



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 29th November 2021

As we approach Christmas, we are doing well with only one COVID case currently in school and we are excited to try and make Christmas as special as possible for the children. However we would ask that Christmas cards do not come in to school as distributing them is so challenging. Please save it for the park or a get together outside of school. Also the staff are hugely appreciative of an email to thank them at Christmas but if you are giving gifts (which we really don't need – we do love a thank you though) then please do this electronically.

Andrew Griffiths Card competition - We are delighted that **Gemma (Ire)** was runner up in the Andrew Griffith MP Christmas Card competition. Andrew is coming to visit St Mary's to meet Gemma and we look forward to welcoming him tomorrow. All of the children that entered the competition have received a letter to say thank you.

School improvement – We developed our subject knowledge this week with Computing where we learnt about coding and assessment of coding. Thank you to Purple Mash for helping improve all our teaching skills, shared resources and made assessment tasks so easy.

Vines leaves – **Luca O (Ita)** for making a new member of the class feel very welcome. Well done Luca. You have helped our new friend settle so quickly. **Ava (Chi)** for her friendship to others at choir and making everyone feel so included. **Toby J (Tha)** for humility when he came in to assembly and put others before himself. **Bailey (Aus)** for your friendship as you include everyone and shared your ideas all the time.

Achievements – **Sienna (NZ)** took part in a dance show on Saturday – it is great to see you sharing skills outside of school as well as inside school. **Charlie (Ind)** and **Jack (Ire)** gained 'Man of the Match' in their football matches. **Billy (SA)** played cricket for the under 15 squad showing the potential that he has in cricket. **Caleb (SA)** has finished his kata in Karate – well done to Caleb for all his efforts. **Daniel (Ire)** has completed his Stage 6 swimming, **Luke (SA)** for his achievements in his swimming gala – he came 5th, 6th and 7th in his various races. Well done Luke.

Tea and chat for parents – Miss Wilkins is inviting parents to find out more about SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). This will include the 'Code of Practice' and the support we offer children who need additional support in aspects of school life. If you would like to know more then please join – no one will need to contribute and questions will be done via the chat bar. You can join via Zoom on Monday 6th December at 1.30pm.

[Tea & chat link](#)

Meeting ID: 812 3699 2996
Passcode: T6i1aW

Transition visit to The Weald – We have been lucky enough to take the Y6 children to The Weald School to see the production of The Addams family. We had the hall to ourselves and it was great to see the children of The Weald acting. The children were able to walk around the site as well and explore the school to help aid their transition.



Little Lifesavers – We welcomed Little Lifesavers this week to work with Year 5 on first aid skills. It is important that the children are aware of some of the lifesaving moves. They looked at choking, resuscitation and bandaging.



Cubitt and West – This year Cubitt & West Estate Agency are running their 'Home at Christmas' competition. The children have been given a template to join in and we would love to see what your home or an imaginary home look like at Christmas. Please send entries back in to school by **Thursday 16th December**. Winners will be announced in January.

