



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



# NEWSLETTER

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

**Humility, service and forgiveness**

Telephone: 01798 872007

8th February 2019

**We won!! Swimming at The Pavilions** – St Mary's excelled at swimming this week and we are very proud of all those who represented the school. The team of 17 children swam at The Pavilions in Horsham and the children swam against other schools and showed their skills swimming a variety of different strokes. St Mary's was thrilled to gain **1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place** with their two teams. Thank you to Mrs Treadwell, Mrs Ansell and Ms Harrison for putting the team through their paces.

**Playgrounds** – The children have loved the new playground markings which are to help engage the children more fully at playtimes and link with the curriculum. The front playground has benefitted from some shapes, snakes and ladders with two digit numbers, hopscotch, key words and alphabet markings. Key Stage Two have times tables grid, a brain break course, four way hopscotch as well as having the courts remarked for PE lessons.



**Reading challenge** – Thank you to all those who are participating in the Reading Challenge for KS1 and KS2. It has been great to see some challenges and passports completed this week. There is still time to encourage your child to participate. Reading is a great way to inspire children and develop their language skills. It can lead to fascinating conversations about settings, characters and plots.

**Learning** – I was challenged by some Year 4 children this week with their times tables game and I have to admit my competitive side took over! I can't believe the speed of their recall of times tables facts and they were so proud of their achievements. Year 6 are working hard at revision and I was impressed at the explanations they were given in their Maths lessons and their confidence in having strategies to work out calculations. Year 3 shared their addition calculations and how the visual images are supporting them moving on with their Maths.

**Swimming pool improvements** – You would have noticed that the building is finished now over at the swimming pool. We are waiting for the floor to dry out so we can lay the floor and put in toilet and shower and then we will have some open afternoons so parents and children can come and see the finished area.

**Reading** – It is **World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, *please don't forget your child's costume!*

We are lucky enough to have Steyning Bookshop coming to visit us. This is a perfect opportunity for the children to use their £1 voucher and invest in some quality reading material. A percentage of book sales goes back to the school for us to invest in books. **They will be in the hall from 3pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Reports** – Reports will be coming home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and parent's evenings will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 – 6pm and 21<sup>st</sup> March 6 – 8.30pm.

**Parents Evening** – The parents Evening booking window opens on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6pm you can log in to this through the school website.

**Safer Internet Day** – Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the classes have been participating in a range of activities to raise awareness.

**Little Explorers** – This week the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We watched an interactive story and then explored a Chinese New Year sensory tray; we have tried Chinese prawn crackers and fortune cookies alongside our fruit at snack time and made spring rolls. We have had fun at forest school making potions from flower petals, water and sticks and have been painting with natural materials.

**Local Offer** – The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

**Christ's Hospital** – We have been sent brochures about Christ's Hospital. If you think you would be interested, please collect a copy from the office.

**Athletics** – On Tuesday a group of year 4 and 3 children attended a Horsham District Council organised Indoor athletics day at Collyers College. The children competed in track events including relay, hurdles and obstacle races. There were also field events such as standing long jump, speed bounce and target throw. The children were a credit to the school and gave it their all.



**Chinese New Year** – China class have been celebrated the Chinese New by studying a Chinese poem, looking at problem solving using fractions and food tasting of Chinese foods.



**Pulborough Garden Society Spring Flower Show:** - We love to encourage the children to participate in village events. The Pulborough Garden Society spring Flower show is on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019** please see attached the Children's entries and the entry form.

**Grants** – Does anyone have experience of grant applications? If anyone does, please could you contact the school office.

**Tesco Bags of Help** – We are back in Tesco in March/April so please support the school with your blue tokens.



**Jewellery /Earrings school policy:** - In the interests of safety children should not wear any jewellery to school, please see below the school policy on wearing jewellery in school including earrings and PE.

