



NEWSLETTER

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

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We hope that you had a great half term and managed to spend some quality time with your children.

The weather has changed, please ensure that **your child comes to school with a coat!**

All the children's things must be NAMED!

Storm Ciaran – Thank you to everyone for your patience around Storm Ciaran. Luckily it really didn't seem to come to anything for us!



Learning this half term – UK and Thailand will be focussing on Fairy Tales, Italy and India will be doing Bright Lights, Big City. USA and SL are looking at Road Trip USA, NZ and Ireland will be moving on to Flow and Mexico, South Africa and Japan will be focussing on Princes, Pestilence and Peasants. The teachers will be sharing more about the learning for each subject area so that parents can help and support at home.



Christian values – After half term we will be focussing on Hope, Perseverance and Courage. We are preparing for Remembrance Day next week and this reminds us about courage. A great starting point for these values!



Bible Explorer – We are delighted to be welcoming Bible Explorer to work with Mexico, South Africa and Japan classes over the next half of term. They will be working with years 5 and 6, bringing Bible stories to life through drama. This week the children learnt about Joseph and his dreams.



Clarinet concert – Come and see what the children have achieved in their clarinet lessons. The concert will be on Tuesday 28th November. USA class will perform at 13:35pm and Sierra Leone class will be at 14:20pm. The children will go back to class afterwards.



Parents - The Parenting Service at West Sussex Mind, is open to parents and carers who have children who are in school (ages 4/5-18) and either live or go to school in West Sussex. You are welcome to 'drop-in' to a group where you will meet some of the team and a follow up phone call can be arranged to ensure you are then able to access the rest of the service. OR you can contact our Help Point and ask for a parenting referral. Please look at <https://www.westsussexmind.org>



Reflection – [\(28\) Hope! - YouTube](#)

Teaching of RHE – If you would like to see the scheme of work for your child for the teaching of Relationships and Health Education then please do contact the office.

EYFS school photo – This will be in the **West Sussex County Times** on **Thursday 19th November**. To pre-order a copy at a discounted price, please contact [westsussexcountytimes.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.westsussexcountytimes.eventbrite.co.uk) or call the contact centre on 0330 403 3004. Website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite. Any pre-ordered copies will be delivered to the school on the day of publication.



Vine leaves – **Delilah H (SL)** for courage as she always gives everything a go! **Ella C (USA)**, **Lucy C (USA)** and **Victoria C (USA)** for friendship when the new girls started in USA class. **Emily P (USA)** and **Esta T (USA)** for courage for starting in a new school and class and settling in really well. **Skyla C (SL)** for wisdom. She always shows good focus in class, always gets straight down to any task she has been asked to do and always tries her best. Perseverance – **Darcy (NZ)** for always trying your best in everything you do and never giving up. Humility – **Jaxon (NZ)** for showing maturity and putting others before yourself. Service – **Finley (NZ)** for being incredibly helpful and offering to do jobs to benefit others in our classroom. **Skye T (Jap)** for her helpful nature and the care she puts into her prefect role. **Olivia A (Ind)** for Compassion. She has been helping a child with a broken wrist in a lovely, gentle way. **Ava M (Ind)** for Courage as Ava has made a lot of progress coming into school and is ready to learn. **Roxy (SA)** for showing perseverance with your learning and continuing to push yourself forward even when you do not find things easy. **Rex W (SA)** for your consistently positive approach to maths learning and showing such willingness to embrace new challenges.



Kindness shield for November goes to **Harper E (Ind)** Harper, you have such a kind heart. You often find school difficult, but you give above and beyond to others. You are a great friend and look after those around you. Keep being you as you are such a kind and compassionate young lady.



Words read - Daniel P (Jap) has now read 3,073,002 words and is in first place across the school, **Martha B (SA)** is second and **Ella C (USA)** class is third. Well done to them.

