



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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1st May 2020

Dear all,

We are now in our sixth week in lockdown, we hope that you are all staying safe and following the Government guidance. There is some speculation in the press about returning to school but we have received no information at this time. As soon as we do, we will update you.

Class Newsletters – The term is off and running and parents have been asking about having some idea of what is coming up with the learning so on our website under your child's class is the newsletter for this term that tells you what is going on with the learning week by week. Please ask questions if you have any.

5 KM walk for the NHS – Well done to Toby H who walked 5k to raise money for the NHS. The children at school have also been thanking the NHS.



Helping others – We are always trying to help others in this time and some of the children at school put together some bits to cheer up the residents of The Anchorage – have a look at how they have used our rainbow and our paper chains at the end of this newsletter.

Link to Autism bits from Mollie – please click on the link below to view the West Sussex Autism and Social Communication Team. Presents - Working at home with your child 2020.

[Autism and Social communication Info](#)

Music on the Menu – Please click on the link below from West Sussex Music

[Time well spent Lyrics, Score & Mp3 / Music on the menu](#)

Talking to your child about coronavirus - <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

Phonics – Children in UK, Austria, Thailand, France and India classes have been sent details of the Letters & Sounds sessions that started on Monday 27th April. It is not too late to log on and work with your child on the phonics. This website has a teaching session for your child and it would be brilliant to be building on their phonics knowledge.

Telephone calls – You will find that over the next few weeks that staff will be contacting you directly. This is just for us to have a 'check in' with you about how 'home learning' is going. It is a chance for us to answer any questions that you may have or try and solve any problems and we would like to speak to your child/children to 'check in' with them as well. There is a member of the Senior Leadership team on the school site everyday so you can phone us as well if you are concerned about anything. Nothing is too small or too silly and we are there to try and help during this difficult time.

Virtual Sports Games – The very first Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games began on Monday 27th April at 9:15am with Hockey. This is led by Specsavers and not us so we are just handing on the details. You can google it, if our link is not working. It is not too late to join in Every week, throughout the summer term, a different sport will take place, made up of four personal sporting challenges which can be completed from home; in the living room, kitchen or garden. You can submit the scores for each challenge online, and this will contribute towards St Mary's average score. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the best scoring schools in each sport. There will also be an Active Adults category with trophies up for grabs, so parents, staff and carers can get involved and represent St Mary's as well. A new sport, and its four challenges, will be published at 9:30am on a Monday morning, on www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk and on social media. This will also be sent out to you via email and you will have until midday on Friday to submit your scores on the website above, and leaderboards will be published later that day. There will also be an additional training challenge alongside the sporting competition, with the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher as a prize. To be in with a chance of winning this, you will need to upload your training videos and pictures to Twitter Facebook, Instagram and TikTok and include the #SussexSchGames.

SPECSAVERS 'VIRTUAL' SUSSEX
SCHOOL GAMES 2020

Financial help during and WSCC learning during lockdown - [Lockdown resources - April 2020](#)

Free School Meals for those that are eligible - There is some confusion over the supermarket vouchers that the government have put in place. These are for those children who have applied, and are entitled to, the Pupil Premium Grant, which includes a free school meal and assistance with trips and uniform. This is different to the Universal Infant Free School Meal that every child in Years R to 2 is entitled to it, there is no provision in place for these children while the school is closed to them.

If you feel your household circumstances have changed and wish to consider applying for the 'Pupil Premium Grant' please use this link where you will find all the information and how to apply.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Foodbank – At this difficult time, we are aware that parents may not be able to afford food and this worries us enormously. If you are concerned/worried about food in your household then email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and we will be able to put you in contact with the food bank providers – we can't supply food ourselves but we can connect you with the people that can help.

Library service update – This is information about joining the library which may help children to access other books. The Library have added 1,300 extra ebooks and 450 eAudio titles. Around 32,000 newspapers and magazines are being downloaded each week too! Last week there were 2,500 views of the Ancestry page, which is linked to the free public version, and they had over 50 compliments about this service.



They have been offering telephone support for library customers who want to use the ebook and audio but have never tried before. An additional 25 library staff have now been trained to accept and receive calls in the Community Hub so they are ready to help.

[Join the online library service.](#)

At this difficult time, please follow Government advice and stay safe. We are thinking of you all and we are looking forward to being back together in the future. If there is anything that you would like me to discuss in the newsletters over the next few weeks or a photo of something your child/children have been doing then please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and I can add things in or address issues.

