



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 12th September 2022

The weather has cooled a bit this week but it has not cooled our rigour in delivering a full curriculum and the classes are all off and running learning new things! Do talk to your child about their learning. Links with parents are so important to us at St Mary's and we have attached a tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter, as we want to hear your views about the running of the school. Please let us know the great things that are happening and things that you would like to see develop – together we are stronger! Pop it in the post box or hand it to Mrs Copus at the gate in the morning!

Closure due to the State Funeral – Monday 19th September will be a bank holiday for the State Funeral for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The school will be closed on this day; we look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 20th September.**



Book of Condolence at St Mary's Church

St Mary's church have a book of condolence. If you would like to sign the book or light a candle or say a prayer then the church will be **open 9 am – 5pm.**

Daisy (Ire) has been to pay her respects to The Queen.



Parent Governor – We are looking for a Parent Governor to join our happy band of Governors. A letter has come out and if you feel you are interested please do phone the office.

Early Years – Our Early Years children have settled already and we have seen them exploring the environment. They saw how pumpkins grew and picked some and then looked at the inside. They counted the seeds, made a vocabulary bank of words and did observational drawings of pumpkins. The children also collected the sunflowers that we grew.



Display – The whole school has started thinking about our Christian value this term, which is LOVE. The children thought about people they love, how we show love and how others may show love to them. In our prayer corners the children have been thinking about who they would like to pray for and many of the children have mentioned Queen Elizabeth II in their prayers. Our front board shows the contributions from all the children as we spread the LOVE!



Learning - What a fantastic first week with so much new learning going on – UK and Thailand are learning about 'The world around them'. Italy and India are learning about 'Superheroes'. Year 3 have started the 'Stone Age' theme with a super starter of a Stone Age Day, Year 4 are learning about 'Rumble in the Jungle', SA, Japan and Mexico are learning about 'World War 2' and have launched their learning with an Evacuee Day. Please see newsletters and knowledge organisers on the website for more information and the learning that is going to be going on this half term.

Collaborative learning is very important; this was a bridge building activity that encouraged the children to work together and use custard creams – Mrs Copus' favourite biscuit!



Maths – In South Africa and Japan class, the children have been generating larger numbers using dice, this was a way of showing their understanding and developing their independence for learning and the children in Italy class were using manipulatives to find out about numbers. Active learning is the best way to create memorable learning experiences.

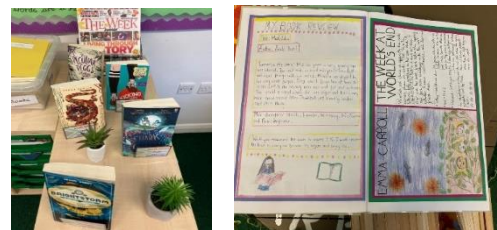


Reflection - This week's reflection focuses on loving the things we do and sharing them with others. [\(43\) Reflection 19 - Love! - YouTube](#)

Maths investigation – We have seen some great maths going on through investigations this week, Ireland have been thinking about numbers and the number system



Reading – We have excellent reading buddies who are making recommendations for reading books – look at South Africa’s recommendations and the reviews of books that they have read.



Potato Furls – Learning about Ireland – Ireland class made their own potato furls as they found out more about Ireland. This is active, engaging and memorable learning for the children.



Knowledge organisers – On the class pages are knowledge organisers to help parents and show what the children should know by the end of this half-termly topic. Please do spend some time talking about the learning for this half term.

Class Dojo – you will receive details from your class teacher about logging on to Class Dojo so that you can see what rewards your child is receiving.

Safeguarding newsletter – This went out last week and is a new initiative to keep parents informed of how we safeguard your children in school. It has many interesting topics to give you more information about safeguarding children. **Our Designated Safeguard Leads are Mrs Copus, Mrs Hatcher, Miss Wilkins and Miss Turner.**

Anti bullying – As a school we do sometimes have cases of bullying reported, as children learn to play together, and we take these very seriously. As soon as we know that something is happening we will meet with the children concerned first, then we will see if the bullying stops, we will involve parents if needed and we will continue to meet with the children to ensure it dealt with fully. If you are concerned that your child is being bullied, please contact the school straight away.

