



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



NEWSLETTER

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

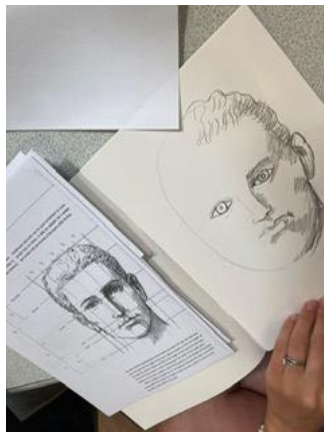
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WB 5th September 2022

We hope you had a great summer and are coming back to school having created some memories. We have been working hard in school to ensure that we are ready to welcome the children back and we are excited for the children to see the school and for parents to come in over the next few weeks to see the classrooms. A huge thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart, please continue to keep these high standards.

Parents and children 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 from you about the running of the school. Please let us know the great things that are happening and things that you want 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!

INSET Days - The staff and Governors have received their safeguarding training on Thursday 1st September to ensure that we are all safe, on Friday, the staff received training in the importance of a deep and extended curriculum, updated their knowledge on the process of writing and developed their art skills with pedagogy of perspective, still life and sculpture.



School Day – As we begin in September, we will be running one gate time for drop off and for pick up. **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 and this should be by prior arrangement (at least the day before) – dental appointments should be made outside of school hours please.**



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 per the uniform policy as the weather gets colder), drink bottle, snack and lunchbox (if needed/all named). **We would like your child to bring their own pencil case for their new class, but there is no rush to provide this, but when it is convenient then please send it in. The school will provide the resources.**



Early Birds started on **Tuesday 6th September**, if your child is attending Early Birds then they must be at the side gate at **8am**, where the children 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 started on **Monday 5th September** and will be run by **Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Bryan**. Booking this will go online shortly, in the meantime please contact the office to book.

We still have spaces available so please contact the office if you are interested.



Attendance – Attendance is statutory so please ensure your child attends. We will contact you if we have any concerns and are happy to discuss any worries that you may have such as anxiety, sleep issues or worries about school.

Medicines – If your child requires any medicines then please fill out the medicines form, in the Parents section on our website, and come to the side gate to talk to a member of the office staff – please do this after you have dropped your child off. Asthma forms are also available on our website and must be completed if your child has a diagnosis of asthma.

Parking – A reminder please not to park in anyone’s driveway or to block driveways at pick up or drop off. We would recommend that you use the social club as much as possible to ensure that the roads are as not congested at drop off and pick up and we keep all the children safe. If you see any parking that is dangerous please report it via the website to www.operationcrackdown.co.uk

Staffing for September

Class	Staffing
UK	Mrs Huntley Hart and Mrs Norgate
Thailand	Mrs Gowland (M/T) and Mrs Martin-Wells (W/T/F) and Mrs Ansell
Italy	Mrs Hubble and Mr Barrett-Garlick
India	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 Adams
Mexico	Mr Coomber and Mrs Sherlock- Fuidge (AM) and Mrs Lee (PM)
South Africa	Miss Turner and Mrs Bryan
Japan	Miss Callender and Mrs Hayes
Midday Meal supervisors	Mrs Kendall, Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Adams, Mrs Norgate, Mrs Castle, Mrs Adams, Mrs Metaliaj
Forest Schools	Mrs Cullen
Pastoral support	Mrs Lee, Miss Wilkins and Mrs Metaliaj (Individual needs)
Staff who cover other areas	Mrs Burbidge teaches PE in KS2 Miss Bell teaches Spanish in KS2 Mrs Mac teaches phonic intervention and Early Reading intervention in KS1/Y3 Miss Dunstall covers Planning, Preparation and Assessment time in Uk/Tha/Italy and India

SENDCo - Miss Wilkins is our SENDCo in the afternoons. Mrs Metaliaj works with children who need pastoral support within classrooms. Mrs Lee is Learning Mentor and our trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and works four days a week. Mrs Darkin will be running phonics and reading interventions for Y1/2/3.

