



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



NEWSLETTER

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

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Wow! The end of the Spring Term is upon us and we are celebrating so many lovely things with the children. We know that the children have developed their knowledge and skills in so many different areas of the curriculum and we have been so pleased to see so many parents at celebration assemblies and parent's evenings to find out more about the learning. We wish you all a lovely Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 17th April.



Thank you – A huge thank you to the PTA and the PTA trustees for all their hard work this term – we are grateful for the volunteering. Amy Hayes has stepped down from the PTA and we would like to thank her so much for all her hard work with organising events. We are looking for more members of the PTA to help run events. If you are interested please contact pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or the school office.

Parents Evening – Thank you for attending parent's evenings. We are aware that on the report the last set of PIRA and PUMA data was autumn 2022. The teachers now have the spring '23 data so do email them if you would like this information. The teachers may not come back with an answer until after the holidays now though. Our next parent evenings will be in July.

Medical Tracker – Medical tracker is a new reporting system which allows staff to log medication and minor injuries. If you have consented to your child having Calpol / antihistamine, we can give the age related dose to your child if we feel this is necessary between 12noon & 2pm and you will receive an email advising you that this has been administered. We will also use this to advise you if your child has been treated for a minor injury but has gone back to class happily.

Staffing – We have welcomed back **Mrs Huntley-Hart** this week and we want to thank **Mrs Callender** for working with UK class over the last few months. Mrs Callender will be staying with us in the summer term and will be teaching swimming in KS2.

We are also delighted to say that **Mrs Burbidge** is expecting her second baby. Mrs Burbidge will stay with us until the end of the academic year and then will take her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her news in September.



Uniform – As we approach the holidays, we are noticing more trainers coming in to school and this seems to be due to school shoes needing replacing. Please can you do this over the Easter holidays and can all children come back with school shoes please. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Swimming pool timetable – The swimming pool will be open from **Monday 17th April for the children in KS2**. It is a heated pool and we will ensure it is warm enough for the children to swim.

All swimming kits should be in a draw string bag please, including hats (for shoulder length or longer hair), **swimming costume** (no bikinis) **and a towel**. **Please ensure this is bought in on the morning their class is swimming to ensure they are ready for their time slot as times can vary on the day.**

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 5/6
Thursday	Year 5/6

Please ensure that the children bring their swimming kit on these days.

Vine leaves – **Jessica L (SA)** for her support of the reopening of the A29 and for sharing her thoughts and opinions. You have the power in you! **Finnley (Ire)** for winning all three of his competitions in Judo and taking a gold medal with Horsham Judo Club. **Beatrice (Jap)** for creativity as she keeps producing some lovely art. **Amelia (NZ)** for friendship as you never give up on your friends and give them your time and energy – thank you. **Immy (SL)** for her courage at a difficult time. **Carina (SA)** for her courage at a difficult time. **Holly (Jap)** for courage as she continues to push herself forward in to responsibilities. **Isla B (SL)** for resilience as she shows courage and pushes herself in to every challenge. **Dixie (SA)** for creativity as you keep showing such creative ways to present your learning. Keep this going! **Savannah (Ita)** for her humility as she puts others before herself.



Science competition - Thank you to Mrs Farrant for running our Science week photography competition. We had a great number of entries and the children really found 'signs of spring'. Well done to **Elba, Rafferty, Dexter and Leah** for winning! I am sure you will find a good book to spend your token on!



Reflection – [Peace & Calm - YouTube](#)

Kindness Shield – As we finish the term, we are nominating **Alfie C (Italy)** for April. What a kind and compassionate young man you are. You are such a good friend and go above and beyond to make sure everyone is happy in your classroom. We are so proud of the humility that you show every day in class and the fact that you don't always appreciate what you do for others.

Reaching families – There are some brilliant courses being advertised by Reaching Families and this is the best place to get support if you feel your child may have something else going on for them.

Science Week



ADULT REQUIRED! Forest School club – We have the offer of a Forest School after school club on a Thursday for Y5/6 in Summer Term, but we need another adult volunteer for it to go ahead. Would anyone be able to come and help? Please let the Office know if you can help and they will arrange a DBS check.

Reading over the holidays – The Easter holidays is the best time to curl up with a book – please send us the most unusual places that you read – we would love to see the books that you are reading. Top 10 reading ages for this term are Martha, Alfie F, Daniel, Freddie, James M, Levi E, Caleb, Marcus B, Holly D and Evie D. Keep reading everyone – we are loving seeing the books that you are reading. Please read over the holidays!



Learning – Well done to Thailand class who have been studying the daffodils that are growing in our school grounds and have produced some lovely artwork as they use their observational skills.



