



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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**Welcome back to School** – We hope that you have had a wonderful summer. It is great to have us all back together again and a very warm welcome to the new families that are joining us. It has been a hot start to the term but the children have done very well. The children were treated to ice pops yesterday to try and cool the children down.

**Twitter** – We love to share what the school are doing. Please do follow us on Twitter @pulb\_school



**Our vision** – We are a ‘Christ-centred school with a Child-centred curriculum where wisdom and love guide and influence learning and teaching for our whole community. We treasure each child and enable them to flourish, using their God-given potential, establishing a secure foundation for them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.’

We always start with the book ‘Only one You’ which fits with our vision and we do swim as a shoal in our school community, we take everyone with us on our journey through learning but each fish is unique, special and has its own skills and talents to share. A great way to see our school vision!



**INSET Days** - The staff and Governors have received their safeguarding training on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September; the staff have been receiving training on Talk for Writing and DT skills as part of their professional development.

**We ask that children bring a rucksack that contains their PE kit (ensure they have long PE bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE as the uniform policy as the weather gets colder), drink bottle, snack and lunchbox (if needed/all named).**

**Uniform** – A brilliant start to the year so thank you to parents for supporting the school with this as the children need to be in **uniform** every day. Trainers are not acceptable. The teachers will come and chat with you if required. A reminder that if you are entitled to Pupil Premium then the school can help with the cost of shoes.

**Reflection** – This half term we are thinking about Love as our Christian value. Do have a look at Mrs Smith’s clip around LOVE. [Love! - YouTube](#)

**School Day** – The gates will open at **8.45am** and pick up will be **3.15pm**. Children must be on time for school please. A reminder that early pick-ups should not happen unless you have a medical appointment (evidence must be provided at pick up) Dental appointments should be made outside of school hours please.

**Early Birds** has started and if your child is attending Early Birds then they must be at the side gate at **8am**. They will be collected by Mrs Parsons and Mrs Metaliaj. We still have spaces so please contact the office if you are interested.

**Roosters** after school club has started and is being run by Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Bryan. It can be booked online and the office can help if you are having any difficulties. We still have spaces so please contact the office if you are interested.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on: [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Spaghetti Towers** - Team Building Challenge

The children have all been building their class teams this week with lots of team building activities. Friendships all take time and learning about social situations is an important part of growing up.



**Staffing for September**

Class	Staffing
UK	Mrs Huntley Hart and Mrs Logan-Campbell
Thailand	Mrs Gowland (M/T) and Mrs Martin-Wells (W/T/F) and Mrs Ansell
Italy	Miss Aburrow and Mr Barrett-Garlick
India	Miss Wilkins (AM), Mrs Hatcher (PM)
New Zealand	Miss Heasman and Mrs Shepherd
Ireland	Miss Taylor and Miss Fuller
USA	Miss Sleat and Mrs Dona
Sierra Leone	Mrs Farrant and Mrs Castle
Mexico	Mr Coomber and Mrs Parsons
South Africa	Miss Turner and Mrs Bryan
Japan	Miss Callender and Mrs Hayes
Midday Meal supervisors	Mrs Kendall, Mrs Ansell, Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Logan-Campbell, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Bryan, Mrs Norgate, Mrs Castle and Mrs Metaliaj
Forest Schools	Mrs Cullen
Pastoral support	Mrs Smith (Learning Mentor), Miss Harrison (Speech and Language) Miss Wilkins and Mrs Metaliaj (Individual needs)

**SENDCo** - Miss Wilkins is SENDCo and is available every afternoon and Mrs Metaliaj works with children who need additional support within the classrooms. Mrs Smith is Learning Mentor and works four days a week. Mrs Mac will be running phonics and reading interventions for Y1/2/3.

**Planning, Preparation and Assessment cover** – Miss Dunstall will be working with UK, Thailand and Italy class this year. Mrs Callender is teaching PE in KS2 and Miss Bell is teaching Spanish in KS2.

**Office** – Mrs Gabriel is School Secretary, Mrs Worley is the School Bursar, Mrs Adams is the Receptionist, Mrs Hancock oversees the library/website, and Mrs Miller is the School Business Manager. Mrs Norgate is our Premises Manager.

**Curriculum** - UK and Thailand class are learning about Me and my community, Italy and India class are learning about Sensational Senses, Ireland and New Zealand are learning about The Stone Age, USA and SL's topic is called 'Rumble in the Jungle' and Mexico, SA and Jap are exploring 'Into the Unknown and is looking at Earth, Space and Beyond. More detail about the curriculum for all subjects will be available on our website from next week. This is under classes.

