



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

Hope, perseverance and courage

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Vine leaf – Lorna B – For being brave and ‘having a go’ at both school and home and for persevering when things are difficult.

Christmas Eucharist – Our school Eucharist is on **Friday 20th December at 9am – 9.45am**. Everyone is very welcome.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch - Just a reminder that the school Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. Thank you to the parents that have contacted the office offering to help. We now have plenty of helpers.

Rock Steady concert – Thank you to Rock Steady for the concert on Monday. The concert showcases so much musical talent and it is fantastic to see the children’s confidence develop and their enthusiasm and energy.



Early Years Nativity – ‘Come to the Manger’ started out week of nativity shows. The children performed to a packed house and impressed everyone with their professionalism and energy.



Key Stage One Nativity – ‘A midwife Crisis’ -



Choir sing at Hillside – The choir have been out to spread some Christmas cheer! Well done to the choir who sang a rendition of traditional and contemporary songs and hymns which was well received.



William Orrell article – Reception production this year was ‘Come to the Manger’ it is a nativity performed by both reception classes. It is all about the birth of Jesus. Each group of characters had their own story. Every child acted amazingly despite their age and sang well too. Year 6 were selling the remainder of their homemade Christmas decorations at the beginning and end of the production.

Second Hand Uniform – This will be out in the main reception until the end of term, many bargains to be had!

Recycling crisp packets - A very well-known crisp manufacturer has agreed to give money to the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance (KSS) upon receipt of empty crisp packets, that they then recycle. I am certain you will all support the school in our decision to recycle all crisp packets for this worthy cause.

If your child has a packet of crisps/crisp-like snack in their lunchboxes, I will be asking them to donate their empty packets in school. Please feel free to bring in empty crisp packets from home too. They do not need to be washed...just empty.

Your support is, as always gratefully received. Mrs Benson (School Council) & Miss Rashleigh (Eco Club)

Pulborough Pump Track - Kai Stenning and two of his friends will be in the playground at the end of the day on the **Friday 20th December** to get signatures regarding the Pulborough Pump Track. If you feel this would be an asset to the young people of Pulborough, then please take the time to sign the petition.

Bookkeeper for PTA - The PTA are looking for a bookkeeper who is willing to volunteer to manage the PTA accounts. For further details please contact the chair of trustees Steve Leach, via the school office.

Little Explorers – The children have all been very busy this week making Christmas cards and doing lots of Christmas arts and crafts, they have also enjoyed the Christmas writing station, wrapping presents in Santa's workshop, decorating gingerbread men and making stick men.

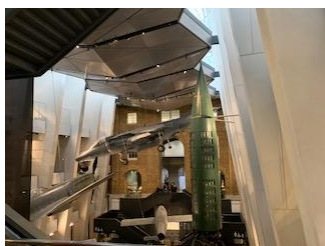
At this week's phonics session, they met Pete and Pricilla the puppet who showed them how to write letters and blend sounds to make words. They had lots of fun with the balloons too.

On Thursday we had our nativity play which the children performed on stage to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends, they were all amazing and gave a wonderful show, we are so proud of them all.

Imperial War Museum – Year 6 headed to London to visit The Imperial War Museum. They looked at exhibits around ‘WWI’ and ‘WWII’ including the Trenches Experience’ and spent time looking at the vehicles used in these World Wars. The children and staff reported that this was very interesting as a visit and the children were commended for their behaviour. Thank you to Ms Frances, Mr Rogers, Mr Edge, Mrs Reid, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Dona and Mrs Lees who attended the trip.



‘The Anderson Shelter’ that the children made models of in class.



The ‘Trench Experience’

Things coming up

All internal clubs have now finished

Karate, Judo, Dance and Football finish **Friday 13th December**

Disco 5-6pm EYFS/KS1- Disco 5-6pm, KS2 - 6.15 – 7.30pm **Tuesday 17th December**

Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas visiting – **Wednesday 18th December**

6pm Church Christmas Concert – selection of musicians and choir - **Wednesday 18th December**

(Tickets available from the school office at £5.00 per Adult)

Christmas Eucharist 9 – 9.45am - **Friday 20th December**

Class Christmas Parties - **Friday 20th December (pm)**

**Please note children must come into school in Uniform for the Eucharist,
but may bring party clothes for the afternoon.**

School breaks up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th at 3.15pm.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January!**