



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



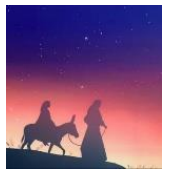
NEWSLETTER

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

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Posada – This week we have started the countdown to Christmas with Advent. Mary, Joseph and the donkey have started their journey around our school, production rehearsals are well underway for EYFS and KS1 so the children can perform the Christmas story, Christmas songs and carols have started filling the air!



Presents for staff at Christmas – Parents have been asking about presents at Christmas. We all went into our jobs because we wanted to make a difference to the children at our school. It is lovely to be thought of at Christmas, but please don't feel the need to spend any money. This year everyone is struggling with finances and bills and the world is unpredictable moving forward. A 'thank you' is more than enough!

Advent Trail around Pulborough – Please see the attached leaflet and flyer.

Bingo – Thank you to everyone who supported Year 6 at our Bingo Night on Friday! This was the first of our fundraising events for the Big Top and it was brilliant to see so many people there to enjoy the games, refreshments and musical entertainment during the interval. We are very grateful to everyone who donated prizes and purchased tickets - we raised a total of £659.15, which is a fantastic start to our fundraising project. Special thanks to **Sam Nash** for stepping into the role of caller at the last minute and doing such a brilliant job! **Many thanks also to Ms Hales, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Doy for all their hard work in organising the event and to Holly and Carina for performing and providing the entertainment.**

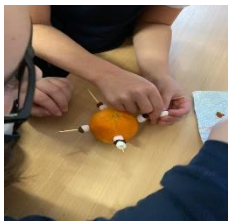


Cubitt and West – Christmas at Home – the children do a marvellous job every year entering the 'Home at Christmas' competition. The children will come home with an A3 template tomorrow; please could they draw their house using any art medium (no glitter please) and then bring it back to school by 15th December. There are prizes available for the best houses and they will be displayed in the windows of Cubitt & West over the Christmas period.





Christingle – Thank you so much to **Lauren Dempster, Shaun Standing and Tesco** for organising the oranges for our Christingles. The children learnt about the symbolism behind the Christingle and completed this with a buddy. Our service will be tomorrow at 11am. If anyone would like to come to the Christingle Service then please let the Office know.



Writing winners – Scary stories – I have only just finished reading and marking the scary stories as we had so many entries. Every story that I have read has received a Headteacher's sticker and 50 dojos.

UK – Louis A

Thailand – Callie W, Poppy G and Rosie F

Italy - Violet

India – Ronnie H and Ted E

NZ – Ella C

Ireland – Charlie H

USA – Sienna E

SL – Isla B

Mex – Isla and Jens

SA – Megan and Anna

Japan – Mason and James M



Hot School Meals - Order the meal your child would like.

Chartwells are bringing in a new system that allows you to choose which meal your child would like to eat each day. This is for all children throughout the school, from Reception through to Year 6, those entitled to free school meals and those who pay for a meal.



You will have received a letter from ParentPay with all your log-in details and details of how the system will work. The School Office will have very limited access to the system, so it is very important that if you wish your child to have a hot school meal in school, no matter which class they are in, you have to access this system and order their meal.

December Cut off Dates

Thur 1/12 for w/c Mon 12/12

Thur 22/12 for w/c Wed 4/1

Thu 29/12 for w/c Mon 9/1

January Cut off Dates

Thur 5/1 for w/c Mon 16/1

Thur 12/1 for w/c Mon 23/1

Thur 19/1 for w/c Mon 30/1

Thur 26/1 for w/c Mon 6/2

February Cut off Dates

Thur 9/2 for w/c Mon 20/2

Thur 16/2 for w/c Mon 27/2

Thur 23/2 for w/c Mon 6/3

Disco – The school disco returns! We are going to trial a Christmas school disco on **Tuesday 6th December. EYFS**

and KS1 will join us from 5 – 6pm and KS2 will be 6.15pm – 7.30pm. There will be a door entry charge of **£1.50** and there will be some sweets and other bits to buy. Parents will not be allowed to stay and the event will be manned by PTA representatives who have been DBS checked.

If you wish to help, you will need a DBS check and you will need to email

pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk to arrange this.



