



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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As we head towards the end of the spring term, it is great to be able to celebrate so many events happening for the children. We are always keen to hear from parents so if you are pleased with something or you have a concern please do drop an email to the office or pop a note in the post box.

Road situation – We recognise that there are some ongoing problems with the road and we wanted parents to know that we continue to talk to the Parish Council and other councillors. We have asked for a lolly pop person and for a designated crossing. We are not having much success at the moment but will continue to push these conversations and will update you on our progress.



Reports – Reports are available to download from **MCAS from Friday 17th March**. UK class will receive their reports in the summer term. Booking for parent's evening is open and you can discuss the school report with the class teacher. A letter has been emailed out today detailing the assessments that your child has undertaken and explaining what this might mean.

SPLASH – Tolerance - It was great to welcome SPLASH to our whole school worship. They talked about the word 'Tolerance'. We thought about the differences that we have and how we need to celebrate our differences. We learnt more about tolerance with a story about two mice who lived in very different places and liked very different things but were great friends. We looked at Romans in The Bible and talked about living in peace with everyone. We finished with a song about loving each other. Thank you so much for spreading such a fantastic message and starting our week in the best way.

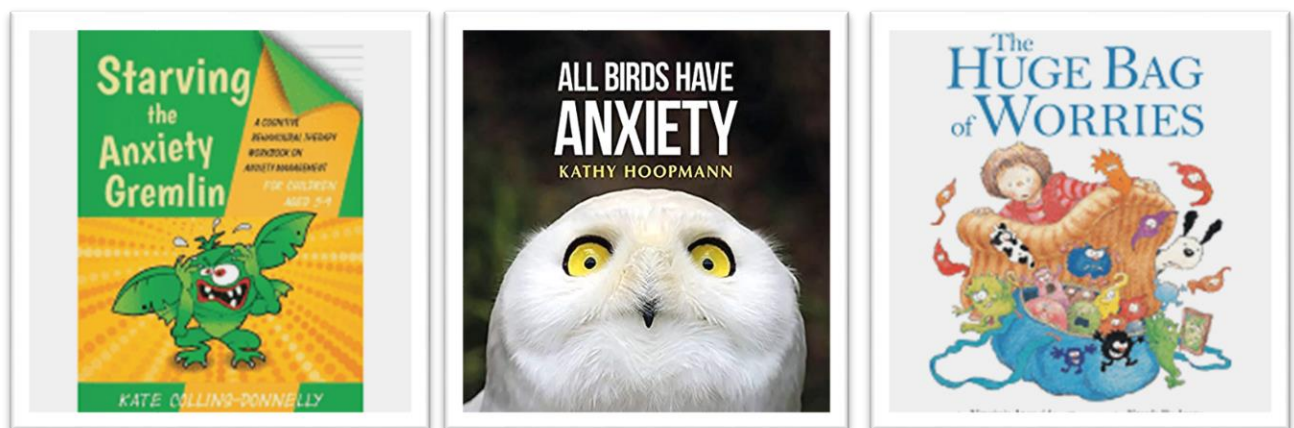


Tea and Chat for writing – Ever wondered how you inspire your child to write? Ever wondered what teachers look for when we mark writing? Ever wondered how you can support at home? Mrs Hatcher is running a tea and chat gathering and the focus will be on writing. **This will be at 9.30am – 10.30am on Wednesday 22nd March**. You don't have to join in just listen and share a hot drink and a biscuit with us.

Swimming pool timetable – The swimming pool will be open from **Monday 17th April for the children in KS2**. It is a heated pool and we will ensure it is warm enough for the children to swim. **All swimming kits should be in a draw string bag please, including hats** (for shoulder length or longer hair), **swimming costume** (no bikinis) **and a towel**. **Please ensure this is bought in on the morning their class is swimming to ensure they are ready for their time slot as times can vary on the day.**



SEND - Anxiety – we are seeing cases of anxiety in school. Anxiety is normal (as long as proportional) but can feel scary and we work with children to teach them to regulate themselves and to control the feeling of anxiety. Anxiety can breed anxiety so remaining calm and reassuring is paramount. There are some brilliant books that explain what anxiety is to children. If a child was struggling with Maths, we would spend time with them to explain and find solutions. Teaching children to breathe, calm and use physical exercise to control the feeling (as this distracts the brain and resets it - one way!) is the best strategy. There are ways to help children and parents can work on this with their child to normalise it. If you feel there is more to the anxiety then the way forward is to discuss this with a doctor.



Sierra Leone Clarinet Concert to parents – This is going to be on Wednesday 22nd March and it will start at 11.30am – 12 noon. Parents are very welcome to attend to see the progress that the children have made.

