



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



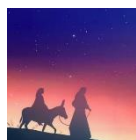
NEWSLETTER

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

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WB 21st November 2022

Posada - Next week we start the countdown to Christmas with Advent. Mary, Joseph and the donkey are going to start their journey around our school, production rehearsals have begun for EYFS and KS1 so the children can perform the Christmas story, we are going to be making Christingles and Christmas songs and carols have started filling the air!



Children In Need – Thank you to everyone who contributed. **£286.43** has gone to Children In Need. At this difficult time for families, it is lovely that some families can make a contribution, so thank you.



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 be receiving a letter from ParentPay with all your log-in details and details of how the system will work. The system opens on the 11th November for you to start ordering and the first meals ordered on this new system will be served on the 5th December. **Please be aware that meals for the 5th December will need to be ordered by midnight on the 24th November.**

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.

November Cut off Dates

Thur 3/11 for w/c Mon 14/11
Thur 10/11 for w/c Mon 21/11
Thur 17/11 for w/c Mon 28/11
Thur 24/11 for w/c Mon 5/12

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

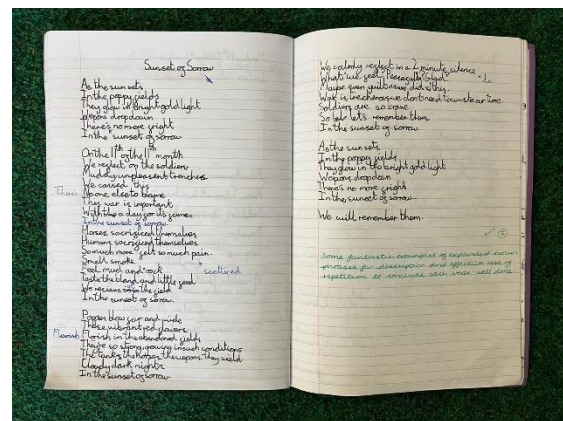
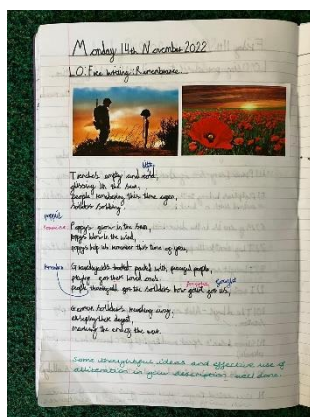
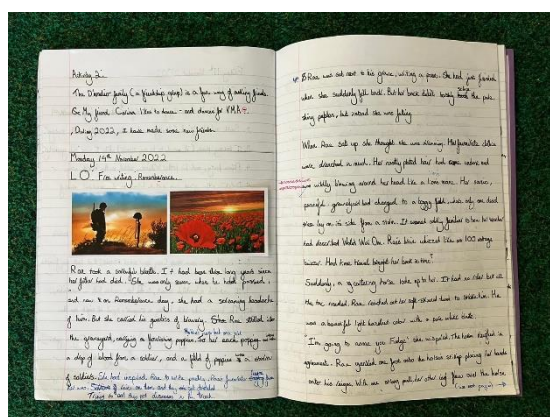
Staffing update – We are sad to say that **Mrs Lee** will be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Lee has worked for the school for over 20 years and has been a teaching assistant, learning mentor and ELSA and worked with countless children. She will be hugely missed and we wish her all the very best in her retirement. If you wish to put a message in the school card, then please email this to the Office.



Mrs Norgate will be stepping out of the Early Years classroom and will be starting as our Premises Manager in the Spring Term.

Mrs Adams has joined the School Office and she will be the friendly and welcoming face in the Office alongside Mrs Gabriel.

Learning – Year 4 have been building bridges this week. USA class are rehearsing for their clarinet concert next week and Year 2 children have been practising their digraphs with real and alien words. Writing is one of our key foci on the School Improvement Plan and we are proud of what we are producing.



SPLASH – We welcomed Splash to our whole school worship on Monday. They spoke about Christmas and how we need to remember the Christ in CHRISTmas. The children loved making words from the word 'Christmas' and they found the puppet very funny. The message that they spread about kindness is so important ... in a world where you can be anything, BE KIND!



Grounds Working Party – We look forward to welcoming parents/grandparents on to the school site on Thursday 1st December from **1.00pm – 3.30pm** to help with gardening jobs. We desperately need to clear leaves from our outside areas. If you can give a few hours to help clear some areas, then please let the Office know.





Roosters We have a thriving after-school club, Roosters, which provides care and crafts from 3.15-4.30 or 3.15-5.30. Children can also attend after other school clubs, such as football or karate. Below are some of the things that the children say about it – if you would like your child to attend, please check the website under 'For Parents/Roosters Afterschool Club'



Lincoln "I love Roosters because the people there are really nice. We do loads of stuff like dressing up and playing."

Cameron – "Roosters is brilliant because there are Dino toys! I do drawing and I make things."

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 next week; 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.



Class email addresses – Listed below are the class email addresses so that parents can contact staff during working hours. Please use these email addresses for emails.



uk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
ireland@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
usa@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
sl@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
sa@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Vine leaves – **Daria (SA)** for showing amazing perseverance with her reading and making great progress.