*No jewellery of any kind is to be worn during any PE lessons or organised physical activities; any child unable to remove their own earrings will not be allowed to participate.*

*Covering earrings with any form of tape is unacceptable (West Sussex Guidance).*

*Jewellery permitted in school (watch and stud earrings only) must be removed by the child. The child is responsible for its safekeeping. Teachers will not remove earrings for pupils and parents are responsible for ensuring that their child can remove their earrings themselves.*

**Grounds working Party** – We have a Grounds Working Party planned for **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 10 – 12noon**. We are keen to replace the plastic on the polytunnel as this is an asset for growing things. In addition to that, there are other jobs that need completing such as the digging over of beds for the children to plant in and the painting of the fences around the swimming pool. Please complete the slip below if you feel that you can help. Cake and coffee provided!

**Philip Beicken** – Philip Beicken, author of *Ghosteleers*, is coming to join us on World Book Day. He is coming to share his book with children across the school and run some workshops with our Year 6 pupils. His book says, ‘When the bungling Norman accidentally blows himself up, along with his pet cat Morph, they awake to find themselves in a new and mysterious world. Greeted by Sir Poop, the pair are invited to join an elite, highly-trained team of Ghosteleers. Their mission is to protect very special humans from harm by using their amazing telekinetic powers.’

Philip Beicken is going to be selling his book for £6.99 if you would like a signed copy then please fill in the slip below and return it to the School office with the correct money in a named envelope, thank you.

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### **‘Ghosteleers’ - by Philip Beicken**

I would like .....signed Copy/copies of the ‘Ghosteleers’ Book

I enclose £.....

I would like my book to say .....

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### **Working Party - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Name of Child : ..... Class : .....

I am / am unable to attend the working party.

There will be ..... adults and ..... children.

Signature of Parent : ..... Date : .....

<b>February</b>			
<b>Mon 18th - Fri 22nd</b>	<b>Half Term</b>		
Mon 25th Feb	Fair Trade fortnight		
<b>March</b>			
Wed 6th Mar	Ash Wednesday - Eucharist		School Hall
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day - Costumes required		
Fri 8th Mar	Tea & Chat - Maths and Literacy	9.00am	Multi Purpose Room
Fri 8th Mar	School Reports		
Wed 13th Mar	Ingfield Manor - UK Class	9.30am - 2.15pm	Ingfield Manor
Tue 19th Mar	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.30pm	School Hall
Thur 21st Mar	World Poetry Day - Details to follow		
Thur 21st Mar	Parents Evening	6.00pm - 8.30pm	School Hall
Mon 25th Mar	Bikeability week - Year 6		
Wed 27th Mar	Ingfield Manor - Austria Class	9.30am - 2.15pm	Ingfield Manor
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tea & Chat - Quality picture books and how to use them at home	9.00am	Multi Purpose Room
Fri 29th Mar	<b>School Clubs Finish</b>		
Sat 30th Mar	PTA Race Night - Details to follow		
Sun 31st Mar	Mothering Sunday Service		St Mary's Church

<b>April</b>			
Tue 2nd Apr	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow		School Hall
Tue 2nd Apr	DISCO Reception & KS1	5.00pm - 6.00pm	School Hall
	DISCO KS2	6.15pm - 7.30pm	School Hall
Wed 3rd Apr	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Play - Details to follow		
Fri 5th Apr	Eggstravaganza - Details to follow		
Fri 5th Apr	The Weald Mental Health Morning - Details to follow	10.00am - 12.00noon	
<b>Fri 5th Apr</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>		
<b>Tue 23rd Apr</b>	<b>Return to School - Summer Term</b>		

SECTION E. CHILDREN'S SECTION

NOTE: These classes will be divided into three age groups as follows

- a. Under 5 years of age
- b. 5 to 9 years of age
- c. 10 to 15 years of age

(Exhibits to be no larger than A4)

- 57 A decorated Paper Fan
- 58 A Spring Collage – A4 size
- 59 A Painted Pebble
- 60 Five Muffins
- 61 Decorated Hand or Foot Print
- 62 Draw or paint your Lunch on a Paper Plate
- 63 A piece of Soft Handicraft as in class 54
- 64 A piece of Hard Handicraft as in class 55