Reception Baseline Assessment – Information for parents. It is a government requirement that we assess the children within the first six weeks of starting school. **If you would like to know more then please click on the link below.** [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment](#)

School Calendar – The calendar has been updated on the website so please do look and check that you have all the dates of upcoming events – there is such a lot going on and we would hate parents and children to miss out.

Gardening – If you are a parent, grandparent or a member of our community and have a few hours then we are looking for some people who can do some tidying up in some of the garden areas to keep our school looking beautiful. Please phone or email the office if you have some time to offer.

Nut Free School – We are a ‘Nut Free’ school. Please ensure that no nuts of any form are brought in to school **(this includes Nutella, sesame seeds, fruit bars with nuts or humus)**



Meet The Teacher – We are running ‘Meet the Teacher’ on **Wednesday 28th September at 3.30pm** and this year, it will be in the classrooms. Each teacher will tell you about the class, expectations, things to remember etc.

This will be 20 – 30 minutes and there will be time for questions at the end. It is not an individual parents evening. If you cannot attend there will be a detailed PowerPoint shared on our website. Please ensure your child stays with you in the classroom.

Clubs – We are running a range of clubs this term for the children to enjoy. Please see the emails that have come out about clubs.

Day of the week	Club and adult leading
Monday	Ukulele – Mr Ortiz Kingfishers (Church Bible Club) – Mrs Smith
Tuesday	Contemporary Dance – Figure23Dance
Wednesday	Street Dance – Figure23Dance Fitness Circuits – Mr Coomber Netball – Miss Sleat/Miss Heasman
Thursday	Singing Club – Mrs Hatcher Story Club – Mrs Benson Forest School – Mrs Farrant/Mrs Cullen Karate – Sama Karate Football – Sports Talent Academy

Harvest Festival – Harvest Eucharist is on Friday 23rd September, we would welcome gifts (**dried goods, tins, toiletries etc**) and this year the gifts will go to **Family Support Work (FSW)** who do the most amazing job for our community and further afield. **All gifts will be collected on the gate on the day.** Parents are welcome to attend our Harvest Eucharist at **9am in the school hall.** If you wish to attend, please let the office know.

Harvest Fayre Scarecrows – Each year we love lining the path of Glebe Field with scarecrows – this year there is no set theme so they can be any type, shape or size, we would love to get as many scarecrows as possible. We look forward to seeing what each family can come up with and you should have already have received information about this.



Non Uniform Day for Harvest Fayre – We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th September and will be asking for a **contribution of a bottle or chocolate** that will go towards our stall at the Harvest Fayre. We will collect these on the gate in the morning.

St Mary's Church - There is a service especially designed for families on the **Sunday 18th September.** It is a short informal service from 9 - 9.40am on the 3rd Sunday and everyone is welcome to attend. Please see the leaflet for more details.

Music lessons – We currently have piano, drums, brass, and woodwind during school time and Ukulele after school club. It is always lovely to see so many children playing an instrument and getting so much out of lessons. It helps musical ability but builds self-confidence, develops cognitive ability and it is a lifelong skill.



The Weald – We welcomed Mrs Edwards this week, Head teacher of The Weald and she talked to the children about what it would be like if the children came to The Weald. **The Open Evening is Thursday 22nd at 5 – 8.30pm.**

Roald Dahl Day – We saw a huge array of costumes come in to school to celebrate this author and raise the children’s awareness of literature! Some of the teachers were reading Roald Dahl, there was drama going on and some children completed book reviews about Roald Dahl books.



Vine leaves

- **Caleb D (Ind)** for friendship as he helped children settle into India Class by offering to play with them and being a good friend
- **Ryan D (Ita)** - for showing Mrs Hubble so much loving respect and thoughtfulness by being exemplary in his behaviour.
- **Andrew R (Ita)** - for being a loving, caring boy to everyone in Italy class.
- **Savannah W (Ita)** - for demonstrating positive, self-love by believing in herself and trusting herself to work independently.
- **Michael (NZ)** - Perseverance - For trying your best in everything you do, and always with a smile on your face.
- **Amelie-Joy (NZ)** - Kindness - For showing kindness and care to everyone you meet.
- **Flynn A (SA)** - for your positive attitude, consistent politeness and impeccable manners.

