



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



# NEWSLETTER

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

**Humility, service, forgiveness**

Telephone: 01798 872007

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

It is lovely to see everyone back from the Christmas holidays, may I take this opportunity to say Happy New Year to you all. Thank you to all the Christmas presents and cards. It really does mean a lot.

**Values** – This term we are focussing on humility, service and forgiveness.

**Links to newsletters – class newsletters will be on our website by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January:**

<https://stmaryspulborough.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/57308>

**Staffing – We have made some staff changes for this term so the list below is to keep you updated.**

**UK** - Mrs Callender and Mrs Tiller

**Austria** – Mrs Huntley Hart and Mrs Tiller

**Thailand** – Mrs Hubble and Mrs Ansell

**France** – Mrs Rashleigh and Mrs Norgate

**India** – Miss Wilkins (AM), Miss Gorecka (PM) and Mrs Adams (AM)

**New Zealand** – Mr Coomber and Mrs Shepherd

**Ireland** – Mrs Benson and Mrs Castle

**USA** – Miss Lyons (M/T) and Mrs Martin Wells (W/Th/F) and Mrs Sherlock-Fuidge

**Sierra Leone** – Miss Turner, Mrs Bridge and Mrs Lee

**Mexico** – Miss Sleat and Mrs Adams (PM)

**China** – Miss Callender and Mrs Bryan

**South Africa** – Ms Frances and Mr Yates

**Japan** – Mr Rogers and Mrs Underwood

**SEND TA/Speech and Language** – Ms Harrison

**Office** – Mrs Lees (School Business Manager), Mrs Gabriel (School Secretary), Mrs Andrews (Bursar), Mrs Russell and Mrs Hancock (Administration Assistant).

**PPA Cover** – Miss Dunstall KS1 and UK and Austria, Miss Vanieris (Spanish KS2), Mrs Shuter KS2

**Premises Officer** – Miss Elliott

**Governors** – The Governors are fully involved in the school and are Judith Balcombe, Cecile Bagnall, Sharon Ansell, Julian Edge, David Shepherd (Chair), Andy Clark (Vice chair), Caroline Butler Fr Paul, Rachel Sleat, Charlotte Cargill, Laura Batchelor, Dan Jenkins, Janet Lees, Simon Doy and Richard Cordy.

**Donation to Little Princess charity** – We are very proud of the Chene and Elani who donated their hair to the Princess Trust. Elani managed a whopping 35cm.



**Humility and kindness** – Can you encourage your children to do these things?

**NO ACT OF  
KINDNESS,  
NO MATTER HOW  
small  
IS EVER  
WASTED**

**30 Random Acts of Kindness For Primary Students**

ON THE PLAYGROUND	IN THE HALLWAY	In the Classroom	Towards Adults	TOWARDS KIDS
Pick up litter and put it in the trash can.	Smile and say hello to someone new.	Make ☺ or ☹ cards for everyone in your class.	Help the cafe workers wipe the tables.	Donate the clothes you've outgrown to your school's clothes bank.
Give up your swing to someone who is waiting.	Let someone go ahead of you in the water fountain line.	Give your good behavior prize to someone who deserves it, but didn't win.	Write a thank you note to your gym teacher for teaching you how to stay healthy.	Tell another student "Nice job!" in class or on the playground.
Invite someone playing alone to join your game.	Pick up something that has fallen off the wall & return it to a teacher.	Partner with someone who usually has trouble finding one.	Pick up papers you see in the building so the custodian doesn't have to.	Bring an extra lunch dessert from home & share it with someone.
Let someone go ahead of you down the slide.	Let someone who had to leave for something get back in line in front of you.	Tell someone how much you like their new haircut, shirt, backpack or shoes.	Smile and show parents the way to the office.	Help another student carry a heavy book bag to their classroom.
Help put the playground balls away when the bell rings.	Help someone who has dropped their books or papers.	Straighten up the classroom library.	Tell other teachers how nice they look.	Make friends with the new kid at school.
Hide a ☺ rock for someone to find later!	Leave a Positive PostIt note to brighten someone's day!	Leave a nice note for your teacher.	Put a kindness card in a returning library book for the librarian to find.	Paint a kindness rock for a friend.