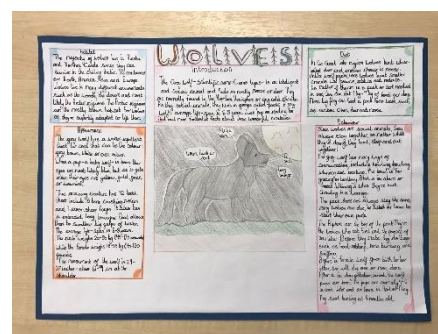
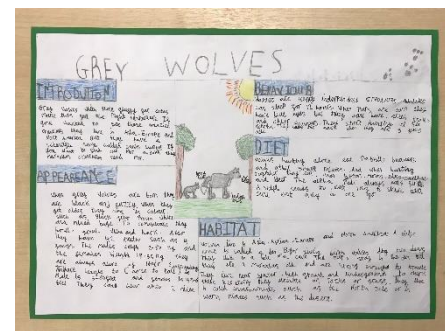
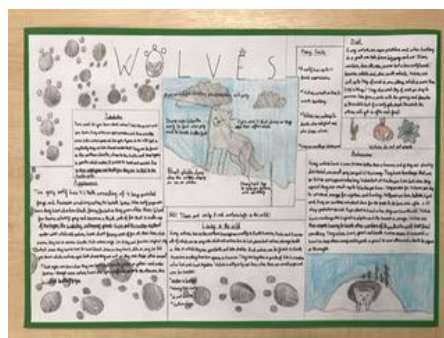
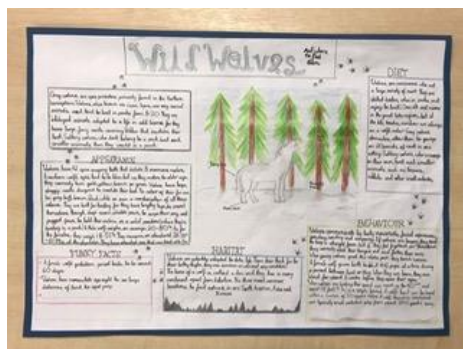
Advent Eucharist – If you would like to join us for the Advent Eucharist on **Tomorrow at 9am**, then please ring the office for the Zoom invite.

TT Rock stars – winners of the week

Class	Speed	Accuracy
Italy	Flora B	
India	Beatrice G	Victoria C
Ireland	Daniel P	Esme H
New Zealand	Eric K	Imogen W
Sierra Leone	Martha B	Olivia A
USA	Anais B	Scarlett H
China	Nicolo A	Harriet J
Mexico	Caleb	April
South Africa	Luke	Alex B
Japan	Danielle J	Keely L

Wild Foxes at Forest Schools - It would be awesome if any of you would be able to drop off the Christmas trees or any large branch if they have any tree work done. These will be used to help extend the children's den building. Any time in the New Year would be fine.

Learning in Y6 - Non-chronological reports on wolves



Clubs for January – We will be offering two more after school clubs **starting on 10th January 2022**.

Gymnastics will be on a Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.15pm

Street Dance will be on a Wednesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Please click on this link for the booking forms: - [Booking forms - Street Dance & Gymnastics](#).

Please note this is not a St Mary's run club so all payment and booking forms must go direct to SYL Sports & Wellness. Completed booking forms need to be emailed to info@sylsports.com with your payment.

The link to their main website is [Skysports.com](https://www.skysports.com)

NextThing – They are holding a **Christmas Technology Camp** for children aged 5 - 11 at Dorset House School, RH20 1PB from **22nd – 23rd December 2021**. Please see the attached flyer.

Well done to Year 4 for their concerts – After 10 weeks of learning the clarinet the children performed to an audience today. A big thank you to Mrs Osborne for putting the children through their paces and improving so many skills. They sang and played with great confidence. If any child would like to continue with clarinet lessons then please do contact the office.



Making Christingles – As part of our preparations for Christmas the children have made Christingles. KS2 children were able to teach the KS1 children about the symbolism behind the Christingle and work together to make one. The Christingles will be lit as part of our service on Friday and some of the children may bring one home.



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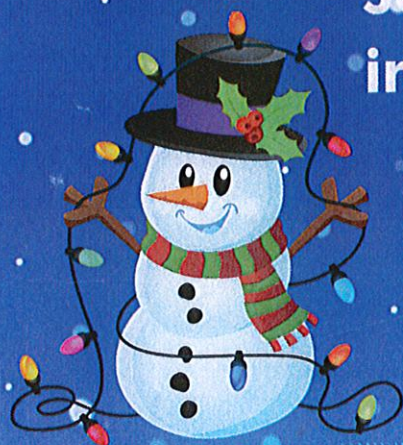
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**Storrington Christmas
Family Fun Day
on Tuesday 21st December
9.15 - 12pm**

**Storrington Village Hall
59 West Street, Storrington RH20 4DZ**

**Join us for Christmas activities
including:**

- Fir cone bird feeders
- Messy play
- Edible playdoh Christmas creating
- Art and craft table



