



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,

There seems to be some normality returning with the children attending school but we are aware that things are still different for many of you and it looks like there is not going to be any change until September now.

Government announcement – The Government announced yesterday that schools will remain open to key worker children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 at this time and children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will now return in September. This is not the news we wanted but we understand that this is the best thing now to keep everyone safe. We are now running at capacity for the three-year groups, the key worker groups and staff under the current Government guidelines. We are hoping for new guidance ready for September soon.

Timings – I have had a few parents ask if their child can come in earlier. Please stick to the timings as the teachers are on staggered entry into classrooms and I have to ensure that they are ready once the children come through the gate.

Early Years must arrive at 8.30am and pick up at 2.45 pm, Year 1 at 8.45am and pick up at 3pm and Year 6 (must be accompanied by an adult at drop off) at 9am and pick up at 3.15pm. Parents who are standing outside the fence, please come into the playground at pick up as this stops a surge of children running through the gate and then we can't social distance them. We had year 6 crossing the road unaccompanied this and this nearly resulted in an accident.

YR, Y1 and Y6 bubbles – If you are sending your child back because you feel that they are safe then the expectation is that they will do all four days in school, they are taking up a space in a bubble and therefore **need to attend everyday Monday to Thursday**. If your child is in these year groups and they have not started back, but you would like them to then please contact head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Christian values – We are focussing on friendship, generosity, thankfulness and love this half term.

Kindness shield – Well done to Rex for winning the June kindness shield - Rex is such a caring and conscientious person, he is so aware of how others are feeling and makes every effort to make others happy and to be that best friend that everybody needs. Rex always gives 100 percent in everything he does in work and friendships. He is such a kind and gentle person, it is rare to meet somebody who is so humble and capable, a person who personifies all the best qualities of a St Mary's pupil. Rex you are truly a shining light to others on how we should all think and behave, thank you for being you!



Achievements – Well done to Aimee (Mex) who last week along with her Mum and Dad completed a 5K charity Run raising money for the NHS. She did an amazing job and we are both very proud of her.



Zoom calls – Zoom calls seem to be going well and the feedback is that the children like seeing their class mates and catching up with their teacher. Please could I ask that siblings do not contribute to children's zoom calls in any way as it makes it very difficult for the class teacher - many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Year 6 - We need you!

The Diocese Leavers Services is going to be a little different this year, they are moving online, but they still want you to be involved. During the final hymn on the virtual service, they would like to feature your images based on the theme of **“True Faith: God is Good, All the Time”**.

There are only a few rules:

1. Images must be taken in **landscape**, not portrait.
2. Images should not contain people.
3. HAVE FUN!

All images should be sent to:- leavers@chichester.anglican.org no later than **Monday 15th June**.

We, as a school, have been asked to do the reading for the virtual service so we have filmed Zion and Rachel this week in preparation for this. Well done to them.



Pastoral support in school – If your child is still at home, we will continue to ‘check in’ with you. This might be a phone call, an invitation to take part in a class zoom meeting, a conversation at the gate or when we see you out and about.

We are here for you, so if you need a chat about home school learning or need specific guidance or a link to someone or something, then please phone Miss Wilkins, Mrs Lee or Ms Harrison who are at the end of a phone to help.

Fr Paul – Father Paul was on the playground on Wednesday and he really enjoyed seeing the children, staff and parents. He will be back next week.

Feedback on opening the school to YR, Y1 and Y6– We are very grateful for the feedback we have received, as it has been overwhelmingly positive with the policies and procedures that we have put in place. Comments have praised the system on the playground in the morning and afternoon for parents and for pupils. The enjoyment of the pupils in lessons, the enthusiasm and commitment of the teachers in all the bubbles and the helpfulness of the communications coming out about every step and process. If you have feedback to give, then please email me at head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies –The update is that hoodies should get to the school on the week commencing the 29th of June at the latest.

