



NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 25th April 2022

We hope you all had a great Easter and spent quality time together – it was great that the weather was lovely and we could all be out and about. We loved welcoming the children back and starting the term with focus and enthusiasm. The children have arrived back looking smart, so thank you for this, as it sets a high expectation.

Walk to school week - Walk to school week is 16th May and we would love to hear how many of our pupils are walking to school. The teachers will be asking the pupils to collect data on how we get to school so please make the effort, if you can. We are keen to start the school walking bus again, if anyone feels that they would like to coordinate this then do drop us an email.

Jubilee celebrations – We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27th May. We will be having a street party. We would like the children to dress in red/white and blue and they may come with accessories e.g. Crown etc. Each class will be having an art exhibition based around the Queen and artistic styles, as well as learning about the monarchy and other British values. We are running a 'Bake off', in a Jubilee theme, as a competition and we will share more information closer to the time.

Trips out – We have restarted visits out and we know that this is always one of the highlights for the children and comes up as one of their memories. However, we cannot afford to cover the cost of parents not contributing. Moving forward you may see us advertising trips but we will cancel if we cannot cover the costs. We understand this is disappointing but we cannot run a school trip at a loss. School budgets are very tight! If financially you are struggling, please come and talk to us about this, as you may be entitled to a Pupil Premium Grant.

Congratulations – Congratulations to **Ms Harrison** and her family on the safe arrival of Sofia Flinders. We wish them all the very best.

Staffing – **Mrs Callender** will be leaving us in July as she is retiring! We have kept her going but we knew it was coming, and we know that it is the right time for her. Mrs Callender has been such a huge part of the St Mary's team for twenty-three years and she will be greatly missed! We will send her off in true St Mary's style as we head towards July. If anyone would like to write a note or send a donation then you can do this via the office. office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk



School Improvement – This term we will be focussing on the school priorities below:

- To review the impact of the curriculum on the children and the end points for each year group,
- To improve teaching and learning further through regular check ins, vocabulary and subject knowledge,
- To further increase engagement in reading.
- Helping the children to improve the fluency of times tables and number facts.

Themes – We have launched our new themes for the Summer Term. EYFS are thinking about Minibeasts as a stimulus and have already welcomed ‘Bugfest’ who engaged the children and generated vocabulary and concepts for the children to explore. KS1 have introduced Dinosaur Island and thought about the role of a palaeontologist. Year 3 focus on ‘Tremors’, Year 4 are doing ‘Rocks, Relics and Rumbles’ and an earthquake had hit the classrooms on Monday morning. Year 5 are looking at ‘Under the waves’ and they were so excited heading off to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard today. Year 6 are focussing on ‘Shakespeare’ and we look forward to this term as they prepare to show us their end points through SATs and prepare to shine on stage with the Big Top production as well. These are brilliant topics with so many opportunities to look at subject knowledge, develop their spoken language and become experts!

Forest Schools - We are looking for a pop up toilet tent so that we can continue to use the Hurston Warren site as it offers so many opportunities. If you have a tent or a portable toilet, we would love to hear from you! We know that some families may have camped in lockdown but not since and might have something we can use. We are also looking for wooden picnic benches – if you have one that might help us please do let us know.

Reaching Families and support group –Are you a parent of a child with SEND? Do have a look at this support group. Individual Learning Plans will be sent home next week, do have a look at the targets. It is important that parents work with the class teachers and Miss Wilkins to ensure we are personalising your child’s learning and meeting their needs. *Please see details at the end of the Newsletter.*

Tea and Chat SEND - Miss Wilkins is running a Tea and Chat session **at 2pm on Tuesday 10th May** in the outdoor classroom. If you have a child with SEND and would like to know more do come and chat. This is informal and a time to ask questions.

