



## St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter

Spring Term 2018

28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Easter!

#### New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome a raft of new staff to our team after the Easter break. Mrs Balint and Mrs Naylor between them will be taking on the duties that Mrs Bateman used to perform. Mr MacGregor will be taking on the role of Teaching assistant in Year 2 in the mornings.

#### Operation Encompass

I officially need to notify you that we have partnered with the Sussex Police as one of their many schools who have signed up to become members of Operation Encompass. Being part of Operation Encompass means that if the police are called to a case of domestic abuse that one or more of our pupils are present at, we will be notified as quickly as possible so that we can take appropriate steps in caring for them at school.

Sadly, 29 of the 35 schools that were part of the pilot project for this had 133 notifications between them. So, perhaps domestic abuse is far more widespread than we may all believe. In 80% of these cases the schools know they wouldn't have heard about the incidents through any other means. I am sure you will agree that this initiative really has potential to be very beneficial for any children who get caught up in such an awful scenario.

More details can be found on the website: [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

Operation Encompass goes live on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

#### SIAMS

As most of you are aware we had our Section 48 (SIAMS) Inspection yesterday. A huge thank you to anyone who was quizzed by the inspector. We will let you know the outcome of the inspection as soon as we are allowed to. However, potentially, this may not be until the 2<sup>nd</sup> May!

#### Progression in Written Methods in Maths

I'm delighted to draw your attention to a new document on our website. The document (named above) 'does exactly what it says on the tin'. It provides an explanation of each of the written methods that are taught in maths as part of the progression your children make in maths as they move through the school. We hope to follow this up with a Maths Methods Evening later in the year (tbc). But, in the meantime hope that

this is as clear as possible and trust that the glossary provided helps to clarify any terminology too! We really appreciate the fact that so many of you have asked for this as it does mean that you can (hopefully) reinforce the same methodologies at home.

#### Bible Heroes Art Competition

Bodyn Cirillo and Sammy Hellyer have organised another art competition for our pupils to engage in. They would like everyone that is interested to produce an A4 poster-style piece of artwork during the Easter holiday celebrating a hero of the Bible. Closing date for entries will be Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> April. The boys have persuaded their parents to provide prizes; two for Key Stage 1 and two for Key Stage 2. They will judge the entries ready to announce winners in the Friday's assembly. Please do make sure entries are named and class stated too, before handing into the Year 3 classroom.

#### Forgiveness Artwork

Leo Edwards-Cox and Isaac McGeown have also extended their competition deadline (seeking works of art celebrating 'Forgiveness') until the day after the Easter break as well. So lots of choice for art projects in the holiday!

#### Measles in Surrey and Sussex

I have been asked by Public Health England to forward the following to you.

Recently there have been more than 20 confirmed or probable cases of Measles in Surrey.

They are directing people to this link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

Please do note that suspected cases must be excluded from school for 4 days after the onset of a rash.

#### Education Award Nominees

It was lovely to see that Vytutas (our cleaner) and Katie Mardle (our Year 5 teacher) appeared in the West Sussex County Times as nominees for Unsung Hero and Inspiring Teacher Awards respectively. However, I haven't heard that they got any further than a nomination.

So, I'm going to take this opportunity to advertise the Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards too. Perhaps you'd be kind enough to nominate any of our staff that you feel deserve recognition again. The governors are very keen

that we get behind Vytautas again as well as putting Katie Fandrejewski (one of our Year 4 Teachers) forward in recognition of the exceptional amount of work that she has put into SEN (overhauling our systems and supporting staff & pupils) since her appointment as SENCo in September.

Nominations can be made at:  
[www.sussexteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.sussexteacheroftheyear.co.uk)

The deadline for submission is noon on the 12th April. Their main award categories are: Primary School Teacher, Team Award, Support / Non-Teaching Staff, Volunteer, Head Teacher and Teaching Assistant. I could happily nominate people for nearly all of these categories!

### **Jewellery Sale**

I am delighted to announce that Lorelie and Poppy Uwins, Patrick Johnson, Emily Malyon, Isabel Peterson and Rosie Stone made £58.32 for the school as a result of all of their efforts making and selling jewellery and key rings. The event proved most popular and the rest of the school certainly enjoyed their shopping opportunity too! Thank you to one and all!

### **And finally**

I wish you all a very happy Easter. Do enjoy the break and stay safe!

God bless



Mr A Bird

### **Other Diary Dates**

Please do make a note of these dates as reminders will not necessarily be sent.

#### **April**

16 Term Starts  
25 School class photos taken  
28 St Mary's Got Talent

#### **May**

4 Forest School starts for Year 1  
7 St. Mary's Pre-School Fun Run  
9 KS1 Drama Workshops  
14-18 Year 6 SATS Week  
14 Year R Sea Life Centre Trip  
21-25 Year 6 Bikeability Week  
23 Communion in St. Mary's Church 2.00pm  
25 Last day before half term (break up)

#### **June**

4 INSET Day  
5 Return to school  
7 Year 5 Boys Mini-Olympics @ Forest School  
8 School Disco  
12 Year 2 Little Big Sing @ Warnham 9.15am  
12 Year 4 Dancing in the Park 6.45pm  
14 Dancing in the Causeway 2.00pm  
14 'History of Science' Theatre Group Visit  
15 Year 2 Class Assembly  
15 Year R Chesworth Farm Trip

18-22 World Cup Week (Themed Week)

21 Year 1 Woods Mill Trip  
22 Sports Day  
22 Summer Fete (evening)  
29 Year R Class Assembly  
29 District sports day KS2

#### **July**

5 Tanbridge House School Induction Day  
6 Year 5 Blackland Farm  
10 Year 6 Worth Abbey Leavers service 10.45am  
12 Year 5 Connect with the Countryside Trip  
16 Year 5 Chesworth Farm Visit  
17 KS2 Dress Rehearsal  
18 KS2 Performance  
19 KS2 Performance  
23 Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
24 Communion in St. Mary's Church 2.00pm  
24 Break up for summer holiday