



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 6th February 2023

As we finish this week, we want to wish you a great half term and we hope that you enjoy the break. We look forward to welcoming back the children on **Monday 20th February**. We would like to say a huge thank you to parents for all your support this half term. There is a famous quote to say that ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ and we are so fortunate here to have a great parent body as well as a supportive community and this makes all the difference to what the children are receiving.

Curriculum – After half term, **UK and Thailand class** will be focussing on Space, **Italy and India** will be learning about Our Wonderful World, **New Zealand and Ireland** will be learning Urban Pioneers, **USA and Sierra Leone** will be focussing on Misty Mountain, Winding River and **Mexico, South Africa and Japan classes** will be Exploring Africa. Homework grids will be up on the website after the half term holiday and will be sent out on Google classroom.

Vine leaves – **Lincoln, Arlo S, Lucas M, Luca O, Peter S** had just picked up 123 pieces of litter. The children were very insistent that it may seem a small amount, but if everyone took care, it could make such a huge difference! **Lexi A, Taya E, Dexter B and Georgie R** as they showed superb courage as they were reluctant to get started, but they did and were just brilliant. **Harrison P (SA)** for perseverance as he is making great progress with his reading this term. **Jessica L (SA)** for kindness as you have given above and beyond to support another child in class this week. **Rex E (USA) and Toby H (USA)** for friendship as they have showed what a good friend is in so many ways this week. **Poppy (Ire)** for kindness. She is always helping her peers in class who may be finding tasks challenging - she has done this independently on several occasions. **Isla – (SA) and Ava – (Jap)** have come on so much in their times tables and have improved their fluency – **well done!**



Reflection – [Service - YouTube](#)

World Thinking Day – **22nd February** is Girl Guide World Thinking Day. If your child is a Brownie, Rainbow or Girl Guide and would like to wear their uniform to school on that day then they may.



Mental Health week – We have been thinking about the children about their wellbeing and mental health. It is so important that children talk about what they are feeling and make sure they do things that make them happy. We have been talking with the children about what they are grateful for.



Indoor Athletics – St Mary's were placed third in the indoor athletics with a team who gave all their best. Thank you to Mrs Gowland who took the team to The Weald to compete.



Hockey at Tanbridge House School - Thank you to **Scarlett, Freddie, April, Harriet, William and Kian** for showing us their hockey skills on Friday. The children played against Leechpool, North Heath, and Steyning and gave their very best.

They showed their determination, resilience and perseverance and never gave up, even when they only had only 6 players on the field. We are so proud of them. We look forward to seeing them out on the pitch again next week.



Dorset House – A great team went out to the Netball competition – Well done to **Holly, Ava, Anna, Felicity, Brodie and Skye** who were a shining example for our school and really did go in aiming for win. It shows perseverance, resilience and a determination to succeed. They put high expectations on themselves!



Reaching Families – We work with families that are often asking where they can go to get some more information. **Please see poster attached** and have a look at the courses, they are a brilliant source of information that can really help.

Learning – Biomes has been the learning in Japan, Mexico and South Africa. Well done to **Dixie, Martha, William and Jess** who have created their own biome.



Kindness shield – **Anais B (Mexico)** has been awarded the kindness shield for February. You hide your light sometimes but we have seen you show kindness and friendship to many. You do amaze me with such humility as we know you are an empathetic and caring person who comes alongside other children to push them forward. Keep being you – we are so proud of you and know we will see you flourish even more!



Peace Posters - The Billingshurst and District Lions are looking forward to working closely with our school again in 2023. Attached are details of our Poster for Peace art competition, which runs during the spring term, with the theme '**What is Peace**'. **Please drop them in to the office next week.**



Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask then when ordering your child's meal choice that you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them. As a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.



February Cut off Dates

Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3

March Cut off Dates

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3
Thursday 16/3 for w/c 27/3

Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning

These begin at 9am and will last about 20 minutes.

Thur 23rd Feb – Thailand class,
Thur 2nd Mar – New Zealand class,
Thur 9th Mar – USA class,
Thur 16th Mar – Japan class,

Thur 23rd Mar – UK class,
Wed 29th Mar – SL class,
Thur 30th Mar – SA class.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb – Half term

Wednesday 22nd Feb – World Thinking Day

Tuesday 28th Feb - Sibling photographs to be taken – please apply if you would like a sibling photo.

Thursday 2nd March – Potential strike action for some classes TBC

Thursday 2nd March –World Book Day (dress as a word – E.g. all in white for the word 'white' or in a book title costume)

Friday 17th March – Reports to come home to parents for KS1 and KS2.

Tuesday 21st March – Book look for EYFS and KS1

Thursday 23rd March – Book look for KS2

Friday 31st March – Dress down day (£1 donation for PTA), EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA – Easter bonnet competition for each class and a playground parade.

Achievements

Jessica Lee (SA)
Swam 16 lengths/
400m in her 1st
week at level 7.

Rudi C (SA)
Came 1st in a
Basketball
tournament

Zack (USA) gained
his green stripe in
karate.

Jessie (SA)
Has learnt chess with
her brother, now knows
the names of the pieces
and basic rules and ways
to checkmate.

Violet H (Italy)
Performed in
The Nutcracker at
Cranleigh Arts Centre.
It was her very first
performance

Jens C (Mex)
Moved up to level
8 in swimming.

Training

Spring Term 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

February

Understanding ADHD	Friday 24th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Understanding and building resilience	Tuesday 28th	7.30pm

March

Understanding Autism in Girls	Thursday 2nd	10.30am
Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties	Tuesday 7th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 7th	7.30pm
Making Sense of EHC Needs Assessments and Plans	Thursday 9th	10.30am
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 14th	10.30am
Making Sense of Universal Credit	Thursday 16th	10.30am
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence	Monday 20th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Sleep (for children age 2-11 years)	Tuesday 21st	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to improve your mood	Tuesday 21st	7.30pm
Making Sense of Transition to Secondary School	Wednesday 29th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	Thursday 30th	7.30pm

Making Sense of it All Foundation Course

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

Dates: March 8th / 15th / 22nd (3 part course)

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm

All training will be delivered via Zoom



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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Saturday
25 March



Teams of
up to 6

Quiz & Curry Night!

Join the fun at James & Josh's Quiz
in aid of their journey to the
World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

At St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School,
Link Lane, Pulborough RH20 2AN

Tickets £10

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

To book, simply email
josh@jamboree.thecryptoid.co.uk
or call 07763 212105

Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available to buy
You're welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks if wanted!

Staying Healthy

Illness

Feelings

Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource
for learning about health



Games

Activities

Quizzes

Parents and Carers!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can
get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Follow us:  @SussexCommunityNHS  @NHS_SCFT




Parentline:

Text a school nurse for
confidential advice and
support

07312 277011

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4.30 pm (excluding bank holidays and weekends) If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Have a fantastic February half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

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