



# NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 20th November 2023

What a busy few weeks, celebration assemblies for parents, parents evenings to find out more from the teachers, dress up days, anti-bullying week, assemblies for Remembrance and All Saints and visitors in school. We love to be busy and offer the children so many different activities. Thank you to everyone for their support in all these things. We now enter the season of carols, nativity plays and glitter!

**Children In Need** – Thank you to everyone for the donations for Children in Need – we were delighted to be able to send £279.68.

**Reflection** – [\(3\) Perseverance 2023 part 2 - YouTube](#)

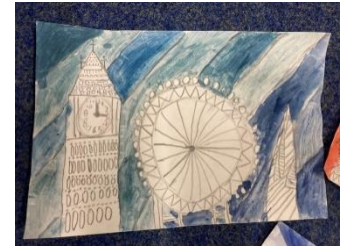
**Year 6 Girls' football** - The Year 6 girls' football team travelled to Tanbridge House on Friday for a busy second round of matches in the Horsham Primary Schools Girls Football League. A tough opening encounter with current league leaders Heron Way A ended in a 3-0 defeat. Some heroic defending and a string of excellent saves from Martha B couldn't prevent a last minute goal from Kingslea A and a second defeat of the evening. However, it would prove to be the girls' last of the evening. After a rest and a chance to regroup, they came back out and produced one of their best performances to earn a 1-0 victory over Heron Way B with Scarlett H hitting the decisive goal. A closely fought fourth game against Leechpool C ended in a 1-1 draw with Rowan S scoring her second for St Mary's. The girls brushed off fatigue and saved their best for the last game with a stunning 3-0 win over St Peter's Cowfold with Scarlett H netting her first hat trick. Fantastic work rate from the girls throughout the evening and they have moved up in the league to 4th place. They will return for their final round of matches on 1st December. Well done to the whole squad - Poppy G (c), Scarlett H, Rowan S, Olivia L, Lexi A, Anna E, Olivia A, Taya E, Martha B.



**Year 3/4 Badminton** - On Tuesday, a group of 20 children from Years 3 & 4 travelled to Collyer's Sixth Form College in Horsham to take part in the annual Badminton Skills Festival along with five other local schools. The children were placed into groups of 10 before travelling to different stations, which would test their agility, speed, balance, footwork, target and throwing skills, hand eye-coordination as well as their perception and anticipation. The morning then ended with a series of rallies. An enjoyable morning and well done to all the children who participated.



**Art** – Here are some examples of the artwork created by India class following their ‘exploration’ of London’s monuments using the VR headsets.



**PE** – PE is a statutory subject and the children must join in with this. If they are well enough to play outside at break, then they are well enough to do PE. If your child does have an injury and the doctor/hospital has said that they can’t do exercise, then please let the teacher know.



**Cubitt and West** – Homes at Christmas – we love decorating Cubitt and West’s office with the children’s homes at Christmas. A template is coming home in the next few days and we ask that your child designs their perfect home. Use colours in paint or crayon or felt tips etc to make your picture. Prizes will be awarded by Cubitt and West for the best designs. We would ask that all designs are back by the 14<sup>th</sup> December.



**1<sup>st</sup> December – Santa’s Grotto** – the PTA will be running a chocolate and bottle tombola for this village event. We will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and asking for chocolate and bottle donations, please.



**Christingle Service** – the children will be making Christingles on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in preparation for the Christingle Service at church on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Do join us for this lovely service to mark the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season. Everyone is very welcome and the children will know the songs that we are singing and would have made the Christingle.



**Clarinet concert** – Come and see what the children have achieved in their clarinet lessons. The concert will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. USA class will perform at 13:35pm and Sierra Leone class will be at 14:20pm. The children will go back to class afterwards to continue their learning.



**Chartwell’s Christmas Meal** – Please remember to log on to book the Chartwell’s Christmas lunch for your child. This meal will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, so any meals **MUST** be booked by **30<sup>th</sup> November**.



**Vine leaves** – **Indi P (Mex)** for service as she has gone out of her way to help her grandma. Together they have packaged boxes to send to the soldiers who will be serving at Christmas. She knows how important this is and will make a soldier’s Christmas – thank you, Indi. **Ryan (Ind)** for friendship as he has been a kind and reliable friend to another child in the class. **Alfie B (UK)** for friendships and helping others. His friends dropped his coat and couldn't pick it up so Alfie came back down the playground when he saw and helped him in. **Esmæ (SA)** for thoughtfulness as you were proactive in volunteering to help a friend who had been unwell with their work when they returned to school. **Elliott (SA)** for perseverance as you have made great strides in your maths learning this term and are challenging yourself to further your understanding of new concepts. **Ronnie (Ire)** have a vine leaf for creativity as he takes pride in all his work and the posters he has created this week have been outstanding. **Lincoln (SL)** for kindness as he showed kindness to another child at breaktime, who had fallen over and he checked that they were alright and found a grown up to help them. Lincoln always shows kindness to other children and he is a good friend. **Daisy (SL)** for courage and forgiveness shown at a very difficult time for her.