Virtual Sports –Last week the virtual sports was Netball and Basketball. There was an enormous list of participants so a big thank you to all who have participated. We look forward to seeing the results at the end of the week for **athletics**.

Shoreham Poetry flyer – If you have an interest in poetry, why not look at this competition. **See details below.**

Daily walk - The National Trust has begun to open up some of its sites again as the lockdown begins to ease. There are a few sites in our area which are well worth a visit, but strict guidelines are still in place, so do check their website before you take a trip out and enjoy some of our wonderful countryside on our doorstep.

Clerk to Governor Vacancy - Please click on the link for details [Job advert Clerk to Governor](#)

Music on the Menu - Please click on the link - [Music on the Menu](#)

VIRTUAL SCIENCE JAMBOREE SPECIAL - COMING THIS THURSDAY 11 & FRIDAY 12 JUNE

The STEM Ambassador Hub for South East England would like to inform you of our amazing FREE Virtual Science Jamboree Event happening later this week. As STEM Ambassadors, this could be something to pass on to your network, friends and family.

If you need any support or have any questions or queries please contact us at thestemhub@canterbury.ac.uk

Now the opportunities are open to visit all the workshops and both **SHOWS**

You can plan to visit a workshop a day, or indulge in STEM for two full days.

Day 1

- The Air Show
- The Chemical Challenge
- Racing Stripes
- Fizzability
- Magic Magnetic
- Robotic Hand
- The Kite challenge (CREST)
- Survival Game
- The Can challenge part 1

Day 2

- Water World
- The can challenge part 2
- The Rocket Challenge
- All at Sea
- Bright Sparks
- Dancing Ooze
- Eyestonishing
- Dover Diver
- Plants and water
- Go Viral
- Make it snow

Visit the [The STEM Hub](#) website at 10am on Thursday 11 June and enjoy the opportunities that STEM can provide. Then join us again on Friday 12 June.

We look forward to bringing the jamboree to you in your homes or organisations.

Watch our launch video on YouTube available at: <https://bit.ly/virtualsciencejamboree>

Equipment Resource Pack: <https://bit.ly/virtualsciencejamboreepack>

Webinar: <https://bit.ly/webinarvirtualsciencejamboree>

At this difficult time, please follow Government advice and stay safe. We are thinking of you all, and we are looking forward to getting back to school when the time is right.

If there is anything that you would like me to discuss in the newsletters over the next few weeks, 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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Headteacher



POEMS FOR OUR TIME

>> lines from the lockdown <<

Shoreham Wordfest, Rap'n'Rhyme & Adur District Council

invite children to create poetry to explore your experiences of life under lockdown in the uk

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (ages 7-11) can create a funny or serious poem or rap about life over the past few months

Be inspired by your own experiences, good & bad, or think about other people's experiences, or imagine this moment in our shared history from the perspective of someone, or even something else, like Planet Earth, or the virus, or a pet!...it's up to you!

Don't be worried if you don't know how to get a good idea or write a brilliant poem because Brighton poet, Kay Walton has made some special Lockdown videos just for you!

See Kay's brilliantly silly and serious poem performances and workshops on the Poems for Our Time page on:

www.rapnrhymers.com/poems-for-our-time.html



Write a rap, a poem or a collection of short poems/haiku no longer than 20 lines in total

Submit your poem by email to both
Kay - rapnrhymers@outlook.com
Chrissie - schoolsandcommunity@shorehamwordfest.com

Make sure you include with your poem:

- * your full name
- * your age and year group
- * your school

Poems from children who attend schools in Adur will be selected to be included in a special "Poems For Our Time" book to be published during the summer

Selected poets will be announced in September and invited to a Celebration Launch for the book, Poems For Our Time, where they will receive their own copy of the book.

Closing date: Friday 31st July 2020
one poem per entry only

www.rapnrhymers.com/poems-for-our-time.html
www.shorehamwordfest.com/whatson

Have fun writing your lockdown lines!!!