stage One and Early Years have Carrie Cort and the Eco float coming to visit the school on Monday. This is an opportunity for these children to learn more about how we should look after our world, how we can recycle and where we live in the South Downs National Park. Next week we will show you what the children learnt.

Staff news – Mr Rogers and Mr Yates will be leaving us at the end of term. Mr Rogers has been with St Mary's for many years and he is going off to pursue other things. Mr Yates is retiring finally. Both staff members have been such a huge asset to St Mary's and we will miss them greatly and we wish them all the very best in all that they do.

Chance to shine Cricket – Year's 5 & 6 had a visit from Chance to Shine Cricket and enjoyed participating in lots of fun activities.



Library books – Many of our library books have gone missing from our new library. Please could you have a good look at home for any library books and return them as soon as possible. There will be no questions asked – just return to the school gate or children can just pop them in the quarantine boxes.

The Novium Museum – visiting workshop – Year 3 have loved having The Novium Museum visit. These artefacts enriched the children's learning and they were lucky enough to try them on and think about what it would be like to be a centurion soldier.



Does your child/young person have special educational needs (SEN)?

We are looking for parents/carers to join a parent co-production session focused on the educational support for pupils with SEN in West Sussex.

The session will consider all stages of support i.e. SEN Support, EHC needs assessment and monitoring and review of EHCPs.

We would like to work with parents/carers who represent all these different stages and are able to tell us what has worked well for their child/young people, what could have worked better and what you think might improve things for you/other families.

We are seeking a cross-section of families with children/young people of varying ages and experiences.

The session will be conducted by an impartial SEN consultant and will be relaxed and informal.

The sessions will be held in 4 different venues across West Sussex during the Autumn Term 2021.

How do I get involved?

If you are interested in joining one of these sessions, please email Kathryn.Kellagher@westsussex.gov.uk

Please answer these questions in your email:

1. Does your child/young person have SEN?
2. How are they supported? Please use one of these descriptions:
 - SEN Support
 - Going through EHC needs assessment or has been assessed in the last year.
 - Has had an EHCP for over a year.
 - Other – please explain
3. How old is your child/young person?
4. Which area of West Sussex do you live in?
5. Please ensure you also provide contact details i.e. that you are happy to be emailed back or your full address or preferred phone number.

If you are unable to email Kathryn please either seek support from your child/young person's setting or call 033022 28735 to speak with Kathryn (Kathryn works part-time, so do leave a message if you reach her answerphone).

What happens then?

We will get back in touch with you to confirm the session details and to check whether you have any additional accessibility requirements.

Numbers will be restricted, and consideration will be given to achieving a balance of representatives in each session.

If you are not offered a place in a session, we will ensure you are offered an alternative way of sharing your contribution.

Please contact us by 23rd July 2021 to be considered for the session.

We look forward to hearing from you.