**Christmas shopping!! The Giving Machine** – 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 the school will get a percentage of your spend 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 and Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

### Celebration assemblies – 9am

Thurs 30th Nov – Japan

Thurs 7th Dec – Italy

**Chartwell's 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 has been ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

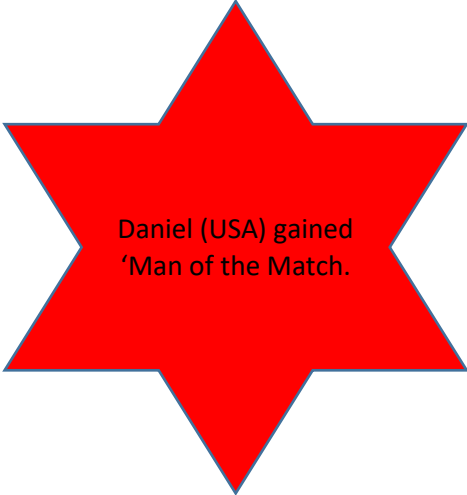


**December Cut off Dates**  
Thur 23/11 for w/c 4/12  
Thur 30/11 for w/c 11/12\*  
\*including Christmas lunch  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS


### Dates for your diary – AUTUMN TERM

- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – non-uniform day for Santa's Grotto, chocolate or bottle for tombola
- **Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 4 clarinet concert
- **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Christmas Jumper sale – 3.15pm on the playground
- **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – PTA Santa's Grotto at the Village Hall (see attached poster)
- **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Book look for EYFS/KS1
- **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Book look for KS2
- **Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist (Parents are welcome to attend)
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – INSET DAY
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Start of the Spring Term

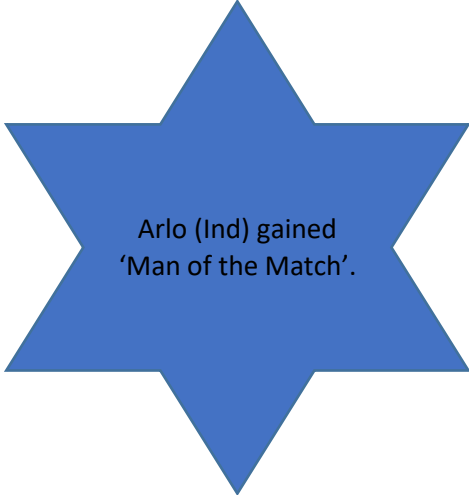
## Achievements




Daniel (USA) gained  
'Man of the Match'.




Ben (Ind) moved on to  
Stage 2 for swimming.



Arlo (Ind) gained  
'Man of the Match'.



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



Sophie (Mex) Gained  
Stage 5 in swimming.

**Thank you for all your support.**





**Come and support The Children's Society at our  
Christingle celebration on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
at 4pm at St Mary's Church, Pulborough.**



**Following the service at approximately 5pm we will be lighting the  
Pulborough Star on top of the Church Tower. One person from  
the service will be the lucky one to turn the star on!**

**We look forward to seeing you at this popular community event**







# CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS



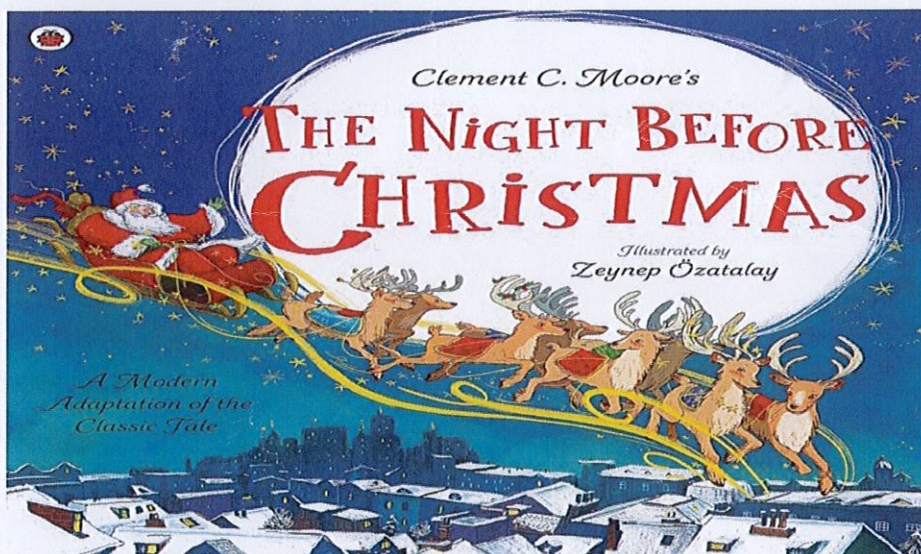
## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

