



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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We hope that you are enjoying the sunshine that has finally arrived today – long may it continue.

**COVID 19 – arrangements** – A letter has been sent out to parents about arrangements that are changing from Step 4 on the 19th July. We haven't received any guidance from West Sussex County Council or The Department for Education yet and we need to see what happens over the summer holidays. Watch this space and we will keep you updated when we know.



**UK Butterflies** – The children in UK class have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and have had their own chrysalises. This week they released the butterflies that had emerged and it was great to see the awe and wonder on the children's faces.

**Big Top** – What a fantastic week for the children in South Africa and Japan class. We were thrilled to get The Big Top up last weekend and for the Year 6 children to perform within it and create memories. On Tuesday the children performed and we live streamed this to the classrooms so that the rest of the school could see their achievements and see the show Oliver. On the three evenings that we have run we have been so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm that the children have shown. Well done to everyone involved.





**Year 4 Tenor Horn concert** – USA and SL were able to perform to their families this week when we zoomed the Tenor Horn concert. The children have had 9 lessons and were able to play ‘Hot cross buns’, ‘Baby Shark’ and their own class compositions. The lessons have helped them learn how to read music and keep a rhythm. Thank you to Mrs Farrant, Mrs Gowland and Mr Wilkins (West Sussex Music Service) who have put the children through their paces. If your child is in Year 4 and would like to continue with the Tenor Horn then please contact the office who have a letter about this.

**Target Games** – As part of Thailand’s PE sessions this week they participated in target games and focussed on their hand/eye coordination and tried some new sports. They played Boccia and tried archery. All of these opportunities are great for so many reasons and we look forward to seeing the children build on these skills.

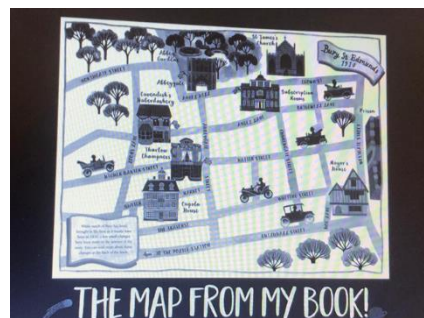


**Vine leaves** – Faith N (Mex) for always being polite and kind to everyone in our class, Jack T (Mex) for amazing perseverance in swimming and Billy B for amazing perseverance with his reading where he has made fantastic progress. Sophie D (India) for always putting others first in her sticker monitor role.

**Music achievements** – A huge well done to Mae (SA) who has achieved her Stage 3 Flute certificate, Freya (Jap) who has been awarded her Stage 3 Flute certificate, Molly B (Chi) who has achieved her Stage 1 clarinet certificate, Isla (Chi) who has achieved her Stage 1 clarinet. Learning a musical instrument takes a lot of perseverance and resilience so well done to these children.

**Achievements** – Aaron (Ire) most improved player in Pulborough Rugby; Scarlett (Ire) moved to stage 5 in her swimming and stage 6 in Gymnastics; Ruben (SL) gained his Stage 5 swimming certificate; Alicia (Ire), Niamh (Ire), Florence (Ire), Rowan (Ire) made their Brownie promise; Dexter B (ire) was awarded his green belt in karate; Sophie (Ind) gained a trophy and medal in a ballet competition; Daniel M (Tha) was awarded ‘Manager’s Player’; Charlie H (Tha) gained an end of season award for ‘Best attitude’ and Toby (Ind), Rex (Ind), Jack (Ind), Charlie (Ind), Oscar (Ind), Toby (Ind), Freddie (Ind), Eric (Fra), Noah (Fra), Teddy (Fra) and Mason (Fra) have all picked up trophies at football at the end of season meeting.

**AM Howell – Author visit** – We were so pleased to have AM Howell join us via Zoom and talk to the children in Key Stage Two about being an author. This included looking at ‘The House of One Hundred Clocks’. It is a mystery all about clocks, strange notes and stolen winding keys and then we looked at her most recent publication. Many of the children would benefit from reading such a fantastic book. Copies can be purchased from Steyning Bookshop.



**School uniform collection** – We do sell second hand uniform at St Mary's but Horsham Matters are also collecting any unwanted school uniform and this can be dropped to Horsham Matters from Monday- Friday 10am-12pm at their warehouse in Blatchford Road, Horsham. For any families who are struggling with the cost of new school uniform, you can also get in contact for support via: Email: [Info@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:Info@horsham-matters.org.uk) or Tel: 03001240204

**Football** – We know that England are playing on Sunday and it is an important match. If England do 'Bring It Home' then we are inviting the children to wear a football kit or red and white as a celebration of the achievements – Let's hope it is a victory for England.

**Year 6 reminder** – A reminder that white T-shirts to be signed need to come in to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July in a sealed carrier bag with a few sharpie pens ready for signing.

Please have a restful weekend and thank you for your support.



We are currently asking for   
**SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
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PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO:

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BLATCHFORD RD  
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**MON-FRI 10AM-4PM**



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