



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



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

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Christian values for this half term are Hope, Perseverance and Courage

Little Explorers Pre-School

We were really pleased to see the opening of Little Explorers on Monday morning. The pre-school is already proving popular and each time I called in to say hello the children were all busy and clearly enjoying a wide range of activities. Nadia and her team have transformed the inside of the Pulborough Youth Club into a warm and welcoming space for the pre-school children. They also have access to the school outdoor learning spaces including the Forest School.



PTA Pop-Up Christmas Shop

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Pop-Up Christmas Shop. There was a lovely range of items including personalised Christmas tree decorations, elf hats, wooden reindeer complete with red noses and magic keys to enable Santa to visit houses without chimneys. Thank you to the PTA for setting the shop up and thank you also to Mrs Robinson and the School Council for selling the Class Calendars. The shop will be open again after school on Friday 8th December.





Reading Rabbits

The recently started Reading Rabbits club has already moved on and is now the Literacy Lions. This is because the children are not only reading but writing too. The club is still being run by Amelie, Amelie and Emily but they do now have other year five children helping them.

Congratulations

On Friday of last week all the children from Key Stage Two gathered in the hall for the judging of this year's #ROAR 2017 Challenge. The children had been set the task of coming up with a brilliant new idea for a machine or gadget that could 'change the world'. It could be absolutely anything as long as it had a positive impact on the planet.

Children worked in small groups and as well as coming up with their own ideas they then had to make a model and design a poster to show how their idea could be used to make the world a better place. We had some really innovative ideas including a machine that could restore people's memories and therefore serve as a cure for Alzheimers and a solar powered drone. However, the overall winner was a box that contained a special type of miniature tree that would take in however much carbon dioxide is in the air and then give out the same amount of gas in the form of oxygen. The box could be taken anywhere on the planet where carbon dioxide pollution was a problem and would be used to reverse the effects of global warming.

The winning team from St Mary's, Cian, Kallum, Maisie and James C will now be going through to the South East regional finals which are being held at Wakehurst Place next week.



Reminder

Please don't forget that Sunday is the very last day for ordering your child a Christmas meal from Chartwells. We don't want anyone to be left out so please log onto the Chartwell's site (there is a link from the school website) and place your order.





Netball Club

Mrs Burbidge is wondering if there might be one or two parents who would be willing to run an after-school netball club for children in Key Stage Two. You don't have to be a netball player yourself. Enthusiasm and energy are more important than skill. If you think you could help out in the way please contact Mrs Burbidge (Ireland class teacher). Thank you.



Advent Raffle Tickets

These tickets are selling really fast so if you want to snap up the last few books you will need to act quickly. Any of the PTA members will be able to help you.

Christingle Service

The children have all made Christingles in school today in readiness for the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday. The service will start at 3.00pm and we hope that as many families as possible will be able to attend. Sadly I will not be there as I shall be attending my grandchildren's Christingle Service in Norfolk. I will, however, be thinking of you.



Cold weather – warm clothes

With the cold weather upon us please can you ensure your children bring coats etc to school, some children are arriving in only a sweatshirt! Also, children are able to bring in track suits (or similar) for outdoor PE lessons even though these are not specified on the uniform list. They can be of any colour.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Joanna Brown

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

December			
Sunday 3rd	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	3pm	All welcome
Fri 8th	School Choir - Christmas Carols at the Anchorage	1.30pm	Choir only
	PTA Pop up Christmas Shop (front playground)	3.15pm	
Mon 11th	Rock Steady End of year Concert	9am	All welcome
	UK & Austria Nativity in th School Hall	1.30pm & 6pm	3 Tickets per family
Tues 12th	KS1 Christmas Production	1.45pm & 6pm	3 Tickets per family
Wed 13th	School Choir - Christmas Carols at Riverside Court		Choir only
	KS1 Christmas Production	6pm	3 Tickets per family
Thurs 14th	Christmas Eucharist	9am	All welcome
	Team Party	2pm & 3pm	Winning Team
Fri 15th	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm - 1.30pm	All years
	Reindeer Run fundraiser (Chestnut Tree House)	During the day	All years
	Lead by a Star Leaving the Chequers	6pm	All welcome
	Arriving at the Village Hall	6.30pm	
Mon 18th	Pantomime in school - Children olny	9.30am	All years
Tue 19th	PTA School Disco	5pm-6pm	KS1
		6.15pm-7.30pm	KS2
Wed 20th	Last day of Autumn Term		
January' 2018			
Thurs 4th	Spring Term begins	8.45am-3.15pm	All years

Details of class parties will come out seperatly through class teachers.