



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 10th May 2021

What a brilliant week we have had at school with lots of laughter and fun and learning! The children have been so enthusiastic about learning and so willing to talk to us about what they are learning. There are many enrichment activities going on to engage the children and enrich their learning. We are aware that we have had some children in school who are anxious following the return and this is normal as we have all been through some significant changes in our lives and none of us have been in a pandemic before so we are all learning together. It is all of our responsibilities to help the children to rationalise these feelings and keep talking. We should then see a reduction in anxiety.

Anxiety – These are resources for children who are anxious to complete at home and to help with shared conversations. It is a great idea to find a time after school to talk. Don't do these at bedtime as they will make the brain think and not settle for bed. Regular talking and calming strategies are the best ways to manage anxiety.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/wellbeing>

Stages on the COVID journey – From May 17th the Government will open up more of the country as part of the Government's steps on the COVID journey. We have received up to date guidance for schools (12th May) but there is very little that is changing for schools. We will continue with the staggered starts and finish times, we ask that you still wear a mask at the start and end of the day when coming to the school, ensuring that you do not congregate with other parents and that we keep social distancing. Our classes will remain in bubbles and we keep our zones working as they have been. The systems that we have in place are working and we haven't had any cases of COVID within school and we want to stay like this. Our focus is to keep all bubbles open and children learning.

Holiday requests – We recognise that the year has been a challenge for all families. However, we will not be authorising any holidays as the children have missed so much learning already and whilst the school is open, we feel that children should be at school as much as possible.

Twitter – We are keen to get as many parents as possible reading our school newsletter to get the messages out. Please join our twitter feed at @Pulb_school. If you have any suggestions of how we can reach more parents please email office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and let us know your ideas.



Vine leaves – **Mae (SA)** and **Lily (SA)** for the kindness and compassion that they have shown in supporting a classmate. **Oliver D (SA)** for humility - you are such a thoughtful and polite member of our class, setting a fantastic example to others and consistently giving your best in all that you do. **Florence (SA)** you have had some challenges recently and we are very proud of the courage that you have shown. It hasn't been easy but you are persevering. **Marcus (SL)** for his humility and politeness as this has been noticed how you support others. **Renee (SA)** for your thoughtfulness. **Ella C, Victoria C and Isobel H (Thai)** - for using their initiative at critical times and so being a tremendous help to Mrs Hubble and Mrs Adams.

Links with Sierra Leone – We are keen to develop our international links as we settle back in to learning.

Education West Africa: Link with SLC Primary School, Kenema, Sierra Leone:

Many of you will be aware that St Mary's have a link school in Kenema, Sierra Leone. Education West Africa is a charity dedicated to providing practical support for children and schools in Sierra Leone, for example school uniforms and furniture. Older children in Key Stage 2 will remember Mrs Heath (former Head teacher of St Mary's) visiting to share her memories of her life-changing visit to Sierra Leone where she was able to see first-hand the impact that Education West Africa has on schools in Freetown, Kenema and Bo.

We are keen to recommence our fundraising efforts to support Education West Africa in their mission to provide school uniforms and furniture for children and schools in Sierra Leone as these items can make a huge difference. This is particularly important at this time and we would like to do all that we can to support the schools as they recover from the challenges presented by the Corona Virus pandemic during the past year.

The Year 6 children are keen to organise some fundraising activities to support Education West Africa, and further information will be shared on their plans shortly.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Education West Africa, further information is available on their website and Facebook page:

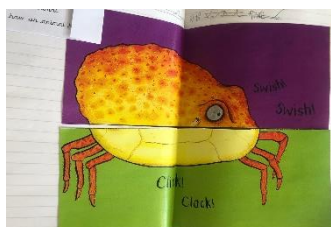
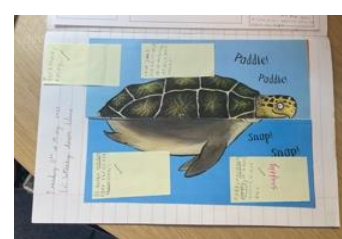
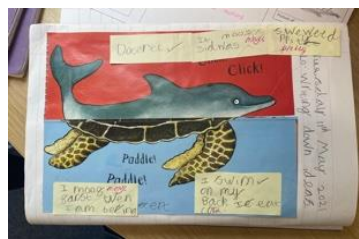
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Thank you in anticipation.

