



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 3rd January 2023

Happy New Year to you all and we hope that you had a great Christmas with lots of time spent with friends and family, making great memories. We have had a few new families who have joined the school so a huge welcome to them. As we start the new spring term there is lots to add to your diaries and to be aware of so please do read on

Staffing – We are welcoming **Vicky Smith to the role of Learning Mentor** and she will be working in our pastoral support area and we welcome **Nicky Logan-Campbell as a Teaching Assistant in UK class**. We look forward to them settling in to the team.

UK class –	Mrs Huntley-Hart and Mrs Logan-Campbell
Thailand class –	Mrs Gowland (M/T), Mrs Martin-Wells (W/T/F) and Mrs Ansell
Italy class –	Mrs Hubble and Mr Barrett-Garlick
India class –	Miss Wilkins (AM), Mrs Hatcher (PM) and Mrs Tiller
New Zealand –	Miss Heasman and Mrs Shepherd
Ireland –	Mrs Benson and Mrs Castle
USA –	Miss Sleat and Mrs Parsons
Sierra Leone –	Mrs Farrant and Mrs Parsons
Mexico –	Mr Coomber and Mrs Sherlock-Fuidge
South Africa –	Miss Turner and Mrs Bryan
Japan –	Miss Callender and Mrs Hayes

Miss Bell is teaching Spanish in KS2, **Mrs Burbidge** is teaching PE in KS2 and **Miss Dunstall** covers PPA time in EYFS and KS1. **Mrs Metaliaj** covers one to one time across the school, **Mrs Norgate** is our Premises Manager, **Mrs Adams** is Admin Assistant in the office, **Mrs Gabriel** is School Secretary, **Mrs Worley** is school bursar and **Mrs Lees** is the School Business Manager. **Miss Wilkins** is **SENCO** in the afternoons and **Mrs Smith** is Learning Mentor.

We also have an art therapist and a play therapist. **Mrs Kendall** and **Ms Cuthbert** take on the role of midday meal supervisors along with some of the teaching assistants.

If you have any queries regarding the classroom, please use the class email address. This is the name of the country and then @stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk. We will respond to emails within working hours.

INSET – Our INSET day was on Tuesday 3rd January. Eight staff completed first aid training, the teachers focussed on relationships and quality first teaching for all children and Individual Learning Plans for the children who may have a special educational need.

Children In Need – Thank you to everyone that contributed, we have now donated the full **£286.43** to Children In Need.



Josh Siegal – Following our poet visiting last term, we have found out that his book 'Yapping Away' has been nominated for the 2023 Laugh Out Loud Book Award! If your child would like to read his poems or vote then please see the link below. <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies/vote>

Gates in the morning – What a great start to the term with all the children coming in independently. Thank you to everyone for your help with this. It means we are all encouraging independence and this ensures that classes start promptly so not losing teaching time. If your child is anxious then please come to one of the teaching assistants who will walk in with your child. If there is a problem then speak to the class teacher and they will arrange a plan moving forward.

Vine leaves – **Holly (SA)** for perseverance as you always give so much even when things feel challenging. **Zara (Tha)** for humility as she is always pushing others forward. **Jessie (SA)** for friendship as she is always keen to support others around her. **Freddie (SL)** for his resilience – he just keeps giving. **Ted (Ind)** for his friendship as he is always looking after others.

School Improvement – Following our recent OFSTED inspection, we know that we are focussing on further development of the curriculum with a particular focus on Design and Technology, Physical Education across the school and Art. We have already talked about high expectations for all and pushing children to get better and better in their learning. We are also focussing on standards in writing across all curriculum areas and encouraging children to think about extended writing for different purposes and for different audiences.

Spring celebrations assemblies to showcase learning – 9am and will last about 20 minutes.

Thur 19th January – Ireland class,
Thur 26th January – Italy class,
Thur 2nd Feb – India class,
Thurs 9th Feb – Mexico class,
Thur 23rd Feb – Thailand class,
Thur 2nd Mar – New Zealand class

Thur 9th Mar – USA class,
Thur 16th Mar – Japan class,
Thur 23rd March – UK class,
Wed 29th March – SL class,
Thur 30th March – SA class

Learning – This term **UK and Thailand** are focussing on Flight,
India and Italy will be focussing on the Great Fire of London,
Year 3 are learning about Predators and Prey,
Year 4 are learning about Temples, Tombs and Treasures (Egyptian focus)
Mexico, SA and Japan are learning about Explorers and Adventurers.

Closure of Church Hill – A big thank you to you everyone for your consideration with the traffic congestion. We are aware that many parents have walked or parked cars further away and walked in. We are very grateful. We, as a school, have been in contact with Paul Clarke, who is our Councillor, and he is trying to find ways to alleviate and help with the congestion. There are no easy solutions sadly. Please consider walking to school if you can and if you cannot, then please use the Lower Street car park or Tesco (check on parking arrangements before doing this).



Homework – Homework grids can be found on class pages – please ensure that you enrich your children's learning with the homework activities. It is always good to spend time with your child and encourage them to try different learning activities.

Newsletters – The teachers have put together their class newsletters and these will be available from Monday on our website. Please find these on the class pages and you will be able to support the learning and find out more.

Reading – Reading is so important for a child's development. It helps them develop a knowledge of the world around them, deduce and infer information, learn new vocabulary, ask questions, identify key words and phonetic patterns and helps them to learn about personal, social and emotional aspects of the world. Your child should come home with a book each week for you to sit with them and share. You can also use the library to develop a love of books.



