



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 16th October 2023



What a great half term we have had as a school and the children do need a half term holiday. Enjoy the holidays and spend time with friends and family. When we come back, please ensure that **your child comes to school with a coat!**

All the children's things must be NAMED!



INSET day – Every school has five INSET days each year which are for staff training. We have an INSET day on **Friday 20th October**. This morning will focus on spirituality and our curriculum offer and in the afternoon staff will focus on how important vocabulary is for children and the progression of vocabulary in all subject areas throughout the school. **We look forward to welcoming the children back after half term on Monday 30th October.**

Learning after half term – **UK and Thailand** will be focussing on Fairy Tales, **Italy and India** will be doing Bright Lights, Big City. **USA and SL** are looking at Road Trip USA, **NZ and Ireland** will be moving on to Flow and **Mexico, South Africa and Japan** will be focussing on Princes, Pestilence and Peasants. The teachers will be sharing more about the learning for each subject area so that parents can help and support at home.

Christian values – After half term we will be focussing on Hope, Perseverance and Courage. Our remembrance day has started by us thinking about courage.

Reflection – Be kind to yourself! [\(20\) Love - why should we practice love? - YouTube](#)



EYFS school photo – This will be in the **West Sussex County Times on Thursday 19th November**. Contact the school office if you would like to order one.

Vine leaves – **Mattie (NZ)** for having courage after being in hospital this week. Love - **Harper E (Ind)** for love as she is being loving and bringing joy to the classroom! **Leah S (Ind)** for love as she is always being friendly, kind and for smiling brightly! **Felicity (SA)** for kindness as you have a calm and thoughtful presence in the classroom and consistently give your best in all that you do. **Luca (SA)** for perseverance. You have settled into life in Year 6 and shown that you have the potential to achieve so much this year!



New children starting at St Mary's - open sessions - We would like to welcome parents to have a look round St Mary's on our open mornings and afternoons. We will be conducting tours to show off our learning environment on the dates below. We would encourage parents of three- and four-year olds to come and look around:

- **Thursday 2nd November - 1.15pm – 3.00pm**
- **Tuesday 14th November – 9.15am – 11.30am**
- **Thursday 23th November 1.15pm – 3.00pm**



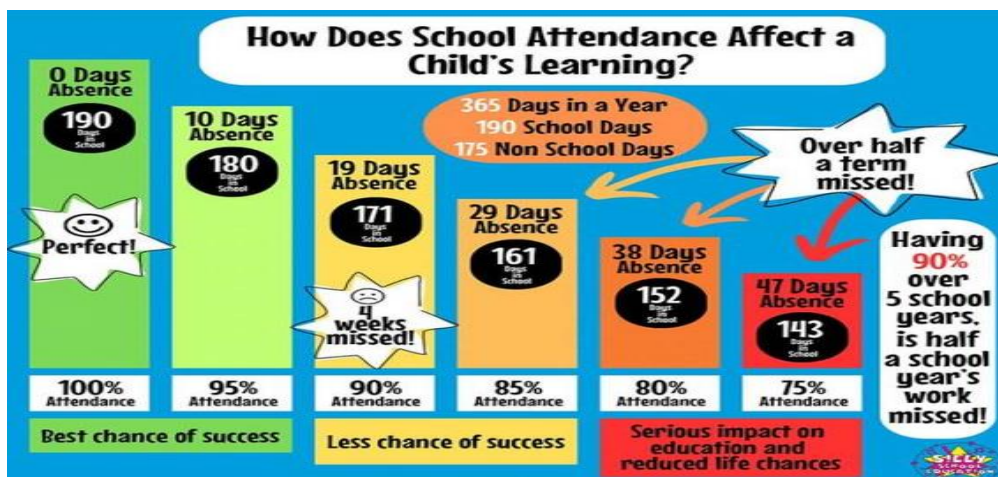
Football match report - The Year 6 boys' football team travelled to Tanbridge House on Friday for their final round of league matches and subsequent play-off game. After a close 0-0 draw in their opening game against Shelley, the boys registered their first of three wins that afternoon with a 2-0 victory against Plaistow. **Jens C** was on target for both goals including a well-hit volley into the top corner.

Leo D scored a Maradona 1986 style goal as he ran rings around the entire Kingslea B team to earn the boys another 2-0 victory with **Endre D** also on target. That resulted in a joint third place finish in the group and onto the seventh place play-off match against Leechpool B. The boys ran out convincing winners in a 4-0 success with goals coming from **Jens C, Dexter B, Leo D and Joseph S**. 8 goals scored and not a single one conceded.

Fantastic effort from the boys and great to see the progress they have made in the last two years. Well done to the whole squad - **Leo D (c), Franco F, Flynn F, Joseph S, Rylee J, Dexter B, Jens C, Endre D, Harrison P**. Thank you so much to **Mr Coomber** for being there for the team.



Attendance – School attendance is so important. Please see the graph below to see the impact that it can have.



Christmas Card Competition again for Andrew Griffith MP - The Member of Parliament for Arundel and South Downs. This could be a lovely opportunity for a young artist to see their work in print - the winning design will be sent to more than 1000 people who will also get to see their efforts. The competition is open to all children aged up to 12 years old.

If your child would like to submit an entry, they just need to follow a few simple rules –

- No words, just a picture – these will be printed on the finished design
- A flat medium – e.g. no cotton wool, glitter or large decorations
- Approximately in a rectangle shape so that it can be reproduced on a card
- Mr Griffith would particularly like to see designs that incorporate local places and scenes but this isn't mandatory.