Louis and Michael (NZ) for persevering with their library books and always trying their best to get better and better. **James (Ita)** for good manners and politeness at lunchtimes. **Elliott (Ita)** for good manners and politeness and always doing our 4S line! **Teagan (Ita)** for good manners and being helpful towards others in the playground. **Logan W (Mex)** showed great compassion today, helping the children on the springboard in PE and telling them that it is ok to feel nervous! **Dilan D (Ind)** for showing brilliant friendship towards other children. For perseverance and resilience we are giving a vine leaf to **Wynter, Teagan, Andrew, Arlo, Lottie, Harper, Ava, Jimmy, Matthew and Ryan (Ita)**. **Charlie S (Ire)** for perseverance for in his Maths addition and subtraction using an exchange. **Charlie M (SL)** for resilience and humility and for his singing as he goes above and beyond. Hannah (Mex) for friendship as she continuously looks after others around her. **Ivy (SL)** for friendship as she always is there to support and mediate.



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.

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.



Big Top Fundraising: Bingo Night – Year 6 are commencing this year's Big Top fundraising activities with a Bingo Night on **Friday 25th November**. This will be held in the School Hall between **6:00pm and 8:00pm**. Details on how to obtain tickets for this event will be available shortly. Please save the date in your diaries - we hope that many of you will be able to join us with families and friends for a fun evening! Thank you to those who have already bought tickets; we would be very appreciative of any donations of prizes for this event - edible gifts, drinks, toiletries, children's gifts, etc. Please could these be dropped in to the School Office or handed to Miss Turner or Miss Callender by **Friday 18th November**.



SEND – Congratulations to **Mrs Adams and Mrs Bryan** who completed the CAAPSTA course (Certificate in Autism Awareness with Practical Strategies for Teaching Assistants). We have started collecting our evidence towards the Autism Aware Award, just as we did for the Dyslexia Award last year.



Reflection - This week's reflection! [Perseverance... even when someone does it better! - YouTube](#)

PTA – A reminder as you start doing your Christmas shopping that the school can benefit from these schemes:-

Giving machine for PTA – As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering things online. Please could I ask you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and we get a percentage back, which will be spent on your children. Just go to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk



1. Join as a shopper 2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School 3. Find online store, do your shopping. You can also install a "Shop & Give" reminder, so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

Amazon Smile: - www.smile.amazon.co.uk

To use this, just add Amazon Smile to your Amazon account. The school's charity number is **1147547 or you can type in 'Friends of St Mary's CofE (Aided) School'**.



Dates for your diary

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| Fri 25th Nov | Ireland celebration assembly 9am |
| Wed 30th Nov | USA - Clarinet assembly for parents 11.40 – 12 noon - small hall |
| Fri 2nd Dec | NZ Celebration assembly 9am Christingle assembly 11am – Parents are welcome – please let the office know if you are coming |
| Tue 6th Dec | School Disco 5 – 6pm for EYFS/KS1 and 6.15pm – 7.30pm for KS2 |
| Thurs 8th Dec | UK and Thailand Xmas production 2pm and 5pm – tickets on sale |
| Tues 13th Dec | India and Italy 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) |



Achievements

Dexter R-L (SA)

Has moved up to stage 6 in swimming at the weekend after having a few difficult weeks, but he has proved he is strong and resilient.



Alfie F & Ruben S (Jap)

Were part of a team of 4 Pulborough Sea Scouts who took part in the annual District Scouts 7k hike around Billingshurst, using just maps & a compass.



Freddie G (Jap)

Gained first place in the national championships in Irish Dancing and making four tries in Rugby.

Oscar D (USA)

Has gained his green hat in Swimming.



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0800 756 9411



Online Music Lessons - St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School, Pulborough Discounted Christmas Holiday Lessons Available

Does your child wish to learn an instrument or sing? Try a free, no-commitment taster lesson!

SAM Music Service provide one-to-one online music lessons, both during term-time and over the school holidays at a discounted rate. Enquire at SAMMusicService.com to try a free taster lesson.

Click the link below to enquire and watch a video about SAM's online instrument lessons:

<https://sammusicservice.com/>

- Free, no-commitment taster lesson, try an instrument
- Discounted Christmas holiday lessons available
- Playback videos of your lessons, helpful for practice
- Progress through Grade exams, also available online
- Performance opportunities in school assemblies and concerts
- Online weekly 30 minute 1:1 lessons Mon-Fri up to 8pm, and Sats 9am-5pm
- Learn to play Guitar / Drum Kit / Piano (Keyboard) / Vocals from home
- Enquire by visiting www.sammusicservice.com or calling 0800 756 9411

"Both my daughters look forward to their individual weekly lessons. They are both making excellent progress and have a great rapport with their teachers. It's easy and straightforward to connect online for lessons! Highly recommended with 5 stars!! □□□□□"

Mrs Wellman-Bailey

SAM Music Service provides **30 minute 1:1 online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the **guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing** from home.

Lessons are weekly and affordable at £17.50 per lesson and £16 in the holidays, suitable for both children and adults, and the **first lesson is free!** SAM also offers **gift vouchers** to purchase here: <https://www.sammusicservice.com/gift-vouchers/> - the ideal musical gift!

To enquire, complete the short contact form on SAM's website (www.sammusicservice.com), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email lessons@sammusicservice.com, or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team. Or reach out on social media **@sammusicservice**