10.30—12.30 and 1.30-3.30

Our last workshop this year will give the children the opportunity to make a family Christmas card. Using the famous book by Clement C Moore as their inspiration they will use images from the story to illustrate their cards. Children 7-11 years

Cost £12 to include all materials and refreshment break



# Arundel Museum

Mill Road, BN18 9PA

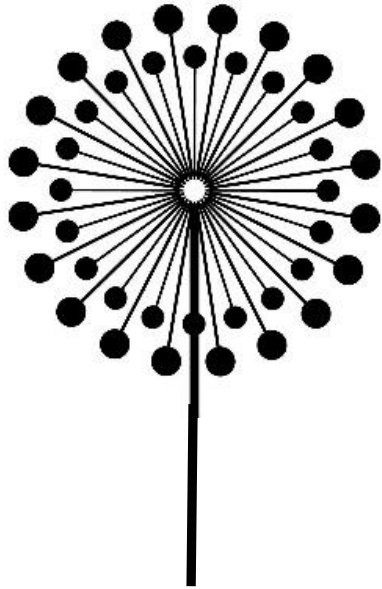
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[www.arundelmuseum.org](http://www.arundelmuseum.org)

Reg. Charity No. 1140198







# *Flourish*

## *in Fittleworth*

Your favourite village craft fayre, promoting local crafters, is back in time for Christmas ...

Please join us on: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

2pm – 4:30 pm

Fittleworth Village Hall

For more enquiries or to book a table, please contact Kate H Bryant on:

01798 865593 / 07758 364067 or [katefromtheashes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katefromtheashes@yahoo.co.uk) or via the

*Flourish in Fittleworth* Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/flourishinfittleworth/](http://www.facebook.com/flourishinfittleworth/)



Registered charity number 1149068

# Recycle your Tree!

Supporting

## Rotary



## Storrington & Pulborough District

Registration closes Sunday, 7th January, 2024



### [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

Chestnut Tree House will receive 50% of the net monies raised and Turning Tides 25%. The rest will be used by the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District to support other local causes.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from the 11th to 14th January 2024.

Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.

Pulborough, Storrington, Amberley, Billingshurst and other local villages



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# Rotary



## Storrington & Pulborough District

For over 40 years Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club has been making a difference in the villages in and around Storrington and its community outreach is well known and respected.

We've been raising funds by collecting your Christmas trees for the past 6 years and the money collected has helped us to support many worthy local causes. This year Rotary and the charities below will benefit from your support. Thank you.

Registered charity number 1029115

For more information visit our website [www.storringtonrotary.org.uk](http://www.storringtonrotary.org.uk)



**Chestnut  
Tree House**

{Children's  
Hospice Care}

Chestnut Tree House is the children's hospice for Sussex and South East Hampshire providing hospice care services and community support for children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. Children and families who know they don't have long together have the chance to live life to the full and then, when the time comes, say goodbye in the way that is right for them at home or in the hospice itself.

Registered charity number 256789

For more information visit the website - [www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk](http://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk)



Started in 1991, Turning Tides is now the biggest provider of services for single homeless people in West Sussex providing a warm, safe space to listen to anyone who comes to us for help. We offer real pathways out of homelessness and are committed to supporting people at every stage of their journey empowering them to become confident and find the strength and belief in themselves to create a brighter future.

Registered charity number 256789

For more information visit the website - [www.turning-tides.org.uk](http://www.turning-tides.org.uk)



Just Helping supports charities, volunteers and business to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for life limiting condition charities and communities. Last year we operated in 30 counties and raised over £1,000,000 for 123 local charities.



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



**Chartwells**  
So much more than fantastic food

# **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.**

**\*SPECIAL DIETS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SIGNED OFF MENU.**



**west  
sussex  
music**

# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



**18-20 DECEMBER**

**BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING**

**18-20 DECEMBER**

**CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION**

**21-22 DECEMBER**

**LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC PRODUCTION**

**18-21 DECEMBER**

**WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND**

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**AGES 8 - 16YRS**

**SIGN UP HERE**

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