**Athlete visit** - On Thursday 23rd January, the children at St Mary's will be doing a sponsored 10-15 minute circuit session with international athlete Frederick Afrifa. The money collected will raise funds to help GB and Ireland athletes but also for the school to spend on new PE equipment or be part of a new Get Active programme. Do have a look at Frederick in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad3956lvnu4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUNDQI6-cvg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUKH6gBiu-0>

**Attendance**, WOW what a great start, let's keep in going!

<b>Attendance by Class</b>			
Week beginning 6th January 2020			
<b>Overall attendance was 97.59%</b>			
<b>Target 96.5%</b>			
<b>UK Class</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Ireland Class</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Austria Class</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>USA Class</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>France Class</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>Sierra Leone Class</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Thailand Class</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>China Class</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>India Class</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Mexico Class</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>New Zealand Class</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>South Africa Class</b>	<b>98%</b>
		<b>Japan Class</b>	<b>98%</b>

**Greek Day** – Year 5 had a fantastic time during their Greek Day on Friday where they all dressed up Gods, Goddesses and Greek warriors. In the kitchen, they made lots of delicious food such as Tzatziki, Pork Souvlaki, Greek Salad and Halloumi Skewers, which they ate at their banquet in the afternoon. They also took part in Olympics games and learnt about Greek entertainment.



**Forest Schools – Thailand Class** were learning about their environment in forest School this week and made Hedgehogs out of pinecones.



**Vine leaf – Charlie K** (Perseverance) ‘Wow Charlie’ to be named as swimmer of the Year 2019 out of 900 children is something to be proud of.

**Attendance** – Attendance certificates have come out for the Autumn Term, please can I remind you that anything below 92% will be classed as persistently absent and, as a school, and we will need to make sure that the child’s attendance improves.

**Esafety** – With all the new devices that children got for Christmas, please do look at the apps that they are using. We have had a few reported incidents of cyber bullying and inappropriate use of mobile phones, ipads and playstations. Ask the children to see the chat conversations and check that you are happy with them please. – **See poster attached.**

**Walking Bus** – We are still running the very popular walking bus from the Social Club to the School every morning, we are also looking for another adult volunteers to help one or two mornings a week.





**Nut Allergy** – Please can we remind you that we are a **nut free school**, please do not send your child into school with any nut products.

**Violin lessons at St. Mary's** - We are starting a new violin group this term: Would your child like to learn? The lessons are fun, engaging and non-judgmental and take place in school once a week during term time. Your child will learn to play the violin, read music fluently, play in assembly and maybe even join an orchestra! If your child would like to learn, please apply via this link: [https:// www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=home](https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=home) If you would like more information about the lessons, please email [emily.hester@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:emily.hester@westsussexmusic.co.uk)



**Little Explorers** - This week the children have all settled back into the daily routine really well. We have welcomed some new children too; we hope they enjoy making new friends and the time they spend with us.



We have been busy making playdough, painting some great pictures, filling and emptying in the sensory tray, playing on the pirate ship, lots of dressing up and role-play, exploring in the garden and making snowflakes.

We have also welcomed a new staff member to our nursery, Rachel Astridge has joined us on a permanent basis 3 days a week we hope she enjoys becoming part of our team.

**Special Educational Needs –**

**Reaching Families**  
Empowering families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs or a disability?  
Would you like to meet other parents to share ideas?

**2020**

**Come along to Umbrellas**  
a group for parent carers of children or young people with additional needs and disabilities.

**Billingshurst Community Centre** Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9QW

**Meeting dates:**  
Friday 17th January  
Friday 14th February  
Friday 13th March  
Friday 24th April  
Friday 15th May  
Friday 12th June  
Friday 10th July

Where you can talk freely and get information that is relevant to your child and family

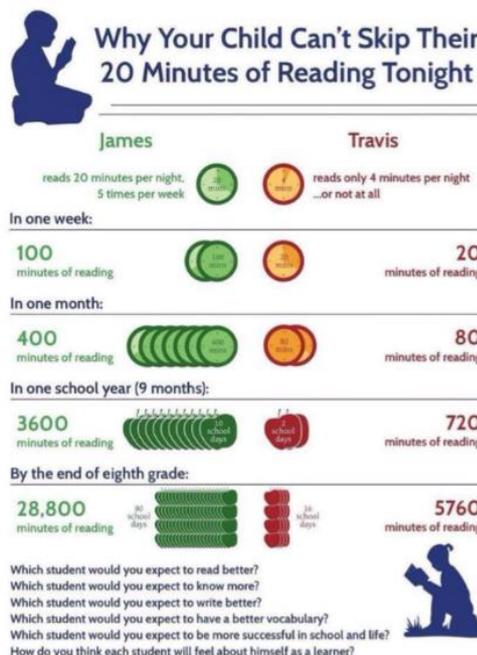
**Drop in between 9:30-11am**

For further information please contact Hannah:  
hannah@reachingfamilies.org.uk  
07951 794734

**COMMUNITY FUND**

Unit 16, Oaklands Business Centre, 64-68 Elm Grove, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 5UH  
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www.reachingfamilies.org.uk  
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**The importance of Reading** – There is a lot of educational research around how important reading is. It is important to hear a range of books. We have an amazing array of books in our new library area, could you take out some books from the library or read more in the week?





