



# NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

It has been great to have the EYFS children staying with us all day. They have settled so well and have been part of so many things including lunch! The class newsletters, knowledge organisers and homework grids are now on the website for parents. Please do have a look and if you need a paper copy then please let the office know.

## HELP

**PTA** – we are in need of a PTA Chairperson – the PTA have events organised and we need someone to be able to oversee the events. Without this, we can't provide the extras that our children get.

If anyone would like to be involved, please contact the school office: [office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

Our **PTA AGM** is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm** in the

**Harvest Fayre** - Thank you for all your donations towards the Harvest Fayre – we are very grateful. Every year we ask the children to **make a scarecrow** for the Harvest Fayre – this year is no different. Please see the leaflet below regarding the Harvest Fayre. There are 50 dojos on offer for any child who makes a scarecrow. Please take your scarecrows up to Glebe Field on the morning of the event.



**Reflection** - This half term we are thinking about Love as our Christian value. Do have a look at Mrs Smith's clip around LOVE. [Love! - YouTube](#)

**Eco and School Council** - We have given out our Eco rep badges and our School Council badges and we are looking to see how these children develop these roles.



**Vine leaves** – **Andrew (Ind)** showing love for classmates by behaving in a way that makes others feel happy! **Sarp (NZ)** For showing care and consideration to everyone and always being willing to lend a hand. **Jesse (NZ)** for creativity as he created a beautiful necklace during our Stone Age day. **Darcy (NZ)** for her courage in a difficult situation. **Lilly (NZ)** for friendship as she is being a wonderful friend and always having their backs. **Livia H (SA)** for your helpful and enthusiastic nature, and being so proactive in spotting jobs that need doing around the classroom. **Charlie W (SA)** for a fantastic start to Year 5 and engaging positively in all learning activities, particularly in Maths. **Ethan B (Jap)** for perseverance in the swimming pool. **George N (Thai)** for Service and generosity in offering to help organise resources in our classroom without being asked to. **Arlo H (Ind)** for compassion as he is brilliant at comforting another child in the class. **Annabelle (Ire)** for compassion as another child was hurt this morning Annabelle shared her knowledge of breathing techniques to help her feel better. **Elliot (NZ)** for being so brave with things that have been happening for him. **Olivia A (SA)** for her humility and putting others before herself. **Lucas (SL)** for his bravery as he settles in to his new class. **Brooke W (Mex)** for courage in a difficult situation. **Esme (Mex)** for her courage as she pushes herself forward in all that she does. **Tai (USA)** for friendship and compassion towards his friends. **Freya (SL)** for friendship as she gives above and beyond to her friends.



**Governing Body** – Mr Edge and Mr Clark lead the Governing Body as co-chairs with a team of Governors who are all volunteers – Mr Shepherd, Fr Paul, Mr Cordy, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Heath, Mrs Batchelor, Mr Doy, Mr Edge, Miss Sleat, Mrs Sheppard, Ms Ansell and Mrs Moran is the Clerk to the Governors. If anyone wishes to find out more about what they do or raise any issues that they may have. We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body and if you would like more information then please email [clerk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Author visit** – Year 5 and Year 6 were delighted to have an author visit this week and met with S.F Said who wrote the book Tyger Tyger. Meeting authors always has an impact on our reading.



### **Celebration assemblies – 9am**

**\*\*UK class and Year R in Thailand class will have an assembly in the spring term**

**Thur 5th Oct** – India

**Thur 12th Oct** – South Africa

**Thur 19th Oct** – Mexico

**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)

**Parking** – Please can I remind everyone to park with consideration and in line with The Highway Code. If you see inconsiderate parking then please do log your concerns with 'Operation Crackdown'. The entries on there will trigger the parking wardens to come out to school.



**Eco-schools** – Sussex Green Living came to visit St Mary's and ran workshops with the children. The Eco reps then presented to the whole school and talked about how we can help our school and our community. We are delighted to announce that **Emma Griffith (07842 184160 - emma@emmaslittlegigglers.co.uk)** has agreed to be our representative. If you would like to help in any way then please do get in touch with her.