PULBOROUGH GARDEN SOCIETY  
SPRING SHOW ENTRY FORM 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

All entry forms are to be submitted by 6pm 3<sup>rd</sup> April,  
to Michael Pioli, 6 Southside, PULBOROUGH, West Sussex  
RH20 2DH

CLASS NUMBERS										
ENTRIES ARE FREE										
Please tick through the Classes you are entering										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69		

NAME .....  
IF CHILD: AGE ..... YRS ..... MTHS  
ADDRESS .....

PLEASE STAGE ALL ENTRIES ON SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April  
between 8am & 10am.  
Entries for children can be staged by another person and collected  
after the Show at 4.00pm.

NO late or unregistered entries on day of show can be accepted



# Girls Table Tennis FOR FREE

Horsham District  
Sports  
Development

Six-week programme,  
free-of-charge\*.  
For girls aged 7-14 years.  
Accompanying women  
are also welcome.

## When

Thursdays 5-6pm.  
28 February to 4 April 2019.

## Where

Greenway Academy,  
Horsham, RH12 2JS.

## Coach

Nat Jagota (ETTA Level 1 table tennis coach).

## Cost

FREE of charge.

## Bat offer

In association with UK Table Tennis. Value £10.

FUN

GAMES

SKILLS

FREE  
BAT! \*\*

\* Any children already attending coaching at Greenway can  
only qualify if they attend their regular session as well.

\*\* For children attending at least five of the six weeks.

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For further information and to sign-up,  
Contact: Ian Ford  
[ian.ford@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:ian.ford@horsham.gov.uk) | 07764 146338



Horsham  
District  
Council



2019

# Horsham Wheels for ALL

Why not come along and join in the fun at our all inclusive cycling sessions. Open to all ages and abilities offering a wide range of adapted cycles.

Sessions take place on the athletics track at The Bridge Leisure Centre on Fridays at 4.30pm-6pm.

Running from: **26 April to 19 July**,  
(excluding 31 May and 14 June).  
and **6 September to 25 October**.

Sessions cost £5 or £4 with a Leisure Access Card or Compass Card payable on the day.

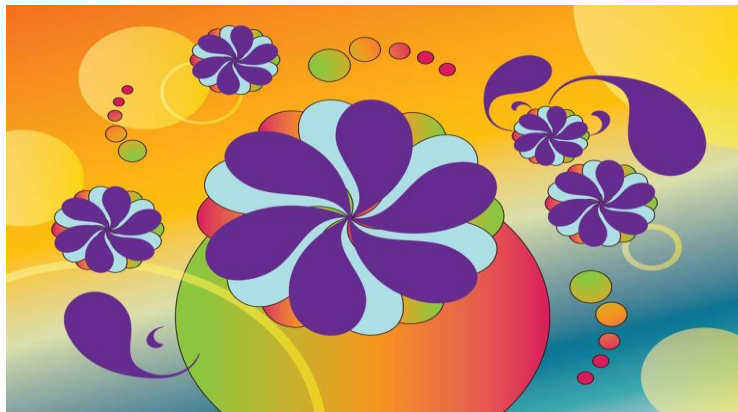
Sponsored bike ride will take place on  
Wednesday 29 May on the Downs Link.



For more information please contact:  
Paul Taylor on 07764 146339 or email [paul.taylor@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:paul.taylor@horsham.gov.uk)



# **From the Swinging 60's to the 20-teenies – a nostalgic look back 50 years**



**With Mark Perry - Nash**

**Venue: St Mary's Church, Pulborough**

**Tuesday 26th February, 2-00 pm**

Why not come and join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month for afternoon tea and be entertained by Mark Perry – Nash, writer/historian and professional speaker.

