St. Mary's C. E. Primary School

Spring Newsletter No. 8 - Friday 8th March





FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14 March

Last day to order an Easter meal with Chartwells – see poster attached

Head Teacher Message

Wow what a week!

When we planned book week, we could not have foreseen OFSTED calling, power cuts, postponed parent consultation meetings and so much more.

The school is nothing if not resilient.

Our commitment to memorable experiences keeps on gathering momentum. Whether it is a 6-foot T-Rex running the halls, a Jedi patrolling lunchtime or playing playground cricket in the sun. There are so many experience to capture the attention of children and promote that interest and engagement in learning.

- Mr. Murray

A reminder that the choir club on Monday 11th