**Tesco Recycle to Read** – We are now registered for the 'Recycle to Read' project. Please take any plastic toys to Tesco and add them to the Recycle bin please. You can then use the app to show you have donated by clicking on the QR code on the front of the recycle box. Thank you so much for your support with this.



**Contact with the teachers** – All the teachers are contactable via the class email addresses. They will respond within working hours only and will try to respond within two working days to email.

### **CHARITY CONCERT: - 'O Duo'**

Our Year 6 children have been invited to take part in a music workshop led by O Duo on the afternoon of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Further information will follow in a letter to Year 6 parents. The percussion group O Duo will be performing an evening concert at Champ's Hill on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The performance is in aid of Education West Africa (EWA) – a charity that St Mary's has supported for many years, due to our link with a school in Kenema. EWA sets up projects in Sierra Leone to practically support children and schools with materials such as uniforms and furniture. Through education, young people can strive to escape poverty and get a job, earn money, live a healthier life, become independent and contribute to their family and the economy of their country. Education is key to changing future generations. Virtuoso prize-winning percussionists, Owen Gunnell and Toby Kearney, have been performing worldwide for nearly two decades, delighting, inspiring and educating audiences of all ages. Doors open at 6:45pm. There is a suggested donation of £20 per ticket, to include wine.

**Tickets can be purchased from the Champ's Hill website:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2023-tickets-672141562507?aff=oddtcreator>



## Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Book Sale on the playground – you might want to pick up a book – these are second hand books that we are recycling!

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Harvest Eucharist (gifts to go to FSW)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Bikeability for Year 6 starts

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Individual School Photos – full school uniform please

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm for EYFS and KS1, 3.45 for KS2 – Please go to your child's classroom and this is an opportunity to find out about plans for the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 3.30pm Sex and relationship meeting for Y6 parents – SA classroom

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Disco 5 – 6 pm EYFS/KS1 and 6.15pm – 7.30pm KS2.

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – HALF TERM

**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.

**2023 /2024**

**September Cut off Dates**

Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9

Thur 14/9 for w/c 25/9

21/9 for w/c 2/10

28/9 for w/c 19/10



**October Cut off Dates**  
Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10  
Half Term

## Achievements

**Freya (SL)**

Achieved her Diving award stage 1 and 2000m badge. This is an amazing achievement – well done Freya!



**Olly (Japan)**

Competed in his first Tristar 1 level Triathlon on Sunday and finished very impressively in the top 4!



**Ben (India)**

Played in his first ever football league match for Pulborough FC, won 14-2, and received Man of the Match!



**Victoria (USA)**

passed her stage 5 swimming over the summer holidays.

