



NEWSLETTER

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

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The whole school has had a real buzz with learning this week and the sunshine has helped with everyone's positive outlook. It was lovely to see Year 4 rehearsing for the Easter Play, watching the chicks hatch and then them being held by the children, PE lessons outside, music lessons happening with a range of instruments, Year 3 with the birds of prey, SPLASH worship in classrooms and a prayer tree emerging in year 5. We can't wait for next week!

KS2 Swimming after Easter – Key Stage Two children will start swimming after the Easter holidays.

Swimming hats must be worn by all children with shoulder length hair or longer. Staff are not able to help with hats and the removal of earrings. Please ensure your child can get themselves ready independently, practice over the Easter holidays if needs be.

Swimming Timetable



Monday – Year 5	Tuesday – Year 3	Wednesday – Year - 4	Thursday - Year 6
Mexico class	New Zealand class	USA class	South Africa class
China Class	Ireland class	Sierra Leone class	Japan class

Due to the increasing costs of preparation of the pool, heating and general maintenance, we are asking for a (non-refundable) donation of **£10 per KS2 child** to cover the 12 weeks of swimming during the summer term 2021. This represents extremely good value for money when compared to the contributions requested by other schools. Donation payment is due via our online payment system School Gateway, [School Gateway](#) by the 19th April. If you are unable to pay on-line, please contact the office.

Swimming rewards – The children will be working towards swimming awards as the lessons start and they will receive a certificate so that you are aware of the skills they are working on.



Early Birds & Roosters – Our wrap around childcare started on Monday. Both are bookable via School Gateway or contact the office if you need help.

Early birds - 8am until start of lessons

Roosters - End of lessons until 4.30pm or 5.30pm



Seeds and gardening things – There is now evidence of Spring in the school grounds and we are keen for the classes to be outside as much as possible and China class are keen to do some gardening. If you have any seeds or compost then please let us know. Anything would be gratefully received.

PTA – The PTA are planning a **sweet cone sale on Thursday 1st April**. The cones will be a £1 each, you can order before by going on to the Go Fund page with this link - [Go Fund](#)

Hatching of our Easter chicks! If you would like to see the chicks please log on to [Chick cam](#)



Bikeability for Y6 – You should have received details of bikeability next week, the day that your child needs their bicycle in school and what to wear. If you need any confirmation then please phone the office.

Easter Play – USA and Sierra Leone children are busy rehearsing for the Easter Play. We will be sharing their production by the end of next week – please keep an eye out for this link.

Easter Eggstravaganza – In true St Mary's style, we will be holding our Easter Eggstravaganza on **Thursday 1st April**. The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet to celebrate. Each class will be having an Easter bonnet parade and there will be a prize for the most interesting and creative bonnet. We are encouraging all of the children to get involved.

The children will also be participating in the Egg bash and an Easter Egg hunt during the school day. A huge thank you to the PTA for paying for the Easter egg hunt.

Easter Eucharist – Fr Paul will be conducting the Easter Eucharist on **Thursday 1st April at 9.30am**. If you would like to join the Easter Eucharist then please contact the office for the link.

Greek Day – We were so impressed with the range of Greek outfits that came into school. The children said, 'This is the best day ever!' They zoomed in to Athens, tried Greek food and competed in the Greek Olympics. Thank you to the Year 5 staff for organising a memorable day for the children in China and Mexico class.



Homework grids – The teachers have put together homework grids for the next couple of weeks. We are aware that the Easter holidays are coming up and you may want some 'chillout' time but we have also been asked for things to keep the children busy over the holidays. The homework grids are on you class Google Classroom and you can submit learning back to the teachers if your child wants to. The teachers will look at it once we return after the Easter break.

Vashti Hardy – We are delighted to announce that Vashti Hardy is Zooming in to speak with the children on 22nd April and will be speaking to Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. If your child would like to purchase a copy of the book then please see the attached flyer. This is a rare opportunity and we are so pleased we have been able to secure this visit.

Mental Health and Wellbeing – The pandemic has been challenging for everyone and we talk about mental health and wellbeing with the staff and children. Miss Gorecka has worked on our staff noticeboard to keep us all talking about how we are feeling.



World Book day – As part of the book day celebrations the children had to design their own book cover. The standard was very high and we had some brilliant entries. The winners are:



Bowie WV (Aus), Freddie B (UK), Victoria C (Thai), Bobbie J (Fra), Sophie D (Ind), Olivia A (NZ), Lexi A (Ire), Ruben S (SL), Jessie W (USA), Isla C (Chi), Jessica L (Mex), Jensen W (Jap), Maddie R (SA).