Competition time

See attached a flyer for the CREATIVE CHALLENGE from JOHN LEWIS – DESIGN A SUPERHERO BEAR COMPETITION

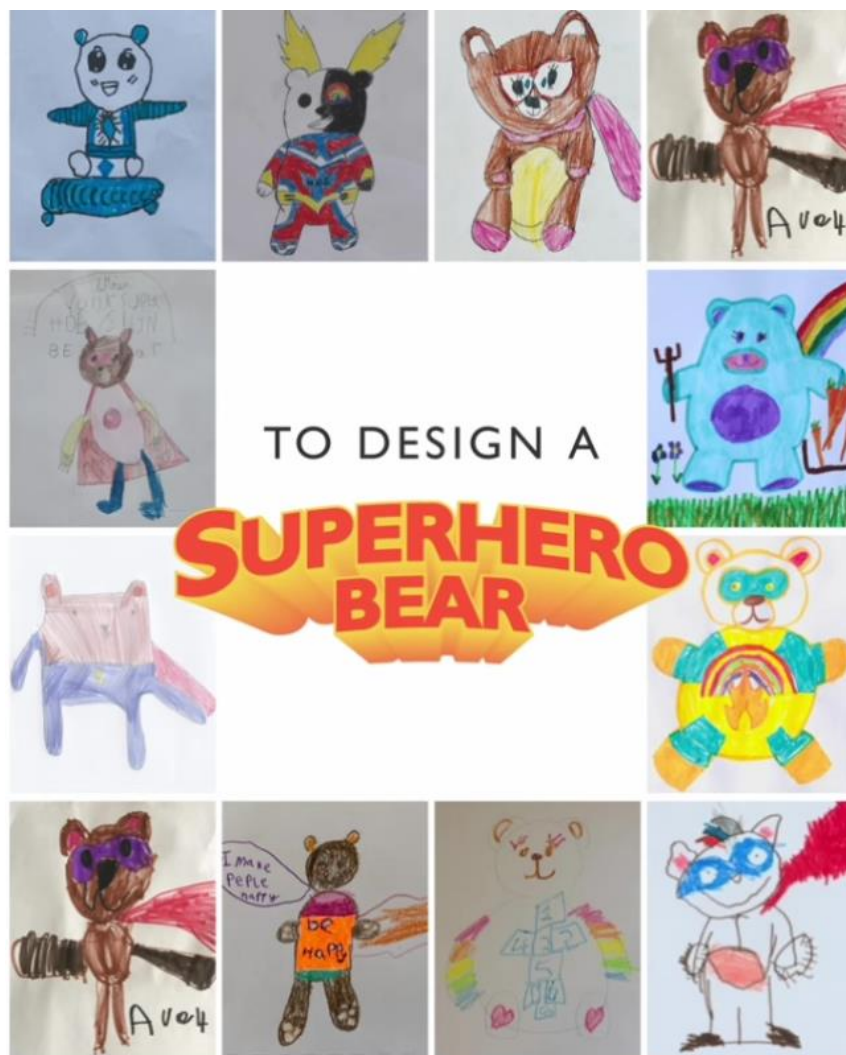
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Mrs S Copus
Headteacher



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DESIGN YOUR TEDDY BEAR

In honour of our incredible carers at the NHS, we need designs for superhero-themed bears - don't feel like you have to stick to the traditional brown bear - we want to see all kinds of super teddies.

Try and incorporate unique elements through colours, patterns, capes, masks - whatever feels exciting for you, but please avoid using any recognisable icons in your designs, such as the 'NHS' lettering or Superman logos.

If you need a bit of help getting started, then please download our teddy bear drawing template below.

HOW TO ENTER

Share your superhero teddy bear design with us by 5pm on 8 May 2020. An adult over the age of 18 should submit a photo of your design in one of the following two ways:

Share your designs by email to:

designyoursuperbear@johnlewis.co.uk

or posted through a public Instagram or Twitter account with the hashtag

#DesignYourSuperBear

For more details, please see: <https://www.johnlewis.com/content/your-partners-through-it-all/feel-good-friday>

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#DesignYourSuperBear



Horsham Hub

Enabling Families

With a little
direction I can find
a solution

I need some
guidance to
solve the
problem

**Are you a parent facing challenges?
Are you worried about a family situation or
problem?
Would it help to talk it through?**

**Families please call or email for further information and to book an
appointment.**

07525 211177

or email HorshamHUB@westsussex.gov.uk

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-4pm)

Each appointment slot will last 45 minutes