



# St Mary's CE Primary School

## SpringTerm Newsletter March 2017

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If you would like to provide the school office with an email address we will email each edition of our newsletter to you directly in a PDF format. Our latest newsletter is displayed in the school reception area and spare copies are available from outside the school office and is also available to download from the school website at [www.stmarysclyping.org.uk](http://www.stmarysclyping.org.uk)

You may have noticed that there has been a gap in the production of newsletters. Apologies for this. As you can imagine, Mrs Mott has been snowed under with learning all about us and finding out about the million and one things that come under her remit. She is doing an amazing job and managing to keep smiley and calm as well!

If there is information or news that you have been expecting but haven't had, please let us know. Mrs Robinson held a lot in her head, and she's taken it with her!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent parents meetings. It is so important that we work together to support your children to do as well as they possibly can in school. If you missed out on an appointment, it's not too late to arrange one with your child's teacher.

### **Lunch boxes**

A reminder that we have children in school with nut allergies, so we are a **nut free school**. Please check that you are not sending any foodstuffs in lunch boxes that contain nuts.

### **Reading with your child**

Some of you may have seen the article written by Ruth Miskin that has been circulating recently. Her research shows that to become proficient readers, children need to read 2 million words a year, which equates to around 25 minutes a day. She urges us to think of the children who are doing best all round at school, and she guarantees that these will be the ones who read regularly and frequently. We have a number of volunteers who read with children in school, including staff who give up lunchtime and breaks to do this. We also make as many opportunities as we can during the school day, but your child still needs the practice that **you** can encourage at home. Even the most fluent readers benefit from sharing books with an adult and discussing the text. If you need any tips about how to make reading at home enjoyable and stress free, please speak to your child's teacher. When you read with your child, please record the fact in his/her record book. You don't have to write much, even an initial is helpful. If you are able to write a comment, this can be used as evidence to support assessment, but it is not essential by any means.

Please feel free to change your child's book at any time, but keep to the colour band that your child is reading. This helps teachers to track pupils' progress.

### **School Clubs**

There remain places in Yoga Club, which takes place on Mondays after school. If your child is interested in joining, please speak to Mrs Mott in the first instance. Parents are welcome to attend this club with their children.

We are considering starting a gymnastics club, but we need to gauge interest first. To register your interest, please speak to Mrs Mott.

### **Road safety**

Thank you to everyone who sticks to the voluntary one way system which helps to make the lanes around school safer for our children. Thanks too, to those of you who remind the ones who forget! We are updating our travel plan and we welcome any suggestions for improvements that could help us to keep the area round school as safe as possible. If you would like to pass on any ideas, please speak to Mrs Llewelyn.

### **Green Flag**

Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Shanks and the Green Gang are hoping to renew our Green Flag in the coming weeks. This involves a massive amount of paperwork to capture the 'green' activities that we do every day in school. If you and your children do anything special in this area at home, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Shanks would love to have some photos to display on the Eco Schools noticeboard in the corridor.

### **Church Links**

We draw attention to the list of services at St Mary's Church which is on display on the noticeboard outside school. This is a community board, so if you have any notices or posters that would be of interest to our school community, please let Mrs Mott have them for display.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

Our Year 6 pupils have found out about their schools for next year. We have pupils going to Bishop Luffa, Felpham Community College, TLA, Ormiston Six Villages Academy, St Philip Howard, Christ's Hospital and Angmering School. This information might be useful to parents of children in Year 5 who are thinking about their applications – I'm sure year 6 parents will be happy to share their experience of the process.

### **Sporting events**

Thank you to all the parents who support us to get children to the many sporting events that we attend. It is so important for our children to take part in these activities, but the logistics can be tricky. Thank you as well to Mr Matthews for the huge amount of time and energy he devotes to this, to the other members of staff who contribute, and to the team of sports leaders who do a lot of the tasks involved. Our recent School Games Gold Award is down to this whole school team effort.

On the same subject, please can we remind you that all pupils need to have full PE kit in school. It can be easy to forget to bring kit back to school after a sporting event, but it causes upset if children have no kit.

**CLYMPING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GROUP NEWS AND EVENTS**

**RED NOSE DAY – 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

**PLEASE WEAR RED AND BRING A DONATION FRO TEAM HOOPS**

**CAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL**

***Greenpower News***



Greenpower Team McClymping 2017

For more Information Please see the website:

<http://www.greenpower.co.uk/>

**School Hours:**

**845am – 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.

**Spring Term Diary Dates**



**3<sup>rd</sup> January – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last week for Clubs</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>10-21 April</b>	<b>Easter Service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
	<b>Summer Term begins</b>

**FUTURE DIARY DATES:**

<b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>Group Photos</b>
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