

St Mary's CE Primary School Spring Term Newsletter No: 3 9th February 2015

School Hours: 8.45am – 3.15pm

Please contact the school office before 9.00am if your child is unwell or will be absent from school or before 3.00pm if you are going to be unavoidably late collecting your child at the end of the school day
Children who arrive late MUST be signed in at the school office by their parent or carer.



Do you receive a printed Newsletter??

Do you really need a printed newsletter sent out to you?

If you have an email address you can be added to our mailing list and these and other mailings will be sent to you directly. There are always a few copies of the newsletter available in the school office or on the noticeboard or on our website.

Please speak to Mrs Robinson to update your options. Thank You

Spring Term



6th January – 27th March

24 th & 25 th February	Parents Consultation Evenings
30 th January	Deadline for Scholastic Book Orders
16 th – 20 th February	HALF TERM
23 rd February	INSET Day
5 th March	World Book Day
13 th March	Red Nose Day
16 th March	Last week for school run clubs
13 th May 2015	Group Photos
16 th May 2015	Jumble Sale Village Hall
21 st May 2015	Bags to School Collection

Parents Evening

24th & 25th February

You will be able to sign up for this on the lists that will be outside of the classrooms from Tuesday 10th February.

In the unlikely event that we need to close the school due to bad weather you will be able to check on our website at www.stmarysclyping.org.uk and click on the 'Urgent Messages' section from the Homepage, Alternatively listen to Spirit FM on 96.6 FM or 102.3 or 106.6 who give regular updates throughout the morning on school closures.



Driving your children to school

Parents/Carers are reminded that as they approach the school they are entering a SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE where there is a maximum speed limit of 20MPH

Please respect the safety of all of our children and parents and DO NOT SPEED in any of the areas in the vicinity of the school.

If you witness bad driving or parking, speeding, driving whilst using a phone etc on any Sussex road, you can make a report to the Police via the Sussex Road Safety Website www.operationcrackdown

As you will know, we welcome parents and carers into school first thing on any morning, however we ask that when parents bring younger siblings or children into the classroom that they ensure that they remain with you at all times and are not allowed to touch any of the equipment within the classroom or school in general

If you are in school waiting with a child for whatever reason then please could you wait in the corridor and not in the classroom. There is seating available in the glass walkway.

MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS REGARDING SAFETY

We ask all parents to ensure that the children do not jump or climb over the wall at the front of the school at any time.

If the arrangements for collecting your children change you must advise the school office – even if your child is being collected by one of our other parents. Your child can then be brought to the school office to be collected rather than waiting outside of school or in the lane.

Headlice

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11 years. It's difficult to know exactly how common head lice are because the problem is often treated at home, with people only visiting their GP if treatment is unsuccessful. However, it's thought that up to one in three children in the UK may get head lice at some point during the year.

As you know head lice can be effectively treated with medicated lotions or by wet combing using a specially designed head lice comb, and treatment is the responsibility of the parents or carers.

The NHS choices website provides advice on detection and treatment of headlice and is available at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/pages/introduction.aspx>

If you are unable to access the internet please speak to Mrs Robinson in the school office who has some printed information

February Holiday Activities Chichester Festival Theatre



PUPPETEERING MASTERCLASS - AGES 12-16

Wednesday 18 February, £28

10am - 4pm

The Steven Pimlott Building

Discover the art of Puppeteering in this masterclass. Our professional practitioner will teach the group a range of skills and techniques for performing with puppets. Experience the devising process and start to discover the art of telling stories through Puppetry.

PUPPETRY COMPANION - AGES 8-11

Thursday 19 February, £28

10am - 4pm

The Steven Pimlott Building

Learn basic puppetry and craft your own companion. Participants will discover how to create their very own puppet companion as well as how to operate and manipulate it using some basic puppetry techniques.

ARTHUR'S DREAM BOAT DAY - AGES 5-7

Friday 20 February, £30 (includes one ticket for the production)

10am - 3pm

The Steven Pimlott Building

Join us for a morning of fun and games before seeing *Arthur's Dream Boat* in the Minerva Theatre. Your child will discover the story of *Arthur's Dream Boat* in an exciting practical workshop designed to capture the imagination, before watching Long Nose Puppets' production in the afternoon.

To book or for more information visit cft.org.uk/holiday-activities

LEARNING AND
PARTICIPATION

01243 781312

cft.org.uk/leap

VERRUCAS AND WARTS

As children regularly attend indoor PE lessons at school we would just like to remind you to the appropriate action regarding verrucas and warts.

If your child does have a verruca or wart please inform their class teacher and ensure your child is treated with a sealing gel treatment or wears either a waterproof plaster or (ideally) a special verruca sock to help stop the verruca's spreading to other children.

The advice listed below can help to prevent verrucas developing/spreading

- Do not share shoes or socks with someone who has a verruca
- Avoid scratching or picking your wart or verruca as this will encourage HPV to spread to other parts of your body
- Keep your feet dry and change your socks every day to help prevent warts/verrucas developing on your feet

PE and Swimming

- Make sure that your child's wart or verruca is covered whenever they are taking part in communal activities
- For PE the verruca or wart must be covered with a waterproof plaster, sealing gel or verruca sock (available from the pharmacy) or your child must wear their own named plimsolls with ordinary socks during the session
- For swimming the foot must be covered with a verruca sock
- Wearing just ordinary socks on their own is not effective enough to prevent the spread of verrucas during communal activities

Further advice can be found at www.nhs.uk



School Sports Kits

We have been lucky enough to have been sponsored for lovely sports kit over the past few years. However, when this is borrowed by children for team events there are occasions when it is not being returned promptly, if at all. Please could parents ensure that any kit borrowed is washed and returned as quickly as possible to Mr Matthews

Parents who are Separated

St Mary's School is committed to working with families and understands the importance of continuing the relationship between school and parents who do not live with their child. Please ask for a copy of our Policy for Separated Parents from the school office. You will need to complete and return Appendix B to keep us up to date and help us work together.



**CLYMPING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GROUP
NEWS AND EVENTS**

*Watch this space for news of
forthcoming fun events!*



Greenpower news