There will be a prize for the winning artwork and for 5 runners-up. All children that enter will receive a personal letter of thanks from Mr Griffith and their art will be displayed in the online gallery on his website. Designs should be returned to the school office by **Wednesday 8th November** and need to include your child's name, year group and school name on the back.

O Duo - Year 6 had the privilege of attending a percussion workshop led by O Duo at Champs Hill on Friday. We were astounded by the musical mastery of percussionists Owen Gunnell and Toby Kearney, who shared their wealth of knowledge and expertise. The children had the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments, including cowbells, shakers, drums and claves. Several of the group were also able to experience playing the marimba and vibraphone. What an inspirational and informative afternoon! Thank you to the parents that helped with transport and to the staff and governors who supported the evening event.



Christmas shopping!! 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 presents online. Please could we ask that you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and we as a school get a percentage back, which will be spent, on your children. Just go to 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 and Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.



Wetlands, Arundel for NZ and Ireland class – What a fantastic visit for New Zealand and Ireland class. The children were greeted by a storyteller and then went on an adventure around The Wetlands. They came back with so many tales to tell and the highlight seems to have been a ride on a coach!



Learning wall – Our curriculum wall shows all the learning that happened in the last year. Do have a look if you are passing by!



Peter Thorpe - Rockets



Twitter – We do have a school Twitter account **Pulb_school** Please do follow us to see the most up to date news, photos and achievements.

Celebration assemblies – 9am

UK class and Year R in Thailand class will have an assembly in the spring term once they have settled.

Thur 2nd Nov – New Zealand

Thur 9th Nov – USA

Thur 16th Nov – SL

Thur 23rd Nov – Ireland

Thur 30th Nov – Japan

Thur 7th Dec – Italy

Thur 14th Dec – Thailand (Y1 children only)

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.

October Cut off Dates

Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10

Halt Term

Thur 19/10 for w/c 30/10

Thur 26/10 for w/c 6/11



November Cut off Dates

Thur 2/11 for w/c 13/11

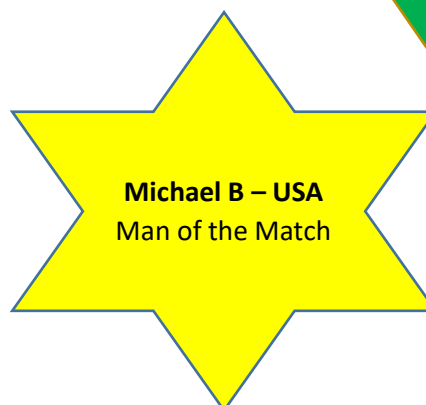
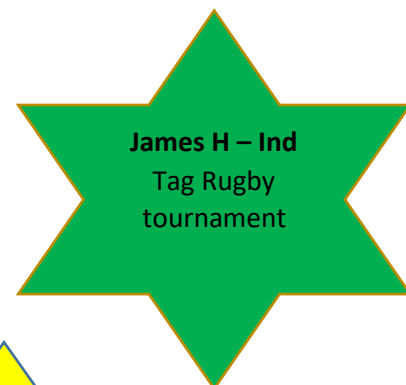
Thur 9/11 for w/c 20/11

Thur 16/11 for w/c 27/11

Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

- **Fri 20th Oct – INSET DAY (School will be closed to the children)**
- **Mon 23rd Oct – HALF TERM**
- **Mon 30th Oct – Return to school**
- **Thur 2nd Nov – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm**
- **Tues 7th Nov – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes**
- **Thur 9th Nov – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes**
- **Fri 10th Nov – Remembrance at school – the children can come in their uniforms if they belong to a uniformed group.**
- **Fri 10th Nov – PTA Firework Event**
- **Tue 14th Nov – Open Morning 9am – 11.30am**
- **Thur 23rd Nov – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm**
- **Wed 29th Nov – Christmas Jumper sale – 3.15pm on the playground**
- **Sun 3rd Dec – Christingle Service at St Mary’s Church at 4pm – this is such a lovely service and every child gets a Christingle to light**
- **Tues 5th Dec – Book look for EYFS/KS1**
- **Thur 7th Dec – Book look for KS2**
- **Tue 12th Dec – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm**
- **Wed 13th Dec – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm**
- **Fri 15th Dec – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist (Parents are welcome to attend)**

Achievements



Training

Autumn 2023

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Courses and Workshops

November

Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 7th	7.30pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Friday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence (11 Years +)	Monday 13th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education, Health & Care Needs Assessments & Plans	Thursday 16th	10.30am
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 16th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Tuesday 21st	7.30pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 23rd	10.30am
Understanding Decision Making for Your Child (welfare and finances)	Monday 27th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 28th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 30th	10.30am

December

Making Sense of Wellbeing - Self Care and Managing Stress	Tuesday 5th	10.30am
Making Sense of Universal Credit	Wednesday 6th	10.30am

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 15th Nov / 22nd Nov / 29th Nov (3 part course)

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm

All training above will be delivered via Zoom



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.....Thursday 14th December.....

MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,
Or
Quorn Roast in Gravy

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausage, Stuffing,
Carrots and Cabbage

DESSERT

Snowy Cupcake

**Scan QR code to order, no later than
Thursday 30th November !**

**Special diets will remain in place.*





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