Easter Play – Amazing Love – Year 4

What a brilliant performance of 'Amazing Love'. Everyone participated with children doing props, singing, dancing and acting. Year 4 really showcased their skills. Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Farrant and Miss Sleat.



Easter Eucharist – Thank you to Father Paul, Mr Holloway and Mr Hancock for the Easter Eucharist today. We talked about the meaning behind the chocolate eggs that we might receive. It was a great celebration!



Football – On Friday afternoon, the Year 3 Boys football team travelled to Tanbridge House for the final tournament of the spring. On a wet and very windy afternoon, the boys got off to the perfect start with a 1-0 win over Castlewood courtesy of a spectacular goal from **Daniel M**. The second game against a tough opponent in Southwater A ended in a narrow 1-0 defeat. After a short water and snack break, the boys responded in perfect fashion with a 3-0 victory against Southwater's B team with two more goals from **Daniel M** and one from **Charlie H**. The final game of the group stages saw the boys play the eventual winners Leechpool A and after a fine first half performance went into the break 1-0 up with **Archie-Deane C** scoring his first of the afternoon. However, Leechpool A came back strongly in the second half to eventually win the game 2-1. The boys finished third in the group and that led them to the fifth place play-off game against Kingslea. A hard fought 2-1 win with a goal apiece from **Daniel M** and **Charlie H** meant the boys finished on a winning note and in fifth position overall. Very well done to the whole



squad for a great afternoon of football - **Daniel M (C), Finley T, Charlie H, Jayden A, Max H, Teddy L-C, Lenny M, Michael B, Archie-Deane C.**

Art – Well done to **Poppy (Mex)** for applying her skills to this piece of art. We love it when the children push themselves and show what they are capable of.

Early Years – Early Years have been weaving and improving their fine motor skills and looking at the sign of the cross and what this means. They have been cooking and making their Easter nests and looking at space with a new space role play area. So many lovely learning experiences going on!



Residential Trips – We have arranged parents' meetings for the parents of the children attending the Year 5 & Year 6 residential trips. These will take place on:-

Thursday 20th April at 3.30pm for Year 6 Bethany House trip

Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm for the Year 5 Cobnor trip



Dates for your diary

Monday 17th April –	Back to school and swimming starts for Y3 to Y6.
Thursday 20th April –	Forest Schools for NZ/Residential meeting Y6 3.30pm
Thursday 27th April –	Forest Schools for NZ

Forest Schools – Year 3 and Year 4 will start Forest Schools in the summer term. **An email was sent to all year 3 & 4 parents last week with details.**

Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask that 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.

April Cut off Dates
Thur 6/4 for w/c Mon 17/4
Thur 13/4 for w/c Mon 24/4
Thur 20/4 for Tue 2/5
Thur 27/4 for w/c Mon 8/5



May Cut off Dates
Thur 4/5 for w/c Mon 15/5
Thur 11/5 for w/c Mon 22/5
Thur 25/5 for w/c Mon 5/6

Achievements -

Freya C (Ire)
Achieved her 50m
badge tonight.



Daniel P (SL)
Achieved Grade
1 Cornet.



Hettie S (Ita)
Received he
Orange Belt in
Karate .



Ronnie H (Ind)
has passed his
stage 4
swimming.



Daniel M (Ire)
Man of the Match
with his Saturday
team.



Indi P (SL)
Achieved level
4 in swimming.



Rosie O (USA)
Performing in the
play 'Outlaw'
Solo singing, learning
her lines and
dancing.

Well done!

Easter Bonnet winners - UK - Louis A

Thailand - Bailey N

Italy - Teagan R

India - Ronnie H

Ireland - Finnley T

NZ - Arlo S

USA - Jack B

SL - Rosie M

Mex - Isla E

SA - April-Rose A

Japan - Harriet J



Congratulations



*Easter
Bonnets
Entries*



Happy Easter everyone!



Training

Summer 2023

(1st 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

April

Understanding Autism	Friday 21st	10.30 am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 25th	7.30 pm
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Wednesday 26th	10.30 am
Understanding ADHD	Thursday 27th	7.30 pm

May

Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence (11 years +)	Tuesday 2nd	7.30 pm
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour (age 2-11 years)	Friday 5th	10.30 am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 9th	10.30 am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years +)	Wednesday 10th	7.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance	Thursday 11th	10.30 am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Tuesday 16th	7.30 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Thursday 18th	10.30 am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 23rd	7.30 pm
Making Sense of Masking	Thursday 25th	7.30 pm

The above workshops will be delivered via Zoom

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: 17th May (Part 1) & 24th May (Part 2)

Wednesdays 9.30am to 2.30pm

Venue: Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Gardens, Chichester



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