Office – Mrs Lees is the School Business Manager, Mrs Gabriel is School Secretary, Mrs Andrews is the School Bursar, Mrs Russell is the Receptionist and administration assistant and Mrs Hancock oversees the library/website. We are currently recruiting for a Premises Manager.

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 and if 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 and want the very best for your child.

Contact with the teachers – All the teachers are contactable via the class email addresses.

uk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

NZ@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Ireland@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

USA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

SL@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

SA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

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.

Governing Body – Mr Shepherd and Mr Clark lead the Governing Body as co-chairs with a team of volunteers - Fr Paul, Mr Cordy, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Batchelor, Mr Doy, Mr Edge, Miss Sleat, Mrs Heath, Mrs Sheppard, Ms Ansell and Mrs Moran is the Clerk to the Governors. They will be offering a zoom chat for all parents so that 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

Parent helpers – We would love parents to come in if they can help now that we are maintaining a normal school routine. This could be with reading, activities in the classroom, visits out, forest schools or some gardening outside to improve our learning environment.

Parents do require a DBS check though so please contact the class teacher and the office to arrange this.

Swimming times – Key Stage Two start swimming from Monday 5th September until the October half term. Please send the children's swimming kit on the right day.

Monday	USA/SL
Tuesday	NZ/Ireland
Wednesday	Mexico
Thursday	No swimming
Friday	SA/Japan

Forest Schools – Led by Mrs Cullen on a Thursday. Year 3 as part of their Stone age topic, will have a one day each at Forest Schools: - Thursday 8th September (NZ) and Thursday 15th September (Ireland).

After this Year 1 will be having Forest Schools on a Thursday and a timetable has been sent out with their sessions.

Music Enrichment for Year 4 – It is exciting that we are able to offer Term2Learn for Year 4 and they will be learning the clarinet over the Autumn Term and Spring Term. USA will be in the Autumn Term and SL in the Spring Term with Mr Cave. Year 5 and Year 6 will be learning the ukulele as part of their music lessons. This starts on 21st September.



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](#)

Clubs – We are running a range of clubs this term for the children to enjoy. Please look out for the club letter coming out.

School improvement plan - [school improvement plan 2022 - 2023](#)

Chartwells – The menus for Chartwells are on our website. Please do have a look at the menu choices. If your child has any dietary requirements then please contact Chartwells directly.

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.

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**)



Summer Reading Challenge – Well done to all the children who joined in or completed the reading challenge. We would love to see your medals and the teachers will celebrate with the children as there are 50 dojos up for grabs! Please do keep reading. On the website is 100 books to read in each year group so please keep up the challenge and we will share all the names of the children in next week's newsletter.



Harvest Festival – Harvest Eucharist is on **Friday 23rd September**, we would welcome gifts (**dried packets, tins, toiletries, bottles 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.

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 can't attend there will be a detailed PowerPoint shared on our website.

Messy Church – We are delighted that Messy Church is returning. Please **see attached leaflet**.

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.

Safe Families – We are working with a charity called Safe Families. If you would like more information, please read the newsletter that is attached. They are doing some amazing things with families and can help with families who are looking for some support. <https://safefamilies.uk/>

New academic year 2022 – 2023

Thur 1st/Fri 2nd Sept	INSET Days
Mon 5th Sept	Return to school for all – gate opens at 8.45am
Thurs 8th Sept	New Zealand Forest Schools
Tues 13th Sept	Roald Dahl Day – Dress up as a Roald Dah character if your child would like to!
Thurs 15th Sept	Ireland Forest Schools
Fri 16th Sept	Non uniform day – donations for the Harvest Fayre of chocolates or a bottle (donations)
Mon 19th Sept	Clubs start
Mon 19 th Sept	Superhero Day – letter to come home from KS1
Tue 20th Sept	Choir starts at the Methodist Church, Storrington Y4/5/6
Tue 20 th Sept	Evacuee Day SA, Japan and Mexico class
Wed 21 st Sep	Clarinet starts for USA class
Fri 23rd Sept	Harvest Eucharist - Gifts welcome – going to FSW
Sat 24th Sept	Harvest Fayre
Tue 27th Sept	Individual photos for all – Full school uniform
Wed 28th Sept	Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm in classrooms
Thur 29 th Sept	Visiting Poet for KS2 – launching a love of poetry
Thur 6th Oct	National Poetry Day -
Thur 13th Oct -	PTA AGM 3.30pm – Please come and support the PTA
Mon 10th – Fri 14th October	Bikeability for Y6
Thur 13th October	PTA AGM at 3.30pm
Fri 21st October	INSET Day
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	HALF TERM week