Vine leaves – **Zac H (USA)** for humility as you always put others before yourself. **Oliver W (Ind)** for responsibility - he loves to do a job and is so helpful. **Harrison B (Ind)** for courage - he has joined our school with such confidence and has made a super start. **Skylla-Rae (USA)** - compassion - She always puts others before herself and shows compassion towards others. **Lewis (USA)** - friendship - Shows friendship towards others especially if they don't have anyone else to play with. **Hector (USA)** - wisdom. sharing his knowledge with USA class about the ozone layer. **Jensen LL (SA)** - for showing perseverance and resilience with your learning, even when you find things challenging. **Scarlett E (SA)** - for demonstrating fantastic creativity in our African art based on Esther Mahlangu. **Milo (NZ)** - generosity - for giving up his own time to help others. **Tai (NZ)** - perseverance - for trying his best when learning about new concepts in maths. **Sofia (UK)** for friendship as she is always taking care of others around her.



Reflection – [Justice 2023 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Justice2023)

Behaviour – Sometimes children's behaviour at home can be a challenge. This website has useful links for parents and carers. <https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/>

School Disco – Tuesday 21st March 2023

EYFS & KS1 from 5pm – 6pm and KS2 from 6.15pm – 7.30pm. Entry is £1.50 per child, payable on the door and there will be snacks and some bling available to purchase.



***NEW* Afterschool club** – we are hoping to set up a new club, Nutritional Ninjas, a weekly cookery Club. The cost is £9.50 per child per week paid direct to the company running the club, this includes all ingredients. Please see attached flyer for more information.

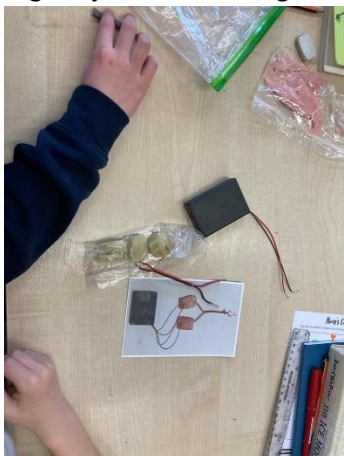


Science Week competition – Science week began on the 13th March and Mrs Farrant is running a photography competition. To enter either send/email in a digital photo to sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk or bring in a physical photo of signs of Spring. **Please make sure your child's name, class and reason why the photo reminds them of Spring is on the email or on the back of the photo.** The competition is in two age ranges, KS1 and KS2. There will be a prize for each key stage. **The closing date is Friday 24th March** when the winners will be announced.



Science Week – Thank you to Mrs Farrant for organising Science Week. We were thrilled to have a Cybersecurity visitor and a STEM scientist who worked with the children to enrich their knowledge of Science. There has been other Science experiments going on in classrooms such as Newton's first law of motion (inertia), chromatography, candles, blubber gloves, circuits, insulators to name a few. Do talk to your child about the Science they have been doing.

Year 4 wrote, 'We had 3 different sized jars and we lit a candle and covered it with a glass jar. We counted how many seconds it took for the candle to go out in the different sized jars. We discussed that fire needed fuel (waxed wick in this case), oxygen and a source of ignition (match). Most children predicted that the candle in the large jar would take the longest to go out and some thought the middle jar and some children thought the small jar. The candle under the largest glass jar took the longest time to go out because there was more oxygen in the large jar.'



Swimming Gala – Well done to Freddie, William, Anna, Martha, Scarlett, Ruben, Harry and Olivia. The team swam so well and we were awarded two second place and two third place medals. The enthusiasm the team showed was just amazing and they swam as winners!



Football – Another Friday, another football tournament at Tanbridge House and this time it was the long awaited turn of the Year 5 boys. They got off to a perfect start with a 2-0 win over Southwater B with goals coming from **Leo D and Franco F**. That led to a decider against a strong Leechpool A team who just edged a 1-0 victory. The boys were placed in Tier 2 for the knockout stages and quickly put the disappointment of the previous game behind them by beating Shelley 3-1. A penalty from **Leo D** and one goal apiece from **Andre D and Joseph S** set up a decider for the top spot in Tier 2 against Arunside. A fantastic game between two evenly matched sides ended in a 0-0 draw and had to be decided through a FootGolf challenge. The boys fell just a few feet short of victory but ended runners up in Tier 2 and 6th place in the tournament standings. They have improved so much as a side and will continue to be a force to be reckoned with next year. Very well done to the whole squad –

Leo D (c), Rylee J, Harrison P, Franco F, Dexter B, Jens C, Flynn F, Andre D, Joseph S.