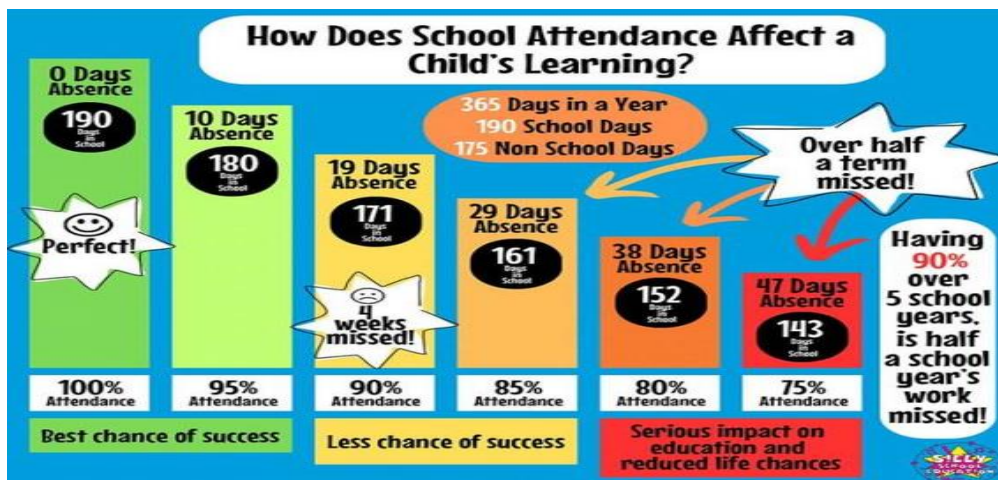


New children starting at St Mary's - Open Sessions - We would like to welcome parents to have a look round St Mary's on our open mornings and afternoons. We will be conducting tours to show off our learning environment on the dates below. We would encourage parents of three- and four-year olds to come and look around:

- **Tuesday 14th November – 9.15am – 11.30am**
- **Thursday 23rd November 1.15pm – 3.00pm**



Attendance – School attendance is so important. Please see the graph below to see the impact that it can have.



Christmas Card Competition for Andrew Griffith MP our Member of Parliament for Arundel and South Downs. This could be a lovely opportunity for a young artist to see their work in print - the winning design will be sent to more than 1000 people who will also get to see their efforts. The competition is open to all children aged up to 12 years old.



If your child would like to submit an entry, they just need to follow a few simple rules –

- No words, just a picture – these will be printed on the finished design
- A flat medium – e.g. no cotton wool, glitter or large decorations
- Approximately in a rectangle shape so that it can be reproduced on a card
- Mr Griffith would particularly like to see designs that incorporate local places and scenes, but this isn't mandatory.

There will be a prize for the winning artwork and for 5 runners-up. All children that enter will receive a personal letter of thanks from Mr Griffith and their art will be displayed in the online gallery on his website. Designs should be returned to the school office by **Wednesday 8th November** and need to include your child's name, year group and school name on the back.

Christmas shopping!! The Giving Machine – As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering presents online. Please could we ask that you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and, as a school we get a percentage back, which will be spent on your children. Just go to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk 1. Join as a shopper 2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School 3. Find online store, do your shopping and Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.



Twitter – We do have a school Twitter account, **Pulb_school**. Please do follow us to see the most up to date news, photos and achievements.



Celebration assemblies - 9am

Thur 9th Nov – USA
Thur 16th Nov – SL
Thur 23rd Nov – Ireland

Thur 30th Nov – Japan
Thur 7th Dec – Italy

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.

November Cut off Dates

Thur 2/11 for w/c 13/11
Thur 9/11 for w/c 20/11
Thur 16/11 for w/c 27/11



December Cut off Dates

Thur 23/11 for w/c 4/12
Thur 30/11 for w/c 11/12

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

- **Tues 7th Nov** – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes
- **Thur 9th Nov** – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes
- **Fri 10th Nov** – Remembrance at school – the children can come in their uniforms if they belong to a uniformed group.
- **Fri 10th Nov** – PTA Firework Event
- **Tue 14th Nov** – Open Morning 9am – 11.30am
- **Thur 23rd Nov** – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm
- **Wed 29th Nov** – Christmas Jumper sale – 3.15pm on the playground
- **Sun 3rd Dec** – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 4pm – this is such a lovely service and every child gets a Christingle to light
- **Tues 5th Dec** – Book look for EYFS/KS1
- **Thur 7th Dec** – Book look for KS2
- **Tue 12th Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Wed 13th Dec** – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Fri 15th Dec** – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist (Parents are welcome to attend)
- **Wed 3rd Jan** – Start of the Spring Term

Achievements

Freddie B (Ire) would like to share his win at Rugby this weekend



Training

Autumn 2023

(2nd 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



Training Courses and Workshops

November

Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 7th	7.30pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Friday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence (11 Years +)	Monday 13th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education, Health & Care Needs Assessments & Plans	Thursday 16th	10.30am
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 16th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Tuesday 21st	7.30pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 23rd	10.30am
Understanding Decision Making for Your Child (welfare and finances)	Monday 27th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 28th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 30th	10.30am

December

Making Sense of Wellbeing - Self Care and Managing Stress	Tuesday 5th	10.30am
Making Sense of Universal Credit	Wednesday 6th	10.30am

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 15th Nov / 22nd Nov / 29th Nov (3 part course)

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm

All training above 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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