



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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This is the 50th year of St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School being on this site at Link Lane. We just had to mark the event and look at what the children have produced. What a fantastic photo of the school and just look at the footprint of the school. If anyone knows anyone who was here when the school opened then we would love to hear from them please.

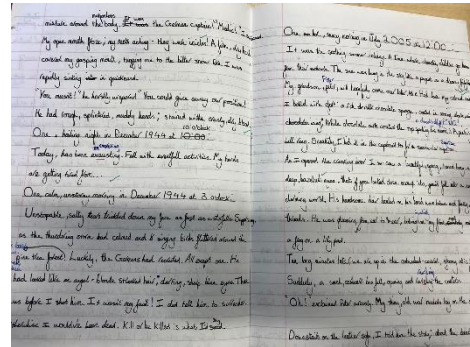
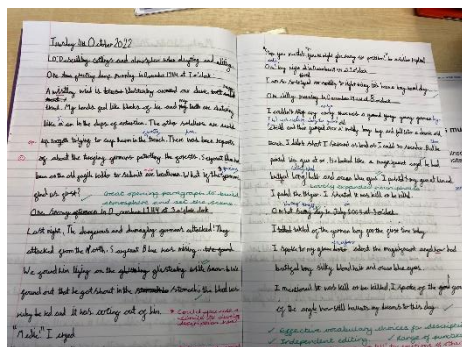
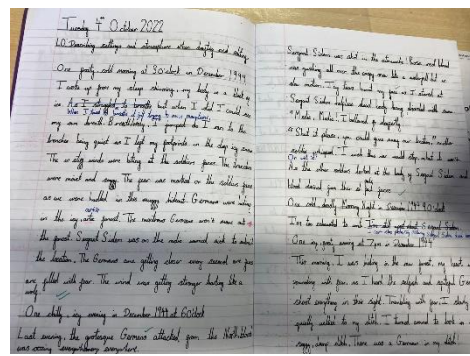
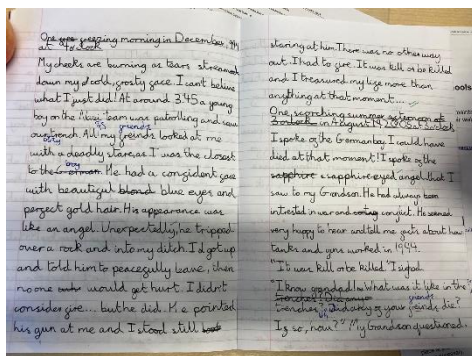


Bikeability – Well done to the Year 6 children who participated in Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability. It was great to see the confidence developing for all the children as the week went on and the pupils tell me that they have loved it! Certificates and badges will be coming home!



Six week in project – Thank you to the parents that came to the six week in meeting. The morning was informative with a presentation from the library service and information from the school nurse and information about the Early Years curriculum and how the settling in has gone. There were positive comments that came from the meeting about forest schools, transition arrangements, communication with the teachers, settling process and some things that parents would like to see more of, which was around phonics and classes. We will ensure that we get information out to Early Years parents about these things over the next few weeks.

Learning – SA, Japan and Mexico have been writing their diaries as a soldier this week following their unit of work and the talk story. Look at the examples of some of the writing with their pupil assessments. Following on from their class-reading book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll, Japan and SA classes have been writing their own 'war diary entries'. The children were tasked with using as many of the features of diary entries as they could, including similes and metaphors, modal verbs and 'show, not tell' to enhance their writing. The results show how much they have learnt. Well done, Years 5 and 6!



Michael Simbaya visit for Life Charity – We welcomed Michael Simbaya to speak with the children this week. Michael works for Life Charity and they run projects to help families in different African countries. The children asked some very thoughtful questions and we found out more about their work.

Online safety - Natterhub - This is free training for parents. The first session has already happened but it can still be watched for the next 10 days. Here is the link for the first one which you can watch.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpFsp6fgfg>

Reflection - (86) Reflection 22 - Love is Patient - YouTube

Staffing – You would have seen that we are recruiting. Mrs Russell and Mrs Andrews are leaving us in the next few weeks and we will miss them greatly and I know that you will join us in wishing them all the very best on their next exciting adventure.

Pringle tubes – Mexico class is asking for Pringles tubes for their DT unit. If you have any then please send them in to school. Many thanks.

