



# NEWSLETTER

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

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There was definitely a sprinkling of snow this morning and the temperature has dropped considerably, but festive cheer has arrived at St Mary's with the christmas trees going up and the Advent wreath taking its place in the hall.

**Cake Sale** – We will be having a Christmas Cake Sale for EWA on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you feel you are able to make some cakes to send in, we would be very appreciative. Please make sure that any offerings are nut-free.



**Reflective time** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDININukO2I>

The coming of Advent and a time for reflection – this is so informative so do make some time to watch it.

**MAF Advent Adventure** – please do have a look at this website. MAF is a Christian organisation which works in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, enabling practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities. From 1 December, you'll be able to sign in and begin your journey with MAF this Advent, which includes a daily story and chance to enter the grand competition, learning about the places in which MAF works, the people they help and fun Advent craft, recipe ideas, prayers and more! Register using the following link: <https://gb.mafadvent.org/>



**Christingle** – We are very conscious at this time that there are children who will not be celebrating this Christmas. To this end, we have sent a candle box or envelope home for Christingle – if you feel you can put some coins in and send it back, we would be very grateful.



**Admin. Assistant appointment** – We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Rebecca Sheppard to the post of Admin Assistant and she will be starting in the office on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

**Japan class assembly** – Thank you to the parents who came to Japan class assembly today – there was so much learning to share and the children were so confident in their delivery. What great learners they are!



**Art** – Rainforest animals came to life in Sierra Leone Class – look at these drawings!



**Maths learning** – It was great to be part of Italy's Maths lesson today – I can't believe the concentration that was evident and the learning that was developed. Well done to Italy class. Great arrays going on In USA Class – they are certainly getting to grips with their times tables.



**DT** – Mexico, South Africa and Japan class have been completing their DT projects this week linked to their topic. They went through the processes of design, make and evaluate when thinking about a medieval menu for a peasant. The children looked at seasonal foods such as cabbages, leeks, etc and they looked at herbs from medieval times and made a pottage with mashed peas and barley bread.



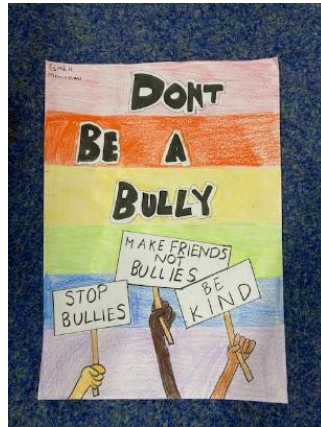
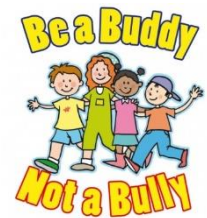
**Clarinet concert** – Well done to USA and Sierra Leone class who performed for their parents this week. It is such a great part of our music curriculum and we know that the children can sing to a piece of music, read notes and play an instrument. Thank you to the parents that came to support the children.



**Cubitt and West - Homes at Christmas** – We love decorating Cubitt and West's office with the children's homes at Christmas. A template is coming home in the next few days and we ask that your child designs their perfect home. Use colours in paint, crayon or felt tips, etc to make your picture. Prizes will be awarded by Cubitt and West for the best designs. We would ask that all designs are back by the **14<sup>th</sup> December**.



**Anti-bullying** – Thank you so much to everyone who entered the Anti-Bullying Poster competition. It is about raising awareness of bullying and what children should do if there is a problem. The pupils tell us that staff are quick to intervene when they find out that there is an issue. This is so important to us! The children have a worry card in their drawers so that they can notify staff, KS2 have a safeguarding booklet that tells them exactly how to deal with bullying. Well done to **Esme H (Mex)** and **Fred M (Ire)** who won the competition and well done to the runners up! These posters will go up around the school.



**Christingle Service** – The children will be making Christingles on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in preparation for the Christingle Service at church on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Do join us for this lovely service to mark the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season. Everyone is very welcome and the children have been practising the songs that we will be singing. We are so very grateful to Tesco for giving us the oranges and the fruits for Christingle. They really are COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS and always go above and beyond for us!