Class Assemblies Return - This term we will be restarting class assemblies so that parents can come and celebrate and find out more about the learning that the children are getting. **It will just be the children in the class and the parents during the summer term.**

UK - Friday 24th June at 9am

Austria – Thursday 16th June at 9am

Thailand – Friday 10th June at 9am

Italy – Friday 20th May at 9am

India - Thursday 7th July at 9am

New Zealand – Friday 1st July at 9am

Ireland – Friday 15th July at 9am

USA - Thursday 30th June at 9am

Sierra Leone - Thursday 23rd June at 9am

China - Friday 27th May at 9am

Mexico - Friday 8th July at 9am

SA Leavers Assembly - Wed 20th July 9.30am

Japan Leavers Assembly - Wed 20th July 9.30am

Vine leaf - William G - service: William did a fantastic job with organising his Easter Bake Sale, raising an enormous £244.52 for the Big Top. His preparation for this was meticulous and the Easter goodies all looked amazing and tasted delicious!

Staff professional development – The staff have been working on the inclusion document that is helping children with special educational needs to be fully included and have a deep and rich curriculum. Individual Learning Plans have been written this week with a focus on purposeful interventions that show gap closure based on their development and needs.

Our reflection time – As we start the beginning of this term, we wanted to share the reflections that have been sent out so far so do have a watch as they link with our school's Christian values.

[Reflection 1 - Thankfulness - YouTube](#)

[Reflection 2 - Thankfulness - YouTube](#)

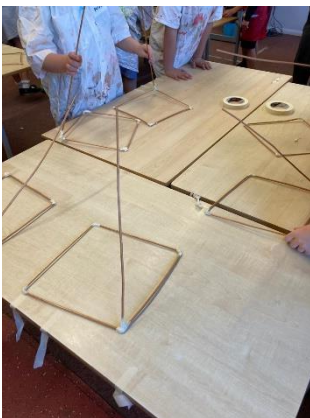
[Reflection 3 - Justice - YouTube](#)

[Reflection 4 - Peace - YouTube](#)

[Reflection 5 - Peace with ourselves - YouTube](#)

[Reflection 6 - Patience - YouTube](#)

Year 3 Lanterns – Thank you so much to Chichester Festival Theatre and their visiting artist, for coming to school to work with the Year 3 children. The children were so creative; they made the structure of the lanterns, looked at joining techniques, worked with a variety of materials and produced a final structure with artistic design. We look forward to the procession that we are going to be involved in.



St Mary's church – The family service is on **Sunday 1st May at 10.30am**. All ages are welcome at this service and if any child would like to write a prayer then they will be sharing these at the service, just take them along and hand to one of the church wardens or Father Paul or Vicky Smith.

Class newsletters – The class newsletters will be up on the website by Tuesday, please make sure you have a look at the learning for each class and how you can support the learning at home. Educational research shows that children make more progress if they are supported at home.

Homework – Homework grids are up on the school website and on Google Classroom, please have a look or print off and look at this with your child. Homework should be submitted via Google Classroom and teachers will mark this online.

Learning – Year 5 - focussing on their observational drawing in Art and produced some lovely examples.



Year 1 - Mastering those phonic sounds – keep practising these at home as well as overlearning and repetition will help to embed them.



The swimming pool reopens – The pool looks fantastic and we are so pleased that Key Stage Two are now undertaking swimming lessons again. Mrs Treadwell has had the children in groups of 8 – 10 and they are already practising their strokes. Thank you to parents for being so organised with swimming kits.



Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard – Year 5 went off on our first visit and the excitement was tangible this morning. It is great to be able to enhance learning by visiting Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The children had a tour of HMS Victory and then they looked at life as a shipmate with dressing up activities. A great day had by all!



Things coming up

Thur 28th April - 3.30pm Residential meeting for Y6 parents

Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Wed 4th May – The Lions Book Giveaway – each child will choose a book

Wed 4th May – Phonics information for parents 3.30pm Zoom

Thur 5th May – KS1 SATS information afternoon for Year 2 children – Zoom

Fri 6th May – Rikkyo School Open Evening 7.30pm – brilliant but especially for Japan class to see the culture

Mon 9th May – Thur 12th May – KS2 SATS week – Breakfast available for all children from 8am

Thur 12th May – Year 5 residential meeting 3.30pm Main hall

Fri 16th May – Residential for Y6

Achievements

**Congratulation to
Florence, Niamh and
Beatrice**

They moved up a grading in
karate over the Easter break
and to Florence who also
moved up a grade in
swimming



**Congratulations to all that took part
in the Swimathon**

Caleb L
Skye T
Max D
Ivan M
Caleb S
Ruben S
Nicholas T

1,000,000 words

Daniel P

Reached the star
with 1,488, 589
words

1,000,000 words

James McN

Reached the star
with 1,368,270
words

1,000,000 words

Noah G

Reached the star
with 2,252,932
words

Theo R

Well done for
passing your grade
at Karate.