**Admission is free, and donations will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful and historic village church of St Mary's Pulborough**

More details from Alyson Heath 01798 873795 or Ann Kaiser 01798 872819

# STORY MAGIC

**Join a multi-sensory story time session specially for children and young people with additional needs.**

*We know all children love multi-sensory stories, so siblings and others are welcome too.*

*Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity.*

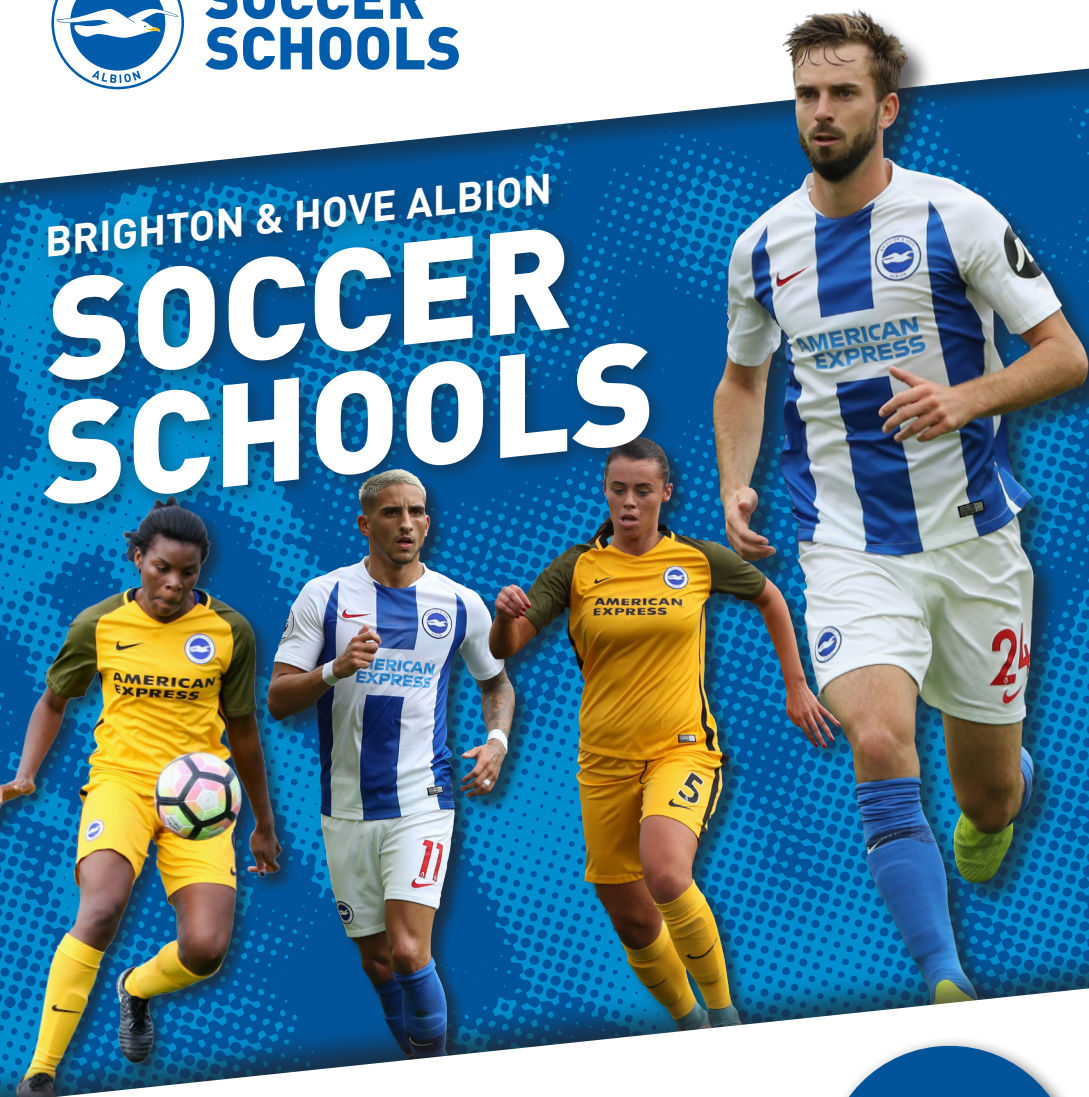
*There is no charge for this activity but there is a Donation Box if you would like to make a cash contribution.*





# SOCCER SCHOOLS

## BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION SOCCER SCHOOLS



Holiday and weekly football courses for boys and girls of all abilities, age 4-13.

