



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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Dear all,

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, we would like to say a huge thank you to you all for working with the school over the last few weeks whether it be with home school learning or key worker provision or returning YR/Y1 and Y6 back to school. There have been many challenges with COVID 19 but together we have made this work. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all children on the 7th September 2020 on the staggered times. It is a difficult time for all and it may be subject to change based on what is happening with the virus. The process has to be slow and careful and the health and safety of the staff and pupils will always be my main concern.

Walking Bus – The walking bus will not be running in September as this involves mixing bubbles of children. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have staffed the walking bus over the years and made it such a success. This includes **Michelle Leach, Nicky Doy, Sharon Ansell, Beccie Sheppard, Amy Swyer, Kate Phillip and Maria Smith.**

Book Token prize – Whether you work in a school or have school-aged children yourself, you could win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself! Closes 31st July. Please click on this link:- [Book Token](#)



Quality Start Mark KS1 - What an achievement for St Mary's. With the leadership of Mr Coomber, the school has received a Silver Quality Start Mark for PE at KS1 and EYFS. This is a brilliant way to end the academic year with things to celebrate.



PSCHE curriculum pupil questionnaire - A reminder to parents of children in years 2-6 that the PSCHE questionnaire for pupils to complete is open until Monday 13th July, the link to it is [Pupil questionnaire](#)

EYFS Sandpit - The outdoor sandpit is in need of an overhaul over the summer holidays. If anybody has any expertise in these the school office would be pleased to hear from you.

Cricket Podcast Year 6 – 'Tailenders' is a (loosely!) cricket based podcast from BBC5 LIVE which has aired weekly since December 2017. It is hosted by Greg James (Radio 1 Breakfast show DJ), James (Jimmy) Anderson (current England bowler and all time leading wicket taker - cricket legend) and Felix White (former guitarist from band The Macabees and cricket journalist).'

Year 6 have been monitoring the cricket and we are delighted to say that they got a 'shout out'. If you want to listen to our 'shout out' then you can. [Excerpt from podcast](#)

Our school risk assessment – Ready for the start of the year, our school risk assessment for COVID 19 will be up on the webpage ready for September if you wish to read it. This list the risks and things that we have put in place to minimise and control the risks.

Diocese Leavers' Service – Y6 - A link has gone out to the Year 6 parents for this. If you didn't receive the link then please get in touch with the office. It was a lovely service and celebrated the Y6's time with us as a church school. On Wednesday 8th July the Y6 children participated in the Diocesan Leavers service and were able to think about their transition to their next school. Included in the service was 10,000 Reasons, The Lord's My Shepherd and My Lighthouse.



Outdoor classroom – The outdoor classroom is now complete and it has had a great energy pack in it so you can see so the children can observe wind and solar power and the energy that it generates. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding it and thank you to parents for your donations at PTA events which have enabled this to happen.



Key worker provision for key worker children, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP – **This provision will close on Friday 17th July.** We are not providing any summer care provision. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Last day for YR, Y1 and Y6 – The last day for the children in these year groups will be **Thursday 16th July.**

Year 6 events – A separate letter will come out this week for Year 6 events but the weather looks good for Tuesday so we are going to try for this date.

Music on the Menu - [Music on the Menu](#)

Transition – Zoom meetings are happening on Friday 10th July, this is to meet the class teacher and spend some time asking questions. In addition to this, there is a transition booklet, which we hope will support conversations over the holidays.

Lost property & Book collection - Following lockdown we have been left with a lot of lost property and we are trying to get all the children's property and books out of the school building before the holidays. Please come to the school gate between 9am and 3pm on Monday or Tuesday and we will be able to bring out what we have for your child. Please be aware that if it is not picked up and not named it will be destroyed as we have to clear the school as much as possible. Within this pile will be a transition book for the new class. It contains useful information that might help with the transition process.

Virtual Sports – Last week the virtual sports was Rugby. Well done to:- **Lewis B (Jap), Chene D (Mex), Elani D (Ind), Victoria C (UK), William C (USA), Noah E (USA), Toby B (USA), Misty M (USA), Molly B (USA), Keely L (USA), Alicia B (SL), James T (Chi), Elba S (Fra), Ruben S (NZ), Jessica L (Ire), Holly A (Ire), Freddie G (Ire), Freya C (Chi), Jessie W (Ire), Joseph S (Ind), Caleb S (USA), James M (NZ), Holly M (Chi), Max D (USA), Leo D (Ind), Megan W (NZ), Audrey (Mex), Freddie (Ire), Martha (Ire), James H (Mex), Matthew H (Mex), Martha B (Ind).**

Library Summer Reading Challenge – see attached.

If there is anything that you would like me to discuss in the newsletters over the next week, have some feedback, or you would like a photo of something your child/children has been doing to go in the Newsletter, please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and I can add things in or address any issues.

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Preparing your Child for Returning to School

Jane Cross will be delivering this free workshop via Zoom looking at how to prepare your child for returning to school.

**Wednesday 8th July
10.30am – 12.00pm**

Covering many issues including the changes children may see around school, government guidelines and law, communication with and expectations from school, transitioning to a new setting and anxieties that children and parent-carers may be experiencing.

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Have you joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library.

This year the challenge is happening online and it's FREE to take part – register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! Try something new or reread an old favourite.

Record your reading online, unlocking rewards as you reach your target. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99!

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