Arlo S

Achieved the
Puffin badge in
swimming

1,000,000 words

Luke T

Reached the star
with 1,835,163
words

1,000,000 words

Holly A

Reached the star
with 1,231,667
words



Harriet J

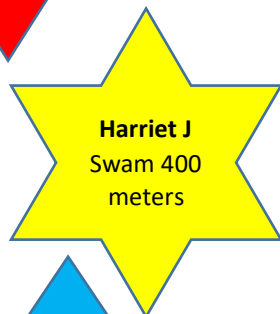
Swam 400
meters

Caleb L

Swam 120
lengths in 2
hours

Molly G

Swam 5
lengths



Megan W
Swam 1000
meters

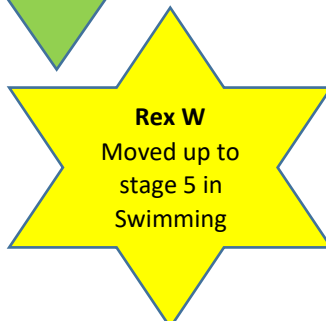
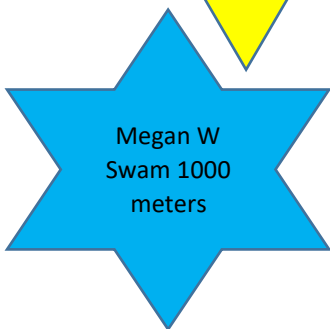
Rex W

Moved up to
stage 5 in
Swimming



Caitlin T

Moved up to
stage 4 in
Swimming





Reaching Families

Umbrellas Parent Support Group

Summer term 2022

Would you like to connect with other parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays, via Zoom

28th April	7.30 pm - 9 pm
5th May	10 am - 11.30 am
12th May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
19th May	10 am - 11.30 am
26th May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
9th June	10 am - 11.30 am
16th June	7.30 pm - 9 pm
23rd June	10 am - 11.30 am
30th June	7.30 pm - 9 pm
7th July	10 am - 11.30 am

Billingshurst Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Billingshurst Community Centre
11th May / 15th June / 13th July

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub
3rd May / 7th June / 5th of July

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
26th April / 17th May / 21st June / 12th July



Find out more about our support groups at:
www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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Reaching Families

Training Courses

Summer term 2022

Making Sense of it All Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop

Bersted Park Community Centre	May 18th / 25th	Weds 9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Online via Zoom	June 8th / 15th / 22nd	Weds 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Billingshurst Community Centre	June 29th / July 6th	Weds 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Making Sense of Wellbeing

Designed to help parents and carers build resilience, reduce stress and learn relaxation techniques

Workshop	Active listening	April 26th
Mindfulness	Listening to your inner experience	May 3rd
Workshop	Problem solving	May 10th
Mindfulness	Finding peace in the storm	May 17th
Workshop	Positive thinking	May 24th
Workshop	Relaxation and self-care	June 7th
Mindfulness	Mind and body relaxation	June 14th
Workshop	Managing anxiety	June 21st
Mindfulness	Going with life's flow	June 28th
Workshop	Managing low mood	July 5th
Mindfulness	Mood changing exercises	July 12th

All sessions delivered via Zoom - Tuesdays, 7.15 pm - 8.15 pm

Find out more about our training at:

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058



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Save the Date

Thursday 20th October
2022

“Emotional Regulation: Through the Autism Lens”

Exploring emotional regulation for
autistic individuals

A 1-day conference for parents and
professionals

Autism and Social
Communication Team

Venue:

Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Langley Green,
Crawley



Unlocking
Potential