Celebration Assemblies – Last term worked so well with the children showcasing their learning to the parents and we had so many lovely comments from the parents so we are running this again this term.

- **Friday 30th September – India class**
- **Friday 7th October – USA class**
- **Friday 14th October – Mexico class**
- **Thursday 3rd November – Italy class**
- **Friday 4th November – Sierra Leone class**
- **Friday 11th November – South Africa class**
- **Friday 18th November – Japan class**
- **Friday 25th November – Ireland class**
- **Friday 2nd December – NZ class**

*Thailand and UK will start our class assemblies in the spring term.

New academic year 2022 - 2023

Thurs 15th Sept
 Fri 16th Sept
Mon 19th Sept
 Tue 20th Sept
 Tues 20th Sept
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 Wed 21st Sept
 Fri 23rd Sept
 Sat 24th Sept
 Tue 27th Sept
 Wed 28th Sept
 Thur 29th Sept
 Thur 6th Oct
 Thur 13th Oct
 Mon 10th – Fri 14th October
 Thur 13th October
Fri 21st October
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October

Ireland Forest Schools
 Non uniform day – donations for the Harvest Fayre of chocolates or a bottle
BANK HOLIDAY - State funeral for Her Majesty the Queen
 Clubs start
 Superhero Day – letter to come home from KS1
 Choir starts at the Methodist Church, Storrington Y4/5/6
 Evacuee Day SA, Japan and Mexico class
 Clarinet starts for USA class
 Harvest Eucharist - Gifts welcome – going to FSW
 Harvest Fayre
 Individual photos for all – Full school uniform
 Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm in classrooms
 Visiting Poet for KS2 – launching a love of poetry
 National Poetry Day -
 PTA AGM 3.30pm – Please come and support the PTA
 Bikeability for Y6
 PTA AGM at 3.30pm
INSET Day
HALF TERM week

Achievements

Daniel (Ire) also gained his 2km swimming badge (an epic 80 lengths of the pool!) and also his Level 3 Diving.



Poppy (Ire) achieved stage 5 in swimming

Jessie (SA) has learnt Cantonese

Martha (Jap) achieved stage 5 in swimming

Olivia (Jap) ran a park run and a Triathlon

Jess (SA) swan 27 laps of a swimming pool

Megan (SA) won second prize in a surfing competition in Cornwall.

James M (Jap) achieved Sage 7 in his swimming

Mattie gained her 50m swimming badge



Scarlett H (Jap) Medal at football

Daniel (Ire) had his first ever attempt at a triathlon earlier today, and raced at the Bognor Regis KidsTri event. He had a great time and he swam, cycled and ran his heart out and came a fantastic 10th out of 20th in the TriStar 1 category for 8-10 yr olds



Reaching Families – This is a great place to find support if you have a child with some additional needs.



Reaching Families Training Workshops
Autumn 2022
(1st half-term)

SEPTEMBER

Making Sense of Masking	Thur 8th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance	Tues 13th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents	Weds 14th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding ADHD	Thur 15th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Meetings and Paperwork	Thur 22nd	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Mon 26th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Tues 27th	10.30 am	via Zoom
An Introduction to Makaton	Weds 28th	7.30 pm	via Zoom

OCTOBER

Making Sense of SEN Support in School	Thur 6th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Autism	Fri 7th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Handling Stress and Building Your Own Resilience	Tues 11th	9.45am	Bognor Regs
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour (2-11 years)	Thur 13th	10.30 am	via Zoom

Find out more about our training at:
www.reachingfamilies.org.uk
All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your interest in our new community focussed choir.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child on Tuesday, 20th September 2022 at 4.45 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3NG

In the meantime, if you have any queries, you can contact me at robertgamblerc@gmail.com

Robert Gamble

Ryman



We Are Collecting

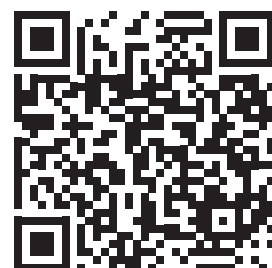


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Dr Lisa Quadt—University of Sussex

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