**Drinks, Snacks,
Tea & Coffee**



**Children must be
accompanied by an adult
at all times.**

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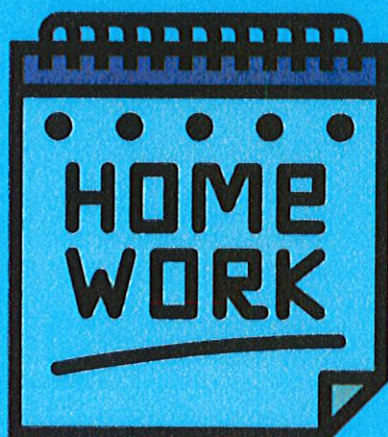
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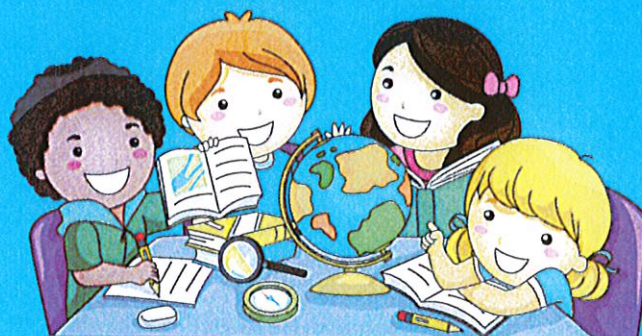
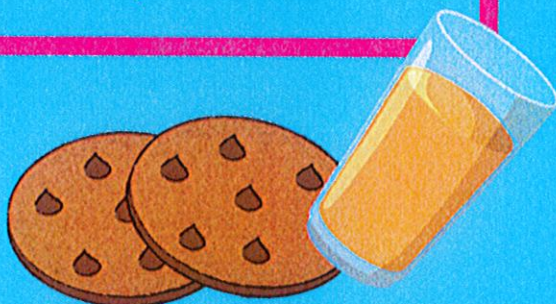
Homework Club for Children aged 9 - 16

**Storrington Village Hub
7 The Square
Storrington RH20 4DJ**



**3 - 5pm
Every Tuesday
in Term Time**

**Free drinks and snacks
provided**



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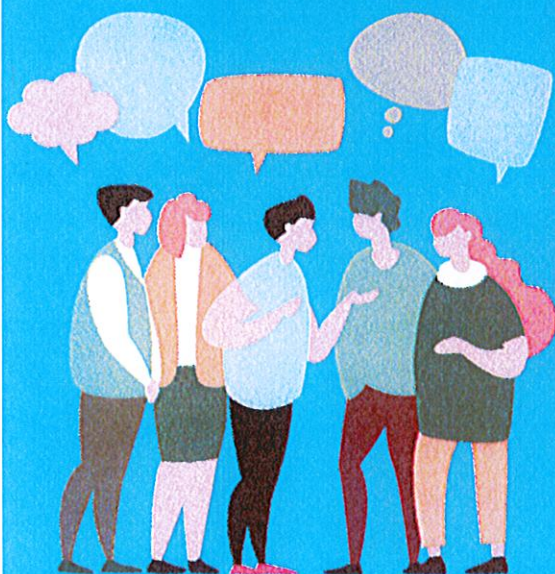
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Drop in Play & Stay
09.15 - 11.30
open every Tuesday
including Half Terms

No need to book.
Just turn up at
Storrington Village Hall
59 West Street
Storrington
RH20 4DZ



A community focused group for parents/carers. Offering a safe environment for little ones to play, whilst parents/carers can have a drink and chat/catch up. Table top activities available during half terms, siblings welcome.



Free Fair Share Table
& Jumble.



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PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET & CAFÉ

Christmas Special, Carol Singers, Raffle, Kids Quiz

Saturday 11th December

Pulborough Village Hall 9am – 12 noon

We look forward to welcoming you and supporting your local traders



FREE PARKING
FREE ENTRANCE

Artisan Food & Craft

Fundraising for

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