



FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9th November 09:30
Remembrance in Church

Head Teacher Message

Well we have survived the storm! There were some interesting news stories nationwide and thank you for your understanding in what are tricky decisions to make.

This week, as the first week back has had its challenges – I know at times, this can feel frustrating. I hope you can see how much work is going in to improve outcomes for the children and ensure a broad and varied experience.

We are all working hard towards the school we want. If you want to come in to meet with me or come and have a tour in the school day, then please come and see me. There are so many great things to see. – **Mr. Murray**

Photos

Amanda Beauchamp will be in again next week to sell photographs.

Sorry it was a bit hectic in the corridor but the weather does not help.

WEEKLY REFLECTION –

God of power,
you are strong to save
and you never fail those who trust in you;
keep us under your protection
and spread abroad your reign of peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Christingle Help

As part of our continued strong relationship with the Church, we have organised a Christingle Service this Christmas. We would love for you to attend.

We are looking for volunteers helpers to come and help the children make their Christingles.

This would be on Monday 11th December. Please come and let me know if you can help?

Thank you.

Thank You

A big thanks to Mr. Beacher for his efforts at moving lots of the rubbish we had accumulated while making school a nicer environment for everyone to be in.

He arranged for a truck to come and then moved a lot of the heavy rubbish. A big thanks to his colleague for helping.

I am always so grateful for the help we receive as a school. It makes the biggest difference.

Remembrance

We are planning on going ahead with our Remembrance Service in Church. This will be a low key service as there is a lot on. There will be reading from Year 6, artwork displays and songs. We are happy walking down to the church and as always, you are welcome to join us. I would anticipate the service lasting about 45 minutes. If you would like to walk with us, then please meet at the school at 09:00.

Right now, the weather forecast looks very changeable, we will make a decision on whether we go on Wednesday based on a more accurate (haha) forecast.

If you have any questions, come and see me on the playground.

*Remember your £1 for poppies on the playground.

Term Dates

Monday 6th November – Jenkins Church Visit

Tuesday 7th November – Open Morning

Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in Church @ 09:30

Thursday 9th November – Open Afternoon

Friday 10th November – Safeguarding Review

Tuesday 14th November – Owls About Town Visit

Tuesday 14th November – West Sussex Progress Review Visit

Thursday 16th November – Farrant and Oliver Church Visit

Friday 17th November – PC Dan Sibun to visit Jenkins Class

Tuesday 21st November – Interhouse Football Tournament

Wednesday 29th November – Farrant Class Parent Christmas Workshop

Thursday 30th November – Jenkins Class Assembly

Friday 1st December – Whole School Christmas Decorating Day

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

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

Monday 11th December – Christingle making morning

Wednesday 13th 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.

Swimming

Well done to all of our Year 3 and 4 children who did so well at swimming this week. There were achievements in so many areas. Thank you to everyone for the quick turnaround. We appreciate your support in making it work.

PTA

As a school, we are formalising our PTA. At the moment we are working on the formal documentation and all the legal bits and pieces.

However, while we are doing this, we are looking for parents to get involved. Mrs. Anderson and I are going to be teacher reps and we already have some parents who are going to support.

Our main focus is putting on a Christmas Event for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to see this happen, then please come and talk to me so we can start to make progress towards this.

We can do it.

Christmas Cards in the Community

Last year, I put out a plea in the newsletter to give us a list of people within our community who may be on their own or experience loneliness at Christmas. We then sent them Christmas cards from the children.

As a school and as a school leader, you will have heard me talk about courageous advocacy either in church or via communication. Our goal is to model the behaviours that allow our children to become agents of global change. The ability to speak out against injustice is critical in this.

Like we spoke up about 'children not going to bed with hungry tummies, 'we are now thinking about people not being lonely at Christmas.

If you know someone who might like to receive a card, then please give their name and address to the office as we will collate a list. There were 17 grateful recipients last year. It makes a difference.

SIAMS Visit

Friday 20th November – the last Friday before half term, we received an inspection from the Church of England. This is called a SIAMS visit. (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

During the inspection, we were asked to submit information about various elements of school life and present our self-evaluation document. This discussed themes such as our vision and values; our quality of education; our community links; our work with all pupils; our governance; our community work; our links with the church; our collective worship; our R.E curriculum and many more themes.

It was a thorough inspection from an experienced inspector who had previously been a head teacher and an OFSTED inspector. During the inspection she met with pupils, parents, governors, Rev. Rich, staff and our Diocesan link worker.

While we have some areas to develop, we met the criteria for a successful inspection. In this we take great pride. Next week, I will upload the full report onto the school website. For now, here are some of the key strengths we are proud of:

- Our vision is lived out with integrity and has a huge impact upon pupils' lives that allows them to flourish.
- Our remodelled curriculum is utilising the environment and supports the vision.
- Our curriculum encourages curiosity and understanding and instils our ethos of 'dreaming big and aiming high'.
- Relationships in school are exceptionally strong.
- Pupils are kind and care for one another.
- Pupils recognise the need for compassion.
- Highly effective partnership work is a feature of the school.
- Collective Worship is a strength of the school.
- Learning has been made purposeful, vibrant and enjoyable.

There are many more comments I could pick out. I am proud of where we are at and encouraged by what is external validation of our vision and leadership model.

I do not doubt there is work to do. Both myself and the staff remain wholeheartedly committed to the same vision I share with the children of being "the best school in the Universe."

My hope coming out of this external view of our school is that you stop, take the time to read it and feel encouraged by the positive feeling we are creating. Small things should not wobble the foundations of our school. We can talk, and move forward; we have proven this already.

St Mary's CE Clymping is doing lots of things very well. This is not down to any one individual. It involves all of us.

Thank you to all of the pupils, parents, governors and staff for their contributions to not only an excellent inspection but also a wonderful school.