**Vine leaves** – **Peter S (USA)** for kindness as he has gone above and beyond to include others in his playtime games. **Aimee R (SL)** for perseverance as she kept going even though the task was a challenge. **Aria B (NZ)** for kindness as she is showing kindness to everyone she meets. **Flora B (NZ)** for wisdom and for sharing your wisdom with the class and making helpful contributions to our lessons. **Harry B (UK)** for friendship as he is so kind to his friends. **Monty W-V (Ita)** for friendship as Monty begins every single morning by walking in to the classroom and saying good morning to any teacher in the classroom. It brightens our day! **Orla B (Ita)** for Service as Orla is always the first to volunteer her help, no matter what the task. She often volunteers without knowing what it's for. Thank you, Orla! **Bailey N (Ita)** for perseverance. Bailey has tried so hard this week. Even when he found it tricky and overwhelming, he chose to be courageous and persevered. **Alexa O-B (Ire)** for thoughtfulness as her positivity shines through and she always has a good word to say about everyone – a true supporter! **Ted E (Ire)** for courage and he performed with such confidence and enthusiasm in our class assembly and his performance on the guitar was amazing. **Charlie P (SL)** for courage; your confidence has grown and grown, so much so that you are regularly putting your hand up to answer questions in class and you are adding thoughtful ideas to class discussions. **Bea G (SL)** for wisdom which you show through always following the class charter, you are always doing the right thing at the right time. You always try your best in every lesson and put in a great deal of effort.

**New Governor** – We are delighted to welcome a new Parent Governor to our team – Rebecca Henderson. She is a current parent and she and her family live in the village. We hope she will enjoy working with and for us.

**Kindness Award** – December – Well done to **Oscar D (Mex)** who has been awarded the kindness shield for December. You really do hide your light! You are enthusiastic about school, your friends and sports and so many other things! Your friends are so important to you and you are supportive, approachable, show humility and are the listening ear that everyone needs. Thank you for being you and for being so kind.



## Christmas shopping!! The Giving Machine



As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering presents online. Please could we ask that you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and the school will get a percentage of your spend back, which will be spent on your children. Just go to [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://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 and Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

**Celebration assemblies** – Our last celebration assembly this term is on Thursday 7th Dec for Italy class.

**Chartwell's meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what has been ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste. Please try to remember to book your child's meals for January **before** the Christmas holidays.

### December Cut off Dates

Thur 30/11 for w/c  
11/12\*

\*including Christmas lunch  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



### January Cut off Dates

Thur 21/12 for w/c 01/01  
Thur 28/12 for w/c 08/01  
Thur 04/01 for w/c 15/01  
Thur 11/01 for w/c 22/01

**Snow Plan** – There is a threat of snow, so we have updated the snow plan and there is a copy on our website just in case!!



## Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

- **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – PTA Santa's Grotto at the Village Hall (see attached poster) 'Led by a Star' from Chequers Hotel – leaves at 4.30pm.
- **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 4pm – this is such a lovely service and every child gets a Christingle to light. There will be a lottery ticket draw to light the star on the top of the church.
- **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Book look for EYFS/KS1 at 3.30pm
- **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Book look for KS2 at 3.30pm
- **Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm – tickets now on sale
- **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm – tickets now on sale
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist  
(Parents are welcome to attend)
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – INSET DAY
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Start of the Spring Term



## Achievements



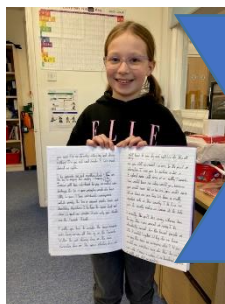
**Oliver W (Ire)** –  
passed his Level 3  
Swimming

**Sienna E (SA)** won a  
dance competition

**Ronnie H (Ire)** gained  
his Stage 6 swimming

**Ollly G (Jap)** was  
awarded 'Man of the  
Match'.

**Lexi A (Jap)** for her  
writing; she is going  
from strength to  
strength.



**Jack B (Mex)** passed  
his Stage 5 swimming

**Thank you for all your support.**



**Come and support The Children's Society at our  
Christingle celebration on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
at 4pm at St Mary's Church, Pulborough.**



**Following the service at approximately 5pm we will be lighting the  
Pulborough Star on top of the Church Tower. One person from  
the service will be the lucky one to turn the star on!**

**We look forward to seeing you at this popular community event**





# Pulborough Pop-Up Repair Cafe

...at the Christmas Fair

9th December 9am -12 noon

Pulborough Village Hall,  
Swan View, RH20 2BF

electrical  
repairs

mechanical  
repairs

textile  
repairs

[www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk](http://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk)



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# Perform is launching in Storrington

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**Build your child's confidence and social skills  
with a FREE drama, dance and singing class for  
4-7s and 7-12s in Storrington.**

Book a FREE taster class at our launch on Tuesday  
16th January 2024 and receive a £40 early bird  
discount if signing up. Quote code STOR010124

Classes run on  
Tuesdays 4pm and 5.05pm at  
Storrington Village Hall, 59 West St. RH20 4DZ

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