Brighton, Eastbourne, Worthing, Lancing, Uckfield, Hassocks, Chichester, Billingshurst, Shoreham and Steyning.

[www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk](http://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk)

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## February half term 2019

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
<b>Brighton</b>	OK 18-20 Feb	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£54
<b>Chichester</b>	22 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Chichester University, PO19 6PE.	£23
<b>Eastbourne</b>	OK 18-20 Feb	9am-3pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£54
<b>Hassocks</b>	20-21 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£39
<b>Steyning</b>	20-21 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£39
<b>Uckfield</b>	20-21 Feb	9.45am-3pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£39
<b>Worthing</b>	OK 18-20 Feb	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£54

## Courses for 4-5 year olds

<b>Brighton</b>	18-20 Feb	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£30
<b>Eastbourne</b>	18-20 Feb	9am-12pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£30
<b>Worthing</b>	18-20 Feb	9am-12pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£30

## Courses for girls only (ages 6-16)

<b>Lancing</b>	22 Feb	9.45am-3pm	American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, BN15 9FP.	£20
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## Easter 2019

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
<b>Billingshurst</b>	18 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, RH14 0PX.	£23
<b>Brighton</b>	OK 10-12 Apr	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£54
<b>Eastbourne</b>	OK 8-10 Apr	9am-3pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£54
<b>Hassocks</b>	17-18 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£39
<b>Shoreham</b>	16-17 Apr	9.45am-3pm	St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, BN43 6PE.	£39
<b>Steyning</b>	11-12 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£39
<b>Uckfield</b>	11-12 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Uckfield College, TN22 3DJ.	£39
<b>Worthing</b>	OK 8-10 Apr	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£54

## Courses for 4-5 year olds

<b>Brighton</b>	10-12 Apr	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£30
<b>Eastbourne</b>	8-10 Apr	9am-12pm	Heron Park Primary Academy, BN22 9EE.	£30
<b>Worthing</b>	8-10 Apr	9am-12pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£30

## Courses for girls only (ages 6-16)

<b>Lancing</b>	11 Apr	9.45am-3pm	American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, BN15 9FP.	£20
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Single full-day bookings are available priced at £23 for 5-13 year olds.  
Single half-day bookings are available priced at £10 for 4-5 year olds.

Children aged 5 years can attend courses of either age category.

OK = Goalkeepers included. Goalkeepers will receive individual specialised training during the mornings, followed by integrated team sessions in the afternoons. Goalkeeper courses can be booked separately online.

Places must be booked online in advance. Full terms and conditions can be found on our website.

# STARGAZING SOUTH DOWNS



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with us

**SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY**  
**MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE, 4–8PM**

- Indoor planetarium shows
- Talks on the moon, the stars and nocturnal wildlife
- Giant 'sky at night' colouring wall
- Advice on how to set up your telescope
- Virtual Reality Experience of our dark night skies
- Science experiments
- Barn owls and bats
- How to photograph the night sky (booking required)
- Astronaut selfie stands
- Outdoor 'moongazing' if the night is clear
- Free 'Stargazing South Downs' booklets to take home
- Soup and hotdogs for sale

To find out more about this and the many other events happening  
during the South Downs Dark Skies festival

**[SOUTHDOWNS.GOV.UK/DARKSKIESFESTIVAL](https://southdowns.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival)**

**Dark Skies Festival 2019**  
**Friday 15 February–Sunday 3 March**

**SOUTH DOWNS  
NATIONAL PARK**