## New Year Online Safety Top Tips:



New Year can be a time for us all to reflect. It is a chance to celebrate the year we are leaving behind and welcome the unknown excitement of the new year to come. After all the demands of the Christmas pressures and stress, it can be a time for us all to finally relax. However, even though we are all wanting to unwind, we need to be mindful that online there are still many hidden dangers. So, make sure you're starting your New Year wiser, be better prepared for the online dangers and enjoy a safer start to your New Year.

1. It may be a good time to have a digital detox. Encourage all your family to take a break from digital devices. Agree a period of time each day where you will all have time out from technology.
2. Choose strong passwords.
3. Check your privacy settings are turned on.
4. Ensure your internet connection is secure.
5. Be a selective sharer – be careful what you post.

For more information take a look at our downloadable **Get Safe Online in West Sussex Leaflet** and our **Guide to Keeping your Children Safe Online** at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online)

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## Sharenting

Everything you do or post online adds to your digital footprint and can potentially be seen or stored by others. Many children's digital footprint is literally starting before they are even born with photos of their ultrasounds being posted online. Following, come the baby photos and other important milestones such as birthdays and their first day at school.



Such posts are known as 'sharenting', where parents post pictures of their children on social media for others to view, like and comment on.

### What are the risks?

- Innocent photos could easily fall into the wrong hands. The impacts can be:
- Having these readily available images uploaded onto other websites without permission.
- Stealing identities.
- Or falling into the hands of online predators.

Such posts could also lead to future embarrassment of a child, especially when they become older. As parents, we need to be mindful that our children have not consented to these posts and consider how the child will feel and what the impact can be.

Furthermore, if images are shared with a location tagged, or a school name listed, it's very easy to determine a child's location; this leaves them vulnerable to unimaginable risks.

### What can you do to minimise the risk?

- Check privacy settings – Check who can see your posts and make sure they aren't public.
- Think before posting – Could this post prove embarrassing for my child when they're older? Could this comment be taken out of context? If in doubt, don't share.
- Talk to your child – When your child is old enough to grasp social media, ask if they are okay with you sharing a post or photo of them. Or maybe wait till they are of an age they can give you their consent they are happy for you to do this.
- Don't share – One of the best ways to keep your child safe online is not to share photos and posts about them at all.



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In support of **Safer Internet day**, which takes place 11th February 2020, we are running Parent/Carer sessions across county. Some of which include:

- Jan 16th - Southgate Primary Crawley - Parent/Carer session
- Feb 4th - Ashurst Wood Primary East Grinstead - Parent/Carer Session
- Feb 10th - Lyndhurst Infants Worthing - Parent/Carer Session
- Feb 12th - Upper Beeding Primary Steyning - Parent/Carer Session
- Feb 18th - Imberhorne School East Grinstead - Parent/Carer Session
- Feb 24th - West Park Primary Worthing - Parent/Carer Session
- Feb 27th Felpham Community College Bognor Regis - Parent/Carer Session
- March 10th - Maidenbower Infants Crawley - Parent/Carer Session
- March 12th - QEII School Horsham - Parent/Carer Session
- March 17th Bishop Luffa Chichester - Parent/Carer Session
- March 19th - Bolney CofE Primary Haywards Heath - Parent/Carer Session
- March 23rd Oriell High School Crawley - Parent/Carer Session
- May 7th Chichester High School Chichester - Parent/Carer Session

Visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online) events and training page to book a place – places are limited so book quickly!

## Are you Following us on Twitter and Facebook?

For the latest information about all things online safety, and for information about local events and campaigns, follow us! **@WSxSafeOnline**

### Everyone has a digital footprint.

Every time you use social media, buy or sell something online, visit any kind of website, send or receive an email, find your way using a mapping app or save a photo to the cloud, you add to your digital footprint. The same goes for downloading music, making Skype calls and using a voice assistant.

Every time you post a photo of your children or your friends, you add to their digital footprint too.

Do you ever think about exactly what you're doing online, who can see it and what they could do with it?

