



### FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET Day

### Head Teacher Message

I have been conducting a lot of tours during the last couple of weeks and there has been a palpable sense of how engaged and purposeful the children have been. I am so proud of what is happening here. The anecdotal feedback about what people are hearing about St Mary's is starting to get out into the wider community.

Personally, I am very proud to be your head teacher. I am proud of the children and what they are achieving.

Keep working with us as we are all invested in the continued development of the school and community.

– Mr. Murray

### Parent's Evening

If you did not get to sign up this week, then it is not too late. Please ask at the office where we can offer you the last remaining places.

Please talk to me if you need help with this.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION –

**Lord of the Harvest**, hear our prayers. Generous God, we thank you for the gift of food – For how it brings us together and nourishes us. We pray for those without, whose harvests and store cupboards are empty, help us work together to share the world's resources so that everyone can be fed. Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Last chance to sign up – please support us

We have 4 teams ready to go for the quiz. Please try and come along if you can. We think it will be a great opportunity to have a bit of fun and get to know each other a bit better. The sign-up sheet is inside.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 19:30**

### Harvest Donations

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Harvest appeal.

We have raised a great amount to be offer to the Littlehampton Foodbank.

In school, we have been talking about courageous advocacy and speaking up for people without a voice. We have made a huge difference.

### Ground's Evening

A huge thank you to the people who turned up to support our Ground's Evening.

We managed to achieve a lot during the couple of hours. The forest school area is continuing to develop and the children have been enjoying the opportunity to spend time out learning in our unique environment. I am keen to continue to provide opportunities that children can experience because of where we are located. We are proud of our school and this continued shared endeavor only makes us stronger.

A huge thank you to Mr. Stanley for organising and helping so much. To the families who came along, we all really appreciate the difference you are making. Thank you.

## Term Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – INSET DAY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Cross Country @15:45

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Sports Leader Development for children

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Normanby Class Assembly @14:30

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Normanby Class Book Look @14:45

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Farrant Class Phonics and Maths workshop @ 14:30

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz night at 19:30

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's Evening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's Evening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Oliver Class Book Look @ 14:50

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Oliver Class Assembly @ 09:10

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Jenkins Class Book Look

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Normanby visit to Planetarium

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Police visit for Farrant and Oliver

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Influenza Nasal Spray Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Jenkins Church Visit

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in Church @ 09:30

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – West Sussex Progress Review Visit

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Farrant and Oliver Church Visit

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Jenkins Class Assembly

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle and Carols in Church @18:00

This is not an exhaustive list. I will add new dates in red as they come in.

Teachers may message via Dojo with class related information.

### Sporting Event

#### Friendly Football League

On Tuesday I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the end of the football event at TLA.

While results remained tricky, we were able to apply ourselves and put in improved performances from the previous week.

The girl's team gained a credible draw and were able to play more cohesively.

The boys demonstrated resilience to be leading their final match 1 – 0 until a couple of late goals changed the match. Overall, two improved performances and we are looking forward to the 'small schools' football later in the year.

Thank you to Mr. Day for his organisation and leadership in this area. It is a lot of extra workload and we all appreciate it.

### GB ATHLETE VISIT!

What an inspiring visit this afternoon from professional female footballer, Chloe Peplow. There was such a buzz in assembly and during our HITT sessions. I'm so shattered I can barely type! Here are some of the pupils putting their abs to the test!



ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**QUIZ**  
*Night*

**WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER**

VENUE: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 19:30-22:00 ISH

TEAMS OF 6 -ADULT ONLY

£2 PER PERSON

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS**

**JOIN US FOR JOKER ROUNDS, MUSIC ROUNDS,  
PICTURE ROUNDS AND LOTS MORE.**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE**





# CELEBRATE Harvest



**Saturday, 7th October, 2:30–4pm  
at St Mary's Church, Clymping**

**Join us for apple juicing, bread making,  
autumn crafts and refreshments**



 **CYF Messy Church**



## Playground in the Morning

You will understand that we have a shared responsibility for the children's safety in the playground before school begins.

In terms of my ethos for school, I think it is beneficial that the children get to socialise in the morning and those that need it can run around.

We all know that some of the children find the school day a long one and although we have developed more active time within the curriculum, this is part of making school enjoyable.

However, we have had a few bumps and scrapes before school and I take this responsibility seriously.

For now, I would like it to remain the same but can we all take care to ensure we are helping it to work.

For clarity, the children should only be on the playground or sitting in the gazebo before and after school. Thank you for your support with this.