Vine leaves – **Sienna E (USA)** for humility as she is always helping and needs some recognition for always giving her best. **Will K** for wisdom in Maths - setting yourself high expectations and showing a fantastic understanding of division methods. **Scarlett R (SA)** for being consistently hard-working, sensible and polite and giving the absolute best in all that you do. **Roxy J (Mex)** for her courage in putting herself forward to sing so beautifully and impressing us all. **Isla F (SA)** for responding so positively to feedback in English this week and using this to help you produce a non-chronological report to be proud of. **Jessie W (SA)** for creativity - your non-chronological report writing and free writing have been outstanding this half term. **Andrew R (It)** for showing courage and **Edward S (Ita)** for having the courage and wisdom to ask for emotional support when he needed it. **Victoria C (NZ)** for showing such humility and putting others before herself. **Lexi A (Mex)** for perseverance with her leaning and believing she can. **Rylee J (Mex)** for his hope in all that he does – his enthusiasm is infectious.



Christmas cards – We will be allowing Christmas cards to come into school this year (if you wish to send them) and there will be a post box in the front entrance hall. Children may put the cards in the post-box, but they will not be able to give them out individually this year. Cards will be delivered to the classrooms and given out at the end of the day. Please do not send in any cards until after the 1st December please.



Reflection - This week's reflection - [\(84\) Advent Reflection - YouTube](#)

Frozen Kingdom – Yrs 5 and 6 have been studying the Frozen Kingdoms of the Earth in their Geography topic and have made models of some of the animals that can be found in these places. Well done to Anna, Joseph and Martha on their Frozen Kingdom animals. They were able to talk eloquently about their animals and their habitats.



Clarinet concert – USA class showed off their skills this week with an end of term concert to the parents, showcasing their singing and instrumental skills. Well done to the whole class – learning an instrument is always a challenge, but they have now got the basics and can build on those skills.




Thank you so much for all your support this term – there is a lot going on over the next two weeks, so please check the calendar carefully and always ask if you are unsure.

Dates for your diary

Fri 2nd Dec	Christingle service – 11 am – parents are welcome – do let the Office know if you are attending.
Tue 6th Dec	School Disco - 5 – 6pm for EYFS/KS1 and 6.15pm – 7.30pm for KS2 - £1.50 on the door
Thurs 8th Dec	UK and Thailand - Xmas production 2pm and 5pm – tickets on sale
Tues 13th Dec	India and Italy Xmas production (Bethlehem Bake-off) 2pm and 5pm – tickets are on sale.
Wed 14th Dec	Cake sale with a Christmas theme – cakes 30p up to £1 (if you can bring any that would be appreciated – organised by School Council
Thur 15th Dec	Chartwells Christmas Meal (order online) Pantomime (kindly paid for by the PTA) Happy Book certificates will come home
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day for all (no money needed) Class parties will be in the afternoon – the children may bring in party clothes in a bag to change in to at lunch time.
Sat 17th Dec	Community Carols – Please see PTA Facebook post about this – 4pm to 5.30pm – Meet outside Chequers for the stroll to school.


Achievements



Arlo H (Ita) got a medal in football and rugby. Well done to Arlo



Rosie O (USA)
Rosie achieved her Puffin swimming badge for swimming 5m unaided. A brilliant achievement – keep up the good work, Rosie!



Ruben S (Jap) was officially awarded his Chief Scout Silver Award by James Whitmore, High Sheriff of West Sussex. Well done, Ruben!



Advent Window addresses

1. 27 Glebelands
2. 4 Aston Rise
3. 1 the Mews, Southside
4. 9 Downlands
5. The Library, Brooks Way
6. 82 Glebelands
7. 3 Collingwood
8. 2 Collingwood
9. 22 New Place Road
10. 147a Lower Street
11. 77 Glebelands
12. 38 London Road
13. 59 Harwood Close
14. 71 Stayne Street Close
15. 119 Glebelands
16. 1 Aston Rise
17. 44 Rivermead
18. "Saddlers" Church Hill
19. 33 Lower Street
20. 16 Lower Street
21. 6 Carpenters Meadow
22. 128 Glebelands
23. Pulborough U.R.C.*
24. St Mary's Church

* With Carols and Mince Pies

St Mary's P.T.A.

THE CHRISTMAS TRAIL

The first clue is.....

'Come here to begin your search,
We're laid to rest at your local.....'