Year 3 learning – The children have been looking at volcanoes in the style of Andy Warhol. They have produced some lovely work. **Artwork by Olivia, Anna & Harlie.**



Year 1 and Year 2 – Sea creatures this week. It has been great to see the children using their creativity and wisdom to design their own sea creatures. Look at these! We have looked at the progress of phonics as well, the majority of children have made enormous progress with phonics and this has had an impact on reading. **Artwork by Ivy, Skyla-Ray, Caitlin, Oscar, Josh, Hector & Bea (France & Thailand)**



Year 4 Learning – Tenor horn – we couldn't be more proud of the Year 4, we could hear simple tunes emerging this week when you were playing your instruments. Well done to them. We have looked at the progress of the Y4 with their times tables and both the speed of recall and the improvement has been very good. We are pleased with their progress.

Year 6 Learning – Year 6 have been covering 'Managing Risk' in RHE this term. The children worked in groups to role-play situations involving risks such as cigarettes, drugs and alcohol, and have thought about how to respond to peer pressure. We have also explored risk triangles and discussed how changes to the three factors (drug, person and situation) can increase or decrease the level of risk in a situation.



Archery for Year 5 – We are really pleased to say that over the next month Archery will be visiting the school to work with each year group in Key Stage Two. This week the Y5 tried their skills and they showed enthusiasm with various games that helped improve their hand eye coordination.

Year 6 – This week we filmed the Year 6 children singing 10,000 reasons and My Lighthouse in preparation for the Leaver's Service. We are so pleased that we have been asked to contribute to the video to celebrate the children's time at church schools across the Diocese. This is one of the classes performing!



Parental questionnaire – We are keen to hear from parents about how the school is running and your opinions. Next week you will receive a Google form. Please complete this for us.

A huge thank you for all your support – the school has so much going on for the children which is vital for their learning and mental health and we are determined to give the children the very best and not have to close a bubble or have another lockdown.

If you have any questions or queries then please do email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Bug-Fest EYFS - UK & Austria took part in a hands-on Bugs-Fest on Wednesday and were very lucky to be able to see and hold insects such as Bird-Eating spider, Giant Millipede, Giant Centipede, Tarantula, Assassin beetle and Cockroaches. Also a Vinegaroon this is an Amblypygid which is part spider part scorpion also known as a Sun-Spider. The children learnt how important bugs are in the food chain, and what would happen if bugs disappeared. (Everything would die with-in 10 years).



Activities to smile about

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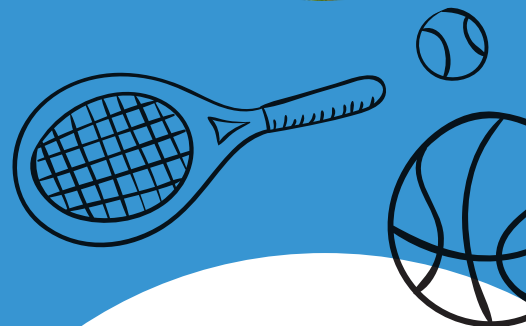


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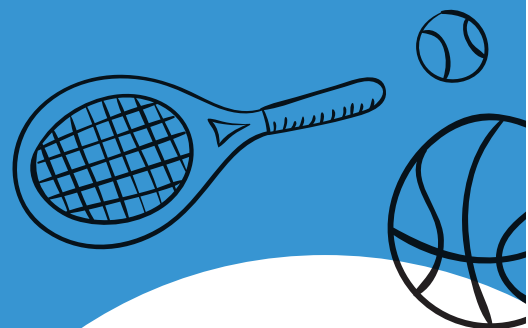
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| VENUE | TIME | DATE | COST |
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| Storrington Football Club | 10:00am - 3pm | Tuesday 1st June - Wednesday 2nd June | £16 a day |
| Chichester College | 10:00am - 3pm | Tuesday 1st June - Wednesday 2nd June | £16 a day |
| Bognor Arena | 10:00am - 3pm | Thursday 3rd June - Friday 4th June | £16 a day |