Adur Centre in Shoreham – The Adur outdoor activities centre run half term clubs for kids from Year 1 to Year 10. Their activities range from mountain biking and kayaking to indoor climbing and archery. The price is £50 per day and we run from 0830 – 1700. You can book here: [Book Now](#)



Vine leaves – **Nellie (UK)** for her humility and thoughtfulness towards others.
Josh H (SL) for his humility and always putting others first.



PE Kits – Children must have their PE kit, as PE is a statutory curriculum area. Teachers will be coming to speak to parents if PE kits are not coming in to school.

Parking – We are still receiving complaints about parking especially parking on green spaces on the corner of Link Lane. Please do not do this as it is dangerous and stops lines of sight as parents are crossing the road. We encourage people to log their concern as the more hits will mean police and traffic patrols will come out to see the issues. If you wish to make a complaint about parking, please do this to www.operationcrackdown.co.uk

Events in the community – Petworth - The first is 'Sussex Riddles' with Charlotte Sebag Montefiore on **Saturday 29th October at The United Reform Church 10.30-11.30**. This is a great opportunity for curious children (up to age 11) who are keen to know more about Sussex dinosaurs and who love solving riddles.

The second event is a poetry workshop. We know how much the children have enjoyed their poetry sessions in the past and we wanted to draw your attention to the wonderful opportunity to meet Joseph Coelho (the Waterstone's Poet Laureate and award winning author, poet and performer.) **He will be running an interactive poetry session 'Kind Words' on Sunday 30th October at Leconfield Hall from 10.30-11.30**. The session is aimed at children aged 6 years and up.

Big Top – We love our Big Top celebration each year and every year we have to fundraise in order to make this happen. Year 6 teachers are keen to hear from anyone who would like to help with fundraising please. Without this, we cannot run these amazing things for the children.



Please see Miss Callender or Miss Turner if you can help.

Half term homework – In line with our School Improvement Plan, we are encouraging writing for extended periods to develop stamina. Over half term, **we would love the children to write us a scary story**. It can be as long as you would like it to be and there will be 50 dojos on offer for the completion of this. In EYFS and Year 1 it might be a cartoon strip for their story with some sentences underneath and as we move up the school we expect to see a higher standard.

NEW CHILDREN STARTING AT ST MARY'S - OPEN SESSIONS – We welcomed many parents on Thursday to look around St Mary's and we conducted tours to show off our learning environment.

We are holding more events so please encourage parents of three and four year olds to come and look around:

- Thursday 20th October 1.15pm – 2.45pm
- Tuesday 1st November 9.30am – 11.30am
- Tuesday 8th November 1.15pm – 2.45pm

Swimming Pool – The swimming pool closes on Wednesday 19th October and will reopen again at Easter. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Sherlock Fudge, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Lees for keeping the pool open all year.

School uniform – **Trainers are not school uniform** – please ensure your child has **school shoes**.

Dates for the year 2022 - 2023

Fri 21st October
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October
Thursday 3rd November
Friday 4th November
Tue 8th Nov
Thur 10th Nov
Fri 11th Nov
Sat 12th Nov
Mon 14th Nov
Tue 15th Nov
Thur 17th Nov
Fri 18th Nov
Fri 25th Nov
Wed 30th Nov
Fri 2nd Dec
Thurs 8th Dec

Tues 13th Dec

Fri 16th Dec

INSET Day

HALF TERM week

Italy celebration assembly 9am
Sierra Leone celebration assembly 9am
Parents Evening - 3.30pm- 6pm School Cloud
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SA Celebration Assembly 9am
Fireworks PTA 5.45pm – 7.30pm
Fri 18th Nov – Anti-bullying week
Book look in classrooms **EYFS/KS1**
Book look in classrooms **KS2**
Japan Celebration assembly 9am
Ireland celebration assembly 9am
USA - Clarinet assembly (time TBC)
NZ Celebration assembly 9am
UK and Thailand production 2pm and 5pm – tickets to go on sale in November.
India and Italy production (Bethlehem Bake-off) 2pm and 5pm – tickets to go on sale in November.
Last day of term and Christmas Jumper day for all

Achievements

Lexi H (Thai)
Received a trophy for coming 1st in a dance competition at the weekend.

Ojasvi (Mex)
Ached her gola and learnt to swim!

Niamh R (Jap)
Achieved her Orange & White belt

Martha
Gained her stage 6 in swimming

Daniel M (Ire)
Got Man of the Match

Sienna-Jane (Thai)
Took part in her first dance competition and came 1st & 2nd

Jayden A (NZ)
Achieved his 100m in swimming this evening.