For further details about the trail, please
visit the Friends of St Mary's Facebook
page,* or St Mary's C of E Primary School
website, and look at the latest newsletter

All correct entries received will be entered in
a draw with the chance to win a small prize

*Please consider a donation to the work of the
P.T.A. In these difficult times, online donations
can be made to "St Mary's PTA" sort code...
30-98-97, account 58340760, ref; Christmas Trail

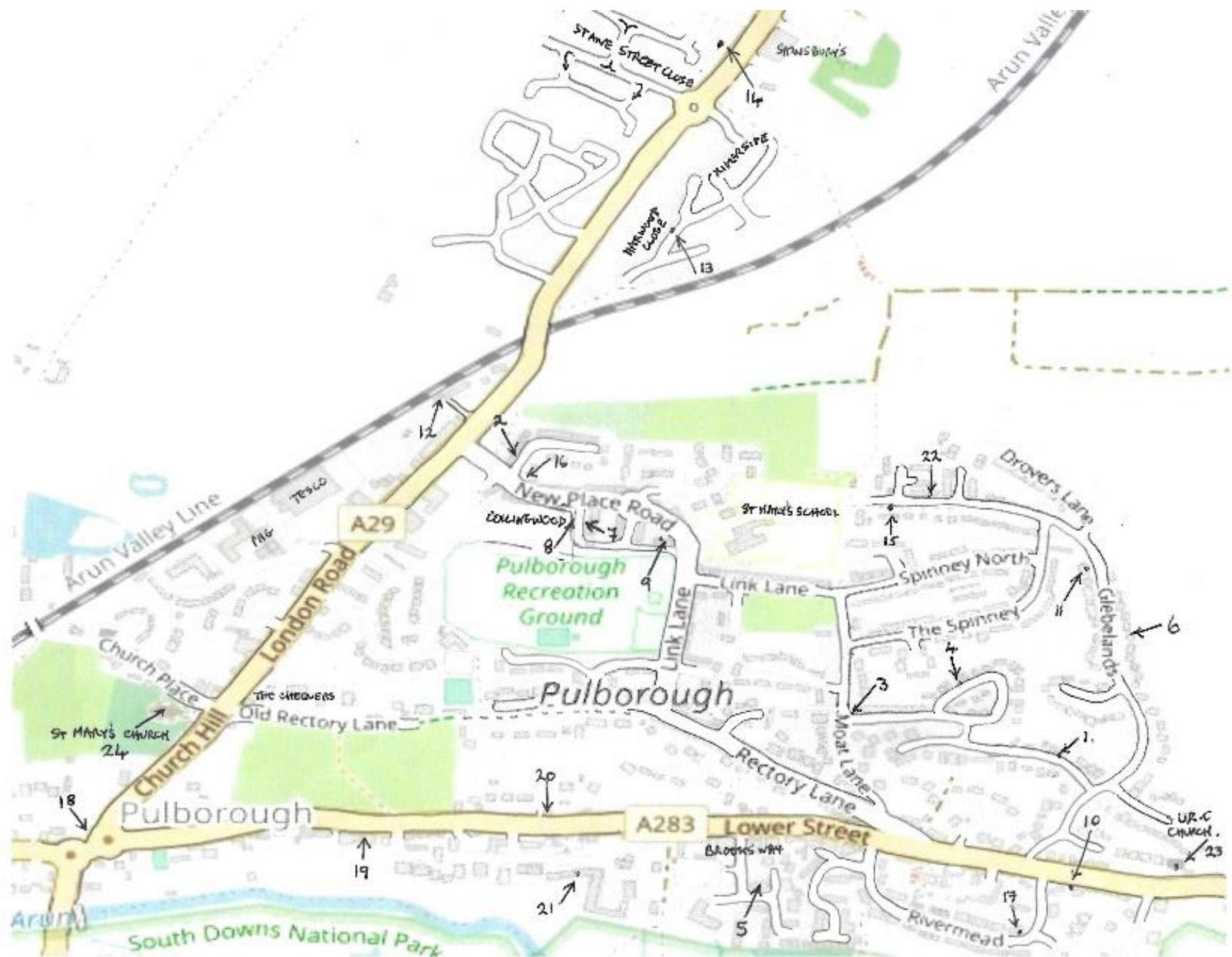
THE PULBOROUGH WALKING ADVENT CALENDAR



Use this guide and map to find
a new seasonal window display
for each day in December,
and to start the Christmas trail

To get you in the mood, numbers
1 to 3 will be displayed on
1st December, and then there will
be one more opening each day
until 24th when all will be open
until 8.30pm on Boxing day

This is an initiative of the churches
in Pulborough, supported by
St Mary's School P.T.A.



Board Games for Families

**Free event
Just
drop-in!**

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



Every Wednesday 3.30pm - 4:30pm

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