**Worries and concerns** – We are always keen to help if your child isn't happy at school. Please do contact the class teacher in the first instance through seeing them at the end of the day on the playground, email or a telephone call. If you still need support then please contact the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Hatcher who will deal with Teaching and Learning enquiries [shatcher@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:shatcher@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk) and you still can't resolve your concerns then please do email head@. We are here to help and do our very best for your child.

**Contact with the teachers** – All the teachers are contactable via the class email addresses. They will respond within working hours only and will try to respond within two working days to emails.

[uk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:uk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[NZ@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:NZ@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[Ireland@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:Ireland@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[USA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:USA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[SL@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:SL@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[Mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:Mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[SA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:SA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

[Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Governing Body** – Mr Edge and Mr Clark lead the Governing Body as co-chairs with a team of Governors who are all volunteers - Fr Paul, Mr Cordy, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Heath, Mrs Batchelor, Mr Doy, Mr Edge, Miss Sleat, Mrs Sheppard, Ms Ansell and Mrs Moran is the Clerk to the Governors. If anyone wishes to find out more about what they do or raise any issues that they may have. We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body and if you would like more information then please email [clerk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)



**Community wardens** – Thank you to the community wardens for the events that they have held over the summer. It is great for the children to have these opportunities.

**Harvest Fayre** – Every year we ask the children to **make a scarecrow** for the Harvest Fayre – this year is no different. Please see the leaflet below regarding the Harvest Fayre. There are 50 dojos on offer for any child who makes a scarecrow. Please take your scarecrows up to Glebe Field on the morning of the event.

See poster attached.

**Chartwells meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child’s meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

**2023 /2024**  
**September Cut off Dates**  
Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9  
Thur 14/9 for w/c 25/9  
21/9 for w/c 2/10  
28/9 for w/c 19/10



**October Cut off Dates**  
Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10  
Halt Term

### **Dates for your diary – AUTUMN TERM**

- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept and Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Heritage weekend 11am – 4pm (see leaflet attached – school is open and you may want to come and walk around and see your child’s classroom)
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – Non uniform day for harvest fayre (the children will need to donate chocolates or bottles ready for the PTA for the Harvest Fayre)
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Harvest Eucharist (gifts to go to FSW)
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Bikeability for Year 6 starts
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Individual School Photos – full school uniform please
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm for EYFS and KS1, 3.45 for KS2 – Please go to your child’s classroom and this is an opportunity to find out about plans for the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.30pm Sex and relationship meeting for Y6 parents – SA classroom
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October – HALF TERM

**HELP** – We would love to have volunteers in to hear children read. You will need to have a DBS check. If you can help then let the office know and we can arrange this.

### **Achievements**

#### **Mattie P (Y3)**

Well done to Mattie for achieving her Diving Level 1 and Level 2 certificates, passing her Stage 6 swimming and she gained her 400m badge.



#### **Daniel P (Y5)**

Daniel had his first podium finish in the Kidstri series, coming third in the Steyning triathlon (150m swim, 2k bike, 1.2k run). He also achieved his Level 6 Diving certificate and Stage 10 swimming





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# SCARECROW COMPETITION

ORGANISED BY THE PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

• **BUILD A SCARECROW - ANY THEME, SHAPE OR SIZE.**

• **BRING IT TO THE GLEBE FIELD IN PULBOROUGH (OPPOSITE CHEQUERS HOTEL) ON SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 8AM-10AM WHERE A STEWARD WILL MEET YOU. YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR SCARECROW AT 4PM.**

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST SCARECROW- JUDGED ON CREATIVITY. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

**THIS YEARS PRIZE: FAMILY TICKET TO LEONARDSLEE GARDENS CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW**



## HOW TO MAKE A SCARECROW

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 2x Wooden poles or bamboo cane (1 for the body and 1x for the arms)
- String/ Twine
- Hessian bag, Pillow case or something similar to make the head.
- Straw or rags for stuffing.
- Some old tights
- Permanent markers or buttons (to make the face)
- A selection of old clothes & accessories to dress your scarecrow. Top, trousers, gloves Etc.

1

Create a frame for your scarecrow with your two poles or canes. The longer one will be the body and the shorter one will be the arms. Secure carefully with string so it holds the cross shape firmly.

2

To make the body put a shirt on the frame & tie up the arm ends & bottom of the shirt using twine. Stuff the shirt with your chosen stuffing. Grab a pair of tights & stuff with filling before putting the trousers on. Secure to the frame with twine.

3

For the head, start by filling a hessian bag, pillow case or something similar with your chosen stuffing. make sure you get it in a nice round shape. Decorate the face with buttons or permanent markers etc.

4

Using gloves and shoes, give your scarecrow some hands and feet! Attach the gloves and shoes securely with twine & stuff with filling if need be.

5

Now for the finishing touches! Have fun decorating your scarecrow! Does he/she need a hat, glasses or jewellery? Once your done, remember to take a picture!

Comyn  
& James  
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