



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 20th February 2023

We hope you all had a great half term. We have started back with a diary full of things to look forward to. Already this week we have welcomed two new families to our school, zoomed with Bob Alley, illustrator of Paddington Bear with Y5 and Y6, Cross Country at Christ's Hospital for our talented runners and we held our Ash Wednesday Eucharist started the period of Lent. Thailand showcased their learning and Early Years made pancakes at Forest Schools to celebrate Lent and Year 3 headed off to Rio on an aeroplane!! Please see the diary for other things that are coming up over the next few weeks!

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 and establishing a secure foundation for them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.’ We continue to aspire to this and hope that the school community is aware of our school vision.

Staffing – We are looking forward to welcoming Ms Harrison back on the 20th March from maternity leave. Ms Harrison assists with Special Educational Needs with a particular focus on speech and language plans and she brings her knowledge of Dyslexic type tendencies and how this can be supported in the classroom.

Learning - Year 3 Trip to Rio, Brazil – Ireland and New Zealand class flew to Rio and took a tour of the city for the launch of our new topic 'Urban Pioneers'. It was great to see them with their own airline ticket and they went through the procedure of check in and boarding – a great experience for all. Thank you to Mrs Benson and Miss Heasman for the effort in launching the children's new topic.



Curriculum – **UK and Thailand class** have begun focussing on Space, **Italy and India** are learning about Our Wonderful World, **New Zealand and Ireland** have started thinking about Urban Pioneers, **USA and Sierra Leone** are learning about Misty Mountain, Winding River and **Mexico, South Africa and Japan classes** are Exploring Africa and

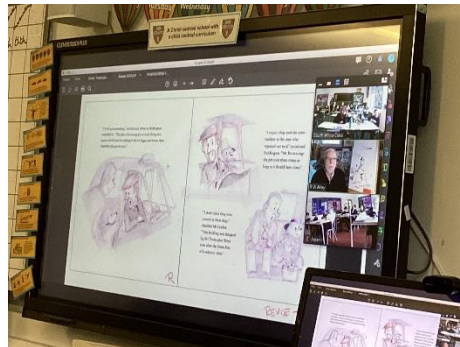
have an African drumming workshop next week to help launch their theme. Homework grids are up on the website and have been sent out on Google classroom.

Vine leaves – **Theo (UK)** has been awarded a vine leaf for his kindness to another pupil. One of his classmates was hungry and really wanted a banana, he was aware they were upset and he went out of way to go to his bag and offer them his banana for his snack instead. He has also been showing a lot of compassion to his classmates when they have hurt themselves. **Chloe (Jap)** for persevering with her GPS and trying her best in group work. **Daniel (Jap)** for sharing his amazing creativity with class and settling back into school excellently. **Charlotte G (Ind)** for perseverance please. She was determined to finish her Special Agent Training booklet. **Matthew (SL)** for perseverance in his work. He is working so hard, particularly in maths and today for the first time he completed all the activities and challenges. Also, in gymnastics he worked very hard in a group to create a sequence of jumps, rolls and balances. He showed good teamwork. **Luna (Jap)** for her humility with organising a prayer club – a great ambassador for our school! **Hartley (Thai)** is awarded a vine leaf for friendship after watching him supporting his friends at playtime. **Jesse (SA)** for the friendship that she offers others – a true ambassador. **Noah (SL)** for his humility as he put another child before himself and made sure they had what they needed.



VR Headsets – We are excited to say that The Lions have kindly given us a donation for VR Headsets so that the children can experience this technology. Over the next few weeks we will keep you updated on the impact that this is having for the children. Thank you to The Lions for their ongoing support and thank you to Miss Sleat for organising.

Bob Alley – The illustrator of Paddington Bear zoomed with the Year 5 and the Year 6 children. Bob Alley joined the children and talked about the books that he has illustrated for Michael Bond and then he gave the children a masterclass on how to draw characters. The children were able to develop their own characters. We will be showcasing the children's work later on in the year. Look at Daniel's (Japan) Paddington Bear.



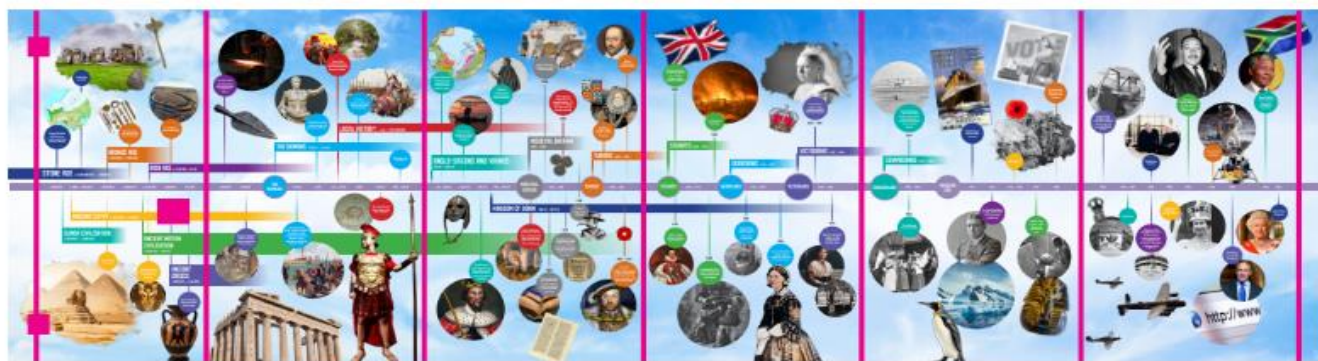
Daniel H (Japan)



World Thinking Day – We had Brownies and Rainbows in school on World Thinking Day – thank you to those who participated.