Caleb L (Jap)
Ached his Servival Badge at cubs

Raff (Ind)
Moved from orange belt to orange striped belt.



A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.



Book all meals, universal, free or paid, order online.

It's easy, quick and safe.
Select your meal choices in advance.



DON'T FORGET!
SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

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To POINTILLISM!**

Saturday 29th October 2022

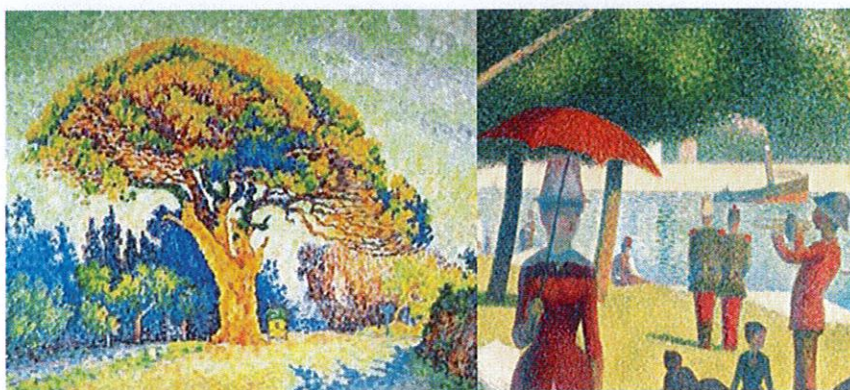
10.30-12.30 and 2.00-4.00

We provide all the art materials there is a refreshment break during the workshop.

The children can create and take their masterpieces home!

Please book your child's space by online at www.arundelmuseum.org or 01903 885866

The cost per child is £10.



Arundel Museum

Mill Road, BN18 9PA www.arundelmuseum.org Reg. Charity No. 1140198

Sports Talent Academy Football Festival



DATES

**Plaistow & Kirdford
Primary School**

25th & 26th October

**St Mary's CofE Aided
Primary School**

27th & 28th October

Price

Single day - £25

Two days - £40

Early Drop off -£3 per day

Times

Early Drop off from 8:45am

Normal drop off 9:30-10am

Pick up 3pm

If your child is in years R-6 then come and join us during the school holidays where your child will engage in footballing activities and have the chance to hone their technical skills whilst playing games that will follow a theme such as dribbling, passing or shooting! Your child will also play lots of matches and take part in competitions to win prizes!

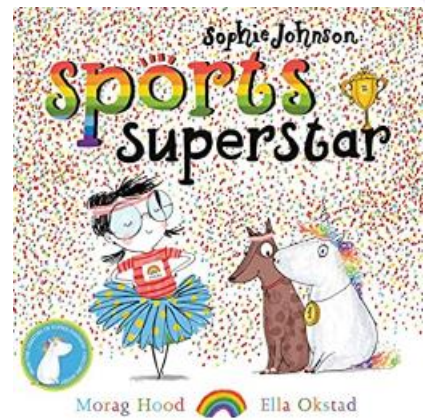
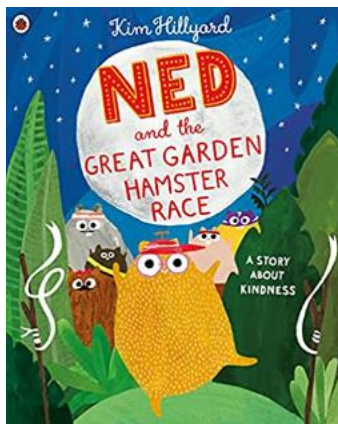
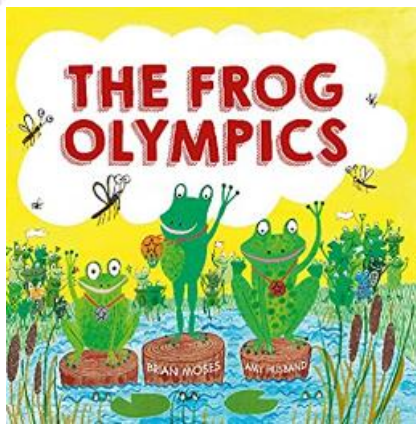
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Sporty Stars!

Join us for some half-term holiday fun
with stories and a craft activity

Suitable for children aged 4 - 7 years

**Booking essential – please speak with
staff to reserve a place.**

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

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

Wednesday 26th October
2.00pm-3.00pm



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 16th October 2022



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