Two Woods trip –

It is great to see the Early Years children out in the woods. They have been learning about the seasons, creating art, using fine and gross motor skills and building on their spoken language. Thank you to Two Woods for having the children and staff for the day.



ADULT REQUIRED!!! Forest School club –We have the offer of a Forest School after school club on a Thursday for Y5/6 in Summer term but we need another adult volunteer for it to go ahead. Would anyone be able to come and help? Please let the office know.

World of Work Day – This was a brilliant opportunity for the children to see why we learn at school and the sorts of careers the children might be interested in. Thank you to Miss Sleat and the School Council for organising.



Prayer Tree – Thank you to Luna and her prayer group for creating this beautiful tree with our prayers on. The prayer group seems to get bigger each week.



Residential Trips – We have arranged parents' meetings for the parents of the children attending the Year 5 & Year 6 residential trips. These will take place on:-

Thursday 20th April at 3.30pm for Year 6 Bethany House trip

Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm for the Year 5 Cobnor trip



Spring celebration assemblies to showcase learning

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

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

Dates for your diary

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

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

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

Tuesday 21st March – Disco – 5 – 6pm EYFS and KS1 and 6.15 – 7.30pm KS2 - £1.50 on the door

Wednesday 22nd March – Clarinet Concert – small hall 11.30am – SL parents are invited.

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

Tuesday 28th March – Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm

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

Thursday 30th March – Parents' 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 Eucharist – If any parent will like to join for our service then please let the office know.

Forest Schools – The last session for Year 2 Forest Schools will be on Thursday 30th March and then Year 3 and year 4 will start Forest Schools in the summer term. Year 3 and Year 4 parents please look at for this letter.

EASTER PLAY – We would love Year 4 to join us on Sunday 26th March. We will be performing elements of the Easter Story from 'Amazing Love'. We would like the children to be at St Mary's Church at 10.15am to meet Miss Sleat.

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

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



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.

March Cut off Dates

Thur 2/3 for w/c Mon 13/3

Thur 9/3 for w/c Mon 20/3

Thur 16/3 for w/c Mon 27/3

April Cut off Dates

Thur 6/4 for w/c Mon 17/4

Thur 13/4 for w/c Mon 24/4

Thur 20/4 for Tue 2/5

Thur 27/4 for w/c Mon 8/5



Achievements -

Arlo H (Italy)
Man of the Match



Holly D and Harry C
They were both awarded their
1500 metres badges. Which is
120 lengths of the pool!



Fred M
Achieved a medal in
a Rugby tournament

Josh D
Achieved level 7 in
Swimming

Jaxon S
Achieved a medal
in a Rugby festival

Lucas M
Achieved
Swimming level 7

Hettie S
Moved up a stage
in swimming



Pulborough Pop-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



WHEN AND WHERE?

EVERY WEDNESDAY (DURING TERM-TIME)

FROM 9AM – 11AM

@PULBOROUGH LIBRARY



£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact
Isla Moran 075 226 89948



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www.nutritionalninjas.co.uk

WE PROVIDE INGREDIENTS
& EQUIPMENT !

Our classes allow children to learn a variety of cooking skills that will carry them through into later life.

Food hygiene, preparation, knife techniques, measuring ingredients as well as to value what is good for them nutritionally.

Learn to make: Garlic Bread, Tomato & Basil Spaghetti, Vanilla Pound Cake and many more.
Simply pop them in the oven at home to enjoy fresh with the family.

Spaces are limited
& are allocated on
a first come, first
served basis

All about NINJA CLASSES

Nutritional Ninjas is a fun and engaging after school club for kids who want to become ninjas in the kitchen!

Each week we make a different recipe, alternating between sweet and savoury goodies for children to learn new skills and try new flavours!

Recipes include Cheesy Pasta Bake, Chocolate Brownies, Flapjacks, Pizza and much more!

BUILD YOUR OWN RECIPE COLLECTION !

Collect your new recipe card every week so you can cook recipes you've learnt again and again



When it's available at your school - Visit our website
www.nutritionalninjas.co.uk to book your child's space
Tel: 07868 281767

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Taking place in Memorial Gardens, Crawley

Saturday 20 May

11am - 4pm

Just turn up! Enjoy a **FREE** family fun packed day

Employers from various STEM industries and local businesses will be available to offer careers information and advice.

**Pop-Up
Planetarium**

**Engaging STEM
Displays**

**Solar
Powered
Car**

**Fly
Drones**

**Interactive
Engineering Rigs**

**Science
Shows**



More engaging
STEM activities at
Crawley College

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