We've put together some expert tips to help you minimise your digital footprint, or make sure it's a good one, visit [www.getsafeonline.org/yourdigitalfootprint](http://www.getsafeonline.org/yourdigitalfootprint)

**#yourdigitalfootprint**



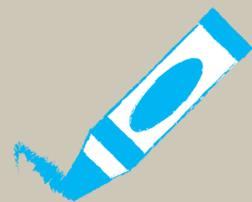
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**F** Family  
**S** Support  
**W** Work

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# Pulborough After school Club



One Tuesday every month

3.30pm - 5.30 pm

For all pre-school, reception to year 6  
children, parents / carers



**Crafts Drama Stories Singing Tea**

Sessions are fun, friendly & give you time to:

Relax Meet people

Enjoy quality time with your child

Join Becca & the FSW team at:

**Pulborough Youth Club,  
Link Lane, RH20 2TB**



Our next sessions are on Tuesday:

14th January

11th February

10th March

Contact: [rebecca@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:rebecca@familysupportwork.org.uk) 07747 481360



**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
PULBOROUGH  
EARLY BIRDS**



**COME AND JOIN US ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



**TIME: 9.00am - 10.00am.**

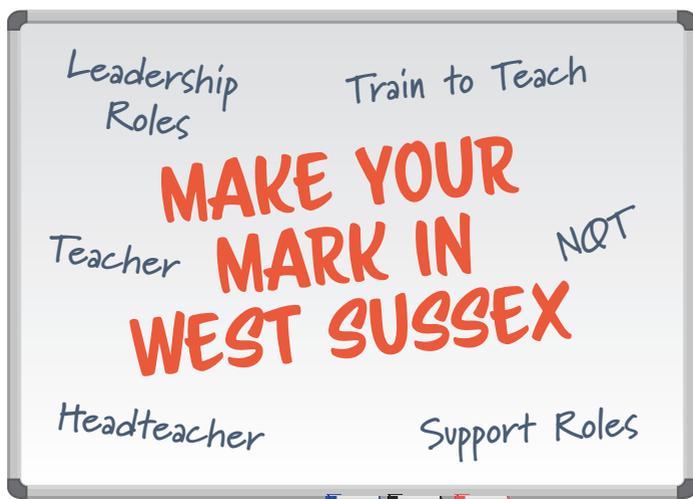
**PLACE: St Mary's  
Church Pulborough**



**CRAFTS, SINGING, DRAMA**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Contact: Alyson Heath 01798-873795**



# RECRUITMENT FAIR

**THERE ARE 284 SCHOOLS IN WEST SUSSEX  
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU**

**Saturday 1 February 2020 » 10am-2pm**

Premier Lounge at Fontwell Park Racecourse, BN18 0SY

**Saturday 8 February 2020 » 10am-2pm**

Ifield Community College, Crawley, RH11 0DB

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**[WWW.WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK/JOBINSCHOOLS](http://WWW.WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK/JOBINSCHOOLS)**

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**Talk to schools and teacher training providers face-to-face including primary, secondary and special schools.**



# BECOME A TEACHER CHOOSE WEST SUSSEX

*Giving children the best start in life is one of our top priorities – is it yours?*

- West Sussex is a forward thinking, progressive county looking for teachers who will inspire and challenge our children to achieve their potential.
- With around 170,000 under 18-year-olds, the county has 284 schools in vibrant urban areas and rural settings.
- West Sussex is packed full of variety and offers a mix of diverse towns, historical villages, countryside and beaches.
- Museums, culture, outdoor sports, nightlife, food and entertainment – whatever your interests, West Sussex has something for you.
- Become one of the 400 NQTs who start their new teaching career in West Sussex each year.



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**WANT TO KNOW MORE? EMAIL »**  
[nqtinduction@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:nqtinduction@westsussex.gov.uk)

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## Chartwells Catering has various kitchen vacancies:

St John the Baptist, Team Leader, 16¼ hours per week

St John the Baptist, Kitchen Assistant, 10 hours per week

Storrington Primary School, Kitchen Assistant, 15 hours per week

Storrington Primary School, Kitchen Assistant, 7½ hours per week

Relief Team Leader, 16¼ hours per week

North Lancing, Kitchen Assistant, 10 hours per week

If you are interested in any of these roles and would like a school catering term-time only job that fits around your family life, for more information please contact:

Nicola Eves, Area Manager, via email at

[nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk)





£2.35

# Pancake Friday

28th February

Choose a main meal...

Fish & Chips  
or

Omelette & Chips

on the side...

Baked Beans  
or Salad

for dessert...

Pancake with Syrup  
or Fruit Salad



Please place orders by Sunday 16th February at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk), where greater details are displayed.

For more information on special diets please contact [westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk). Please ensure special diet requests are made 2 weeks prior to the event.

Terms and Conditions apply.