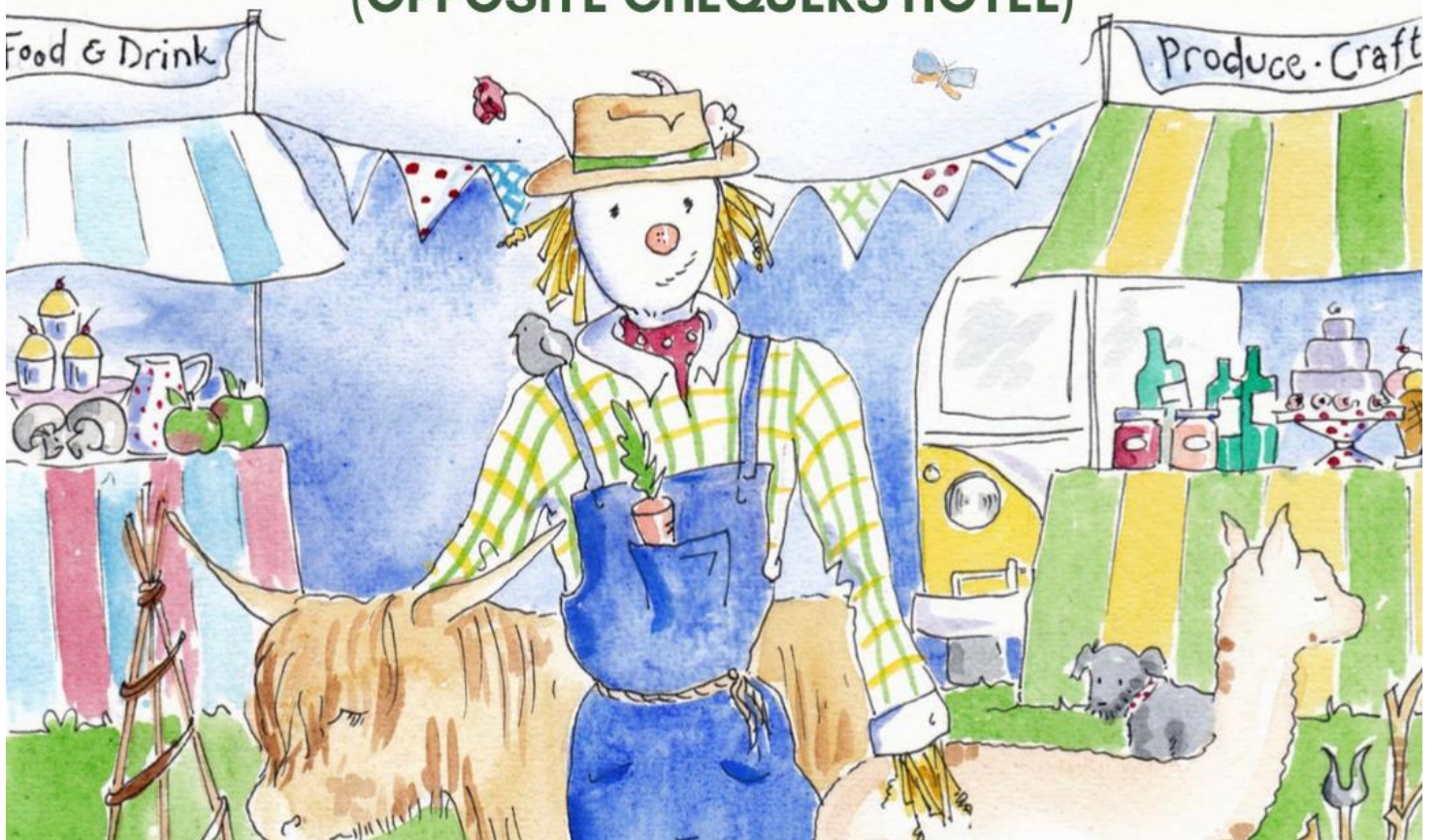
# PULBOROUGH HARVEST FAIR

ORGANISED BY THE PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**11AM-5PM**

**AT THE EAST GLEBE FIELD, RECTORY LANE, RH20 1AA  
(OPPOSITE CHEQUERS HOTEL)**





# Saturday Morning Football



**Arundel FC**  
**( BN18 9PA )**  
**9am - 10am**  
**£6 per week**  
**Ages 5-8**

**Billingshurst LC**  
**( RH14 9RY )**  
**11am - 12pm**  
**£6 per week**  
**Ages 5- 11**

**Come and join us at our new Weekly football clubs!**  
**Where your child will engage in footballing activities and have the chance to hone their technical skills whilst playing games that will follow a theme such as dribbling, passing or shooting! Your child will also play lots of matches.**

**Everyones First week is Free!**



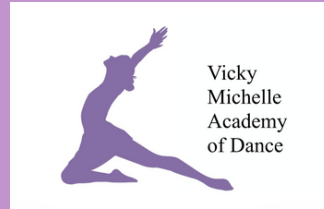
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The Vicky Michelle Academy of Dance is a friendly dance school holding classes in Rudgwick, Loxwood and Billingshurst. We offer classes under the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance, including Ballet, Tap and Modern, as well as Street Dance, Jazz, Contemporary dance & Musical Theatre classes.

Classes available for ages 2-18  
as well as adult classes

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