Wall Art – We are in the final stages of getting wall art installed in the school. The company that we are working with have designed a history timeline to help develop the children's history skills and this wall art will be going outside China class to help develop the children's sense of chronology. Thank you to the PTA for funding this wall art to enrich our curriculum.



Pancakes at Forest School – (Mr Wolf's Book) U.K and Thailand have been looking at the text, Mr Wolf's Pancakes, they made pancakes today out at Forest School and they brought their own toppings and sang a pancake song.



Sports – **Hockey Team - Ruben, Freddie, Kian, April, Scarlett, Amara, William, Jordan and Harriet** represented St Mary's at Tanbridge for the Horsham District Primary Schools Hockey event. The team played so well and were placed fifth overall. We were delighted to gain 1st place in the 'Spirit of the Games' for the teamwork, resilience, perseverance and determination. These are all skills that we applaud at our school and were shown in every game we played.



Cross Country – Well done to the runners who ran at Christ's Hospital. There were 96 runners and 16 teams, our school was placed 10th overall for the girls and the boys were placed 7th overall. Leo gained 6th place and Holly gained 18th place.

Well done to Leo and Aaron who have been chosen to go through to the County Finals. We are so proud of the enthusiasm that all of our competitors showed.



Reflection – [Compassion - YouTube](#)

Reaching Families – We work with families that are often asking where they can go to get some more information. **Please see poster attached** and have a look at the courses, they are a brilliant source of information that can really help.

SEND Coffee and Cake Morning – **Wednesday 1st March 9:15am-10am.**

West Sussex Parent Carer forum will give a short presentation about who they are and how they can help parents and carers. They will then be available to chat and answer individual questions. 9:15am in the main hall. This is a great opportunity to come and talk to the 'experts' about SEND provision and get more information. If your child has an individual learning plan or an Education Health Care Plan or you feel there is more to their educational need why not come and listen to what is available. A Google form has been sent out, if you would like to attend and have not received the Google form please contact the office of more details.

Peace Posters - The Billingshurst and District Lions are looking forward to working closely with our school again in 2023. Attached are details of our Poster for Peace art competition, which runs during the spring term, with the theme '**What is Peace**'. **Please drop them in to the office next week.**



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



February Cut off Dates

Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3

March Cut off Dates

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning

These begin at 9am and will last about 20 minutes.

Thur 2nd Mar – New Zealand class,
Thur 9th Mar – USA class,
Thur 16th Mar – Japan class,

Thur 23rd Mar – UK class,
Wed 29th Mar – SL class,
Thur 30th Mar – SA class.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th Feb - Sibling photographs to be taken (full school uniform) – please apply for a sibling photo.

Wednesday 1st March – Parent chat 9.15am to share knowledge about Special Educational Needs

Thursday 2nd March – Strike action will not affect the opening of the school

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (dress as a word – E.g. all in white for the word 'white' or in a book title costume)

Friday 3rd March – International Day

Friday 10th March – World of Work Day

Monday 13th March – Science Week (lots of opportunities for the children to develop their science knowledge and skills)

Wednesday 15th March – Forest School at Two Woods for EYFS pupils

Tuesday 21st March – Cake Sale organised by Year 6 for the Big Top

Friday 17th March – Reports to come home to parents for KS1 and KS2.

Tuesday 21st March – Book look for EYFS and KS1 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 23rd March – Book look for KS2 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 28th March – Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Wednesday 29th March – Easter Play 2pm for parents of Y4

Thursday 30th March – Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Friday 31st March – Easter Eggstravaganza – we will look forward to seeing Easter bonnets/hats from the children – prizes for these. Non-school uniform day - £1 donation to the PTA

Easter Eggstravaganza - Friday 31st March – Dress down day (£1 donation for PTA)

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA – Easter bonnet/hat competition for each class and a playground parade with our bonnets and hats. Please encourage your child to join in.

World Book Day – We will be doing a **book swap** on World Book Day as well as dressing up. If your child has a good quality book that they would like to swap please bring it in on World Book Day and we will be swapping with each other to find a new book.

The children will be coming home with their £1 Book token please click on the link below for find out where you can redeem them. <https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/>



Ash Wednesday Eucharist – Thank you to Fr Paul, Mr Holloway and Mr Hancock who led our Eucharist for Ash Wednesday as we start Lent.



Achievements



Daniel M (Ire)

has had huge success with his football achieving man of the match for both his Saturday team, Rudgwick and Sunday team Pulborough

Spencer N (USA)

Winning a football match

Rosie O (USA)

has achieved her Rainbow badge and her Level 2 badge in swimming. What a great achievement

Toby H (USA)

Man of the Match for Pulborough FC

Fred M (India)

Got the Player of The Week trophy for looking after the under 6's in Rugby.

Seb H (USA)

For scoring 2 goals for Pulborough FC

Michael B (NZ)

Man of the match for scoring a hat trick

Bowie W-V (Ind)

Achieved Stage 4 in Swimming

Rex (USA)

Moved up to stage 7 in swimming

Saturday
25 March



Teams of
up to 6

Quiz & Curry Night!

Join the fun at James & Josh's Quiz
in aid of their journey to the
World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

At St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School,
Link Lane, Pulborough RH20 2AN

Tickets £10

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

To book, simply email
josh@jamboree.thecryptoid.co.uk
or call 07763 212105

Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available to buy
You're welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks if wanted!

**Chartwells Catering
are recruiting
10 – 16.25 hours per week**

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

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

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