Dates for your diary

Monday 9th – EYFS check from the school nurse

Tuesday 10th – Optional Tudor dress up for Italy

Wednesday 11th January – 'Hawking About' in for Y3 classes

Wednesday 11th January – Clarinet starts for Sierra Leone class every Wednesday

Friday 13th January - Optional Tudor dress up for India

Thursday 19th January – Ireland celebration assembly

Monday 13th Feb – 17th Feb – Half term

Peace Posters - Please see attached letter

Reflection – [Happy New Year - YouTube](#)

Cubit & West My home at Christmas 2022 competition – 1st prize went to Carina W (SA) & 2nd prize to Poppy P (Ire). Everyone who entered received a chocolate as a thank you. Congratulations to them both and well done to all the children that took part this year, Cubitt & West where blown away by the talent we have in our school.



Kindness Shield – Daniel Phillips

You are such a conscientious and polite member of our school.

Your kindness shines through and you give above and beyond to your friends and teachers and they are lucky to have you. Thank you for being so kind, caring and empathetic. Keep being you!



SEND – We always try to encourage parents to seek support if they feel their child may have some underlying complex difficulties. Look at these courses from Reaching Families. Do make contact if you need support. **ADD**

Training

Spring Term 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



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Training Courses and Workshops

January

Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Tuesday 17th	10.30am
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance	Thursday 26th	10.30am
Understanding Autism	Monday 30th	7.30pm

February

Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour (age 2-11 years)	Thursday 2nd	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 7th	7.30pm
Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 8th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents	Thursday 9th	7.30pm

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: 25th January (Part 1) & 1st February (Part 2)

Wednesdays 10am to 1.15pm

All training will be delivered via Zoom



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>

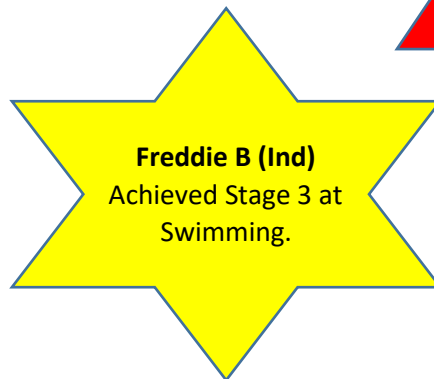
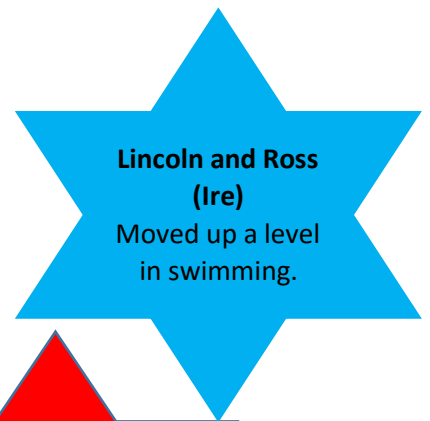


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Achievements



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As we start a new year, I would like to thank parents for the support that you show to the school. If you have any suggestions, queries or worries then please do fill out the slip below and pop it in the post box attached to the fence or email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk



Poster for Peace, 2023.

The Billingshurst Lions want you to design a poster promoting peace in the world.

The theme is 'What is Peace'.

The best poster in each class will win a £10 token to be spent in WH Smith, plus a certificate. The runner-up in each class will get a certificate, too.

This contest is open to children aged 8, 9 and 10 by 31st August 2023, and gives an opportunity for a discussion on the true importance of peace.

The best poster from each class will also be sent to the South East Headquarters of the Lions Clubs, where it will be entered for another competition. The prizes will be:

1st - a £30 art voucher + £100 for the School

2nd - a £25 art voucher + £50 for the School

3rd - a £20 art voucher + £50 for the School

What you need to do:

Design a poster promoting peace in the world

Do it on paper or card no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4

Make sure you put your name, class, year group and school on the back of the poster - *which must not be folded*

When you need to do it by:

Your poster must be handed in at School by Thursday the 16th of March 2023.



Poster for Peace

Peace Art Competition 2023

Your child is participating in the Lions Poster for Peace contest.

The Billingshurst & District Lions Club is sponsoring the contest at the 10 local Primary Schools in the Billingshurst area and, by entering this competition, your child will be joining many others in their vision of world peace. This contest is open to children aged 8, 9 and 10 by 31st August 2023, and gives an opportunity for a discussion on the true importance of peace.

Prizes

The best poster in each class will receive a winner's certificate and prize - and will be submitted to the UK Lions South East regional competition, too. The runner-up in each class will receive a certificate of commendation.

The South East District Prize Winner will receive an award to keep and tokens to the value of £30 for Art products. Their school will receive an Award to keep for the year and a cheque for £100. The District runner-up will receive £25 of tokens and their school a cheque for £50. The District 3rd prize winner will receive £20 of tokens and their school a cheque for £50.

Rules

The theme is '**What is Peace**'. Art work must be no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4. The name, class, year group and school of the child must be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on flexible material, so that it can be rolled for posting: Don't fold it! Do not laminate artwork; however, fixative spray may be used.

Artwork must be original and the effort of just one child. Children entering the competition must be aged 8 to 10 years old on 31 August 2023 (ie currently in Years 3, 4 & 5).

The deadline for entries is Thursday the 16th of March 2023: The Lions will collect all entries from the School on 16th or 17th of March.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organisation, with more than 1.4 million members in 205 countries. The Lions have a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. The Billingshurst Lions raise money via their bookshop in Jengers Mead and the Christmas carols collection each December. Since its founding in 1973, the Billingshurst Lions have raised and donated well in excess of £750,000, most of which was donated to local causes.