If you have any questions or queries, please email Head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

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We would like you to know.....

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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 24TH 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.



Comyn & James
Town and Country Homes

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 sticks. 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!



You're invited to:



Food

Activities

Fun

Craft

Games

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

2nd Saturday each Month

3pm – 5pm

Starting September 10th

ALL AGES WELCOME!

To find out more, contact Andy:

07552 751600

andytwilley@gmail.com



<http://www.pbbaptist.co.uk>

Chartwells Catering

have a vacancy at your school

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Position is 12.5 hours a week term time only over 5 days.
Appropriate training will be given, smart uniform will be provided and staff discounts are available.

For more information please contact
Donna.Hosford@compass-group.co.uk





**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 Regis
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





Let's Celebrate!

at




St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Join us for a


New, Modern, Interactive, Open
Service for All Ages

9 – 9.40am

Sunday 18th September 2022



Contact Vicky Smith on stmaryschildrenchurch@gmail.com
for more details





Summer Update

Local News

Hello and welcome to our Summer 2022 newsletter from your local Safe Families team.

The work in West Sussex is now up and running. It's so exciting to have made a start in the county and to start to see volunteers from local churches begin to offer friendship, hope and belonging to families that are feeling isolated or struggling.

We are delighted to welcome our new Family Support Manager to the Safe Families team in West Sussex. Pippa will be meeting families needing support and connecting them with volunteers. Rosie, Community Volunteer Manager, will continue to connect with churches and community groups, supporting and training new volunteers.

Summer time



Summer is a great time to reconnect with family and friends.

We hope you have time to take a break and refresh over these Summer months.

As the work of Safe Families continues to grow in West Sussex, we want to be able to support all the families we are being asked to. We can partner with you in a multitude of ways to help you reach out in powerful and personal ways to families in your community. Do get in touch if you would like to meet for a coffee or have one of the team visit for a church presentation.

Ways to make a difference



Volunteer

Family Friend and Host Home. People who work directly with a family.



Give

Resources and Financial Giving. People who can provide useful items for families or financial gifts to Safe Families work.



Pray

People who commit to pray regularly for the work of Safe Families.



Reaching local families event

We will be hosting a REACHING LOCAL FAMILIES EVENT on zoom on Wednesday 12th October 2pm to 3pm. We would love you to join us as we talk about how Safe Families can partner with your church to train and equip people to offer hope and belonging to families in your local community, releasing the potential in the church to get alongside some of the most vulnerable in our society. Look out for your invitation to register for this event coming soon.

A story of hope

One of our Family Friends was helping a mum to declutter her lounge and chatting as they went. Mum mentioned that her son aged 4 had been asking her lots of questions about Jesus and that she couldn't answer them as her knowledge of the Bible is limited to Noah's Ark. She said she was an agnostic and didn't believe in anything. She then said to the volunteer "You go to church don't you? Could you answer his questions about Jesus?" The volunteer responded that she would be happy to and offered to bring a children's Bible with her next time so she could read some stories about Jesus to her son. Mum happily agreed. This is an ongoing story and the volunteer is excited about the opportunity to open up the Bible with the child with mum listening in as well.



Prayer Requests:

That we will deepen and strengthen relationships with churches across West Sussex

That we will have volunteers in the areas where there are families who need a friend

For the new Family Support Manager starting in West Sussex and for a new Community Volunteer Manager in East Sussex.

Rosie Dracott—Community Volunteer Manager

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Safe Families UK in numbers



Figures accurate as of the 1st August 2022