Summer Term diary dates

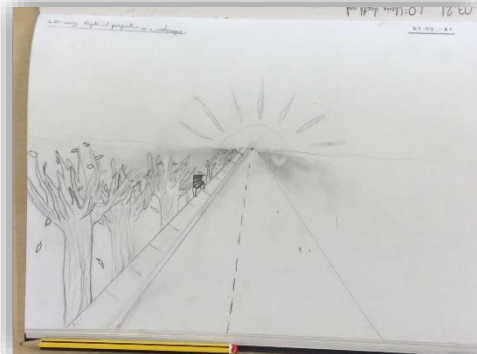
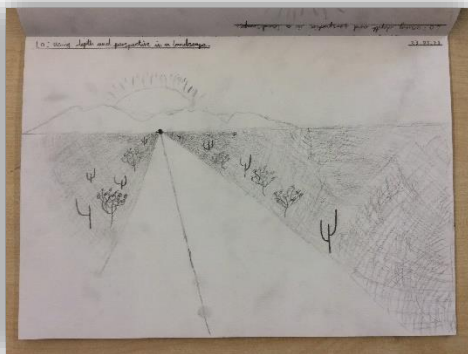
Monday 19th April – Term starts
Thursday 22nd April – Vashti Hardy Zoom Author visit
Friday 23rd April – Eucharist
Wednesday 28th April – Mrs Egan from The Weald to visit Y6 pupils
Friday 30th April – Non Uniform day
Tuesday 4th May – Athlete visit
Monday 31st May – Friday 4 June – HALF TERM
Tuesday 15th June – Sports Event for EYFS/KS1
Thursday 17th June – Sports Event KS2
Friday 25th June – Reports go home
Tuesday 29th June – Parents evening
Thursday 1st July – Parents evening
Tuesday 6th July – Production
Thursday 8th July – Production
Friday 9th July – Production
Saturday 10th July – Y6 Prom
Monday 19th July – New classes letter
Tuesday 20th July – Leaver's Service for Y6 church
Thursday 22nd July – Leaver's Service for Y6 in school
Thursday 22nd July – Last day of term
Friday 23rd July – INSET DAY

Please visit the school website for all calendar dates - [St Mary's school calendar](#)

Hawking About - Once again, we were fortunate enough to invite Hawking About into school. Kevin and his birds of prey gave a display and Q&A session. Kevin flew a Barn Owl (Buzzby) and a Kestrel (Mo) around the hall. The children (using medical gloves inside a protective leather glove) were able to handle these birds of prey. Kevin also brought with him a Tawny Owl (Fern), very large Falcon and a Buzzard both of which had been rescued. The children got to see these birds up close and learn more about their physiology, characters and natural habitats. A fabulous morning was had by all and the children learnt so much first hand.



Learning - Year 6 Landscape technique





PULBOROUGH *Easter* COMPETITION

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

FRI 2nd APRIL– MON 5th APRIL

WIN
The Great BIG
Easter Egg
&
£20 Local
Pulborough
Pound
vouchers!



Find a letter within a word, or a name, at 10 locations across the village, then assemble the letters to make TWO words that describe this event! Find the clues online by searching <https://pulborough.org/> Or scan the QR Code in the top left hand corner with your smartphone camera to bring up the clues!

We have divided the village into four sections

- 1) Old Rectory Lane 2) London Road
3) Lower Street 4) Down Barn House Lane onto the Brooks

For example: in a clue you might be asked to find a sign and on that sign would be a word. You might be asked to find the 2nd letter in that word. "W" for example.

Make sure you note down all of your collected letters!
Once you have collected all 10 letters, use them to create your two words!

Email your answer along with your name(s) & phone number to pulboroughharvestfair@yahoo.co.uk by 4pm Mon 5th April

If your two words are the same as ours then we will enter you into a draw for the top prize and the runner up prizes! All winners will be notified by email or phone by the 9th April. If nobody gets the same two words as the organisers, we will select the best two word phrase from all of the entries.

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YOUR CLUES TO THE WORDS & LOCATIONS



Area 1- Old Rectory Lane, and the clues

- On a Blue Plaque what was the original name for Pulborough.. find the 5th letter.
- On a White Board by the footpath across the field, what is the name of the City mentioned.. find the 7th letter.
- Where you can lay your head in a comfy bed....find 3rd letter in the name.

Area 2 - London Road, and the clues



- The name of the shop where you can charge an Electric Car.. find the 1st letter.
- Where you could buy a Classic Car which has a watery name.. find the 3rd letter.

Area 3 – Lower Street, and the clues

- On the Pub sign that has a rose in the middle of a shield take the last letter of the second Latin word just under the shield.
- On the butchers there is a picture of a bull on the wall, under this there is a person's name of seven letters... find the 5th letter.
- A footpath off Lower Street has an animal's name on the sign ... find the third letter of first word.



Area 4 – Down Barn House Lane and on to the Brooks, and the clues

- Next to the road sign for Barn House Lane there is red sign...find the last letter on the first word.
- Across the first field of the Brooks there is a foot bridge with a sign by it about fishing ... find the last letter on the first word on the sign.



Your TWO words describing this event - _ _ _ _ _

Don't forget to email us your answers to pulboroughharvestfair@yahoo.co.uk



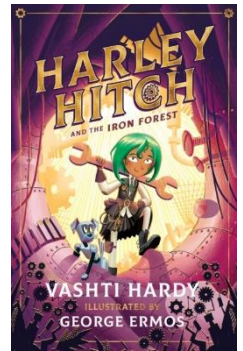
Vashti Hardy 'Harley Hitch' Virtual Schools Tour

April 2021



Award-winning children's writer Vashti Hardy will be talking to children in Years 3-6 about her brilliantly inventive new book 'Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest', and Vashti will deliver virtual creative writing workshops to the children exploring STEM, robots, and inventions.

'Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest' is a fast-paced, engagingly illustrated fantasy adventure story about a feisty young girl inventor, the first in a great new series for younger independent readers, aged 7-10. Join Harley, her robot dog Sprocket and best friend Cosmo for problem-solving adventures and mysteries in Inventia, a world where science rules, and technology grows in the forest! It comes out on 1st April.

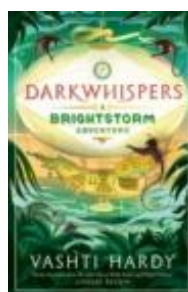
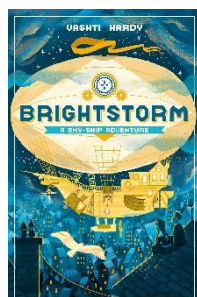
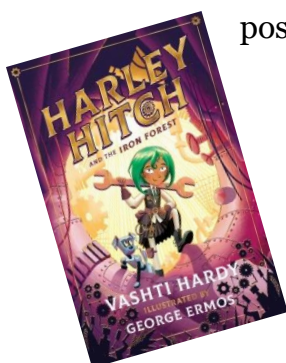


Vashti's debut novel 'Brightstorm' was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and her second novel, Wildspark, won the Blue Peter Book Award 2020. She has also published 'Darkwhispers'; a follow-up to 'Brightstorm', and 'The Griffin Gate'; a shorter novel for reluctant / dyslexic readers.

This virtual tour has been jointly organised by The Steyning Bookshop and Scholastic Publishers.

The Steyning Bookshop will be organising SIGNED & DEDICATED copies of 'Harley Hitch' & Vashti's other books, on sale to pupils through their website. The Steyning Bookshop is offering FREE DELIVERY to the children at school, saving on postal charges, if they are ordered by the end of the Easter Holidays (Sunday 18th April) or, if you prefer to get your book earlier, you can choose to pay for postage to your home. Books ordered earlier will not be signed & dedicated by Vashti, but we can organise signed bookplates later. All books are £6.99.

- Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/signed-books/vashti-hardy-signed-books/>
- Add the books to your shopping basket
- If you wish the book to be delivered to your child's school, at Checkout, select 'LOCAL PICKUP' option. Add your billing address, but instead of shipping address fill in your child's name, class & school.
- In the 'ORDER NOTES' section, write the names(s) you'd like Vashti to dedicate the book(s) to.
- Payment is by credit or debit card, processed through Paypal (You do not need a Paypal account to order)
- Hopefully, Vashti will sign & dedicate the books. If this is not possible due to COVID, we will supply signed bookplates to stick in later.
- The books will be delivered to the school on or after 20th April, unless you selected 'flat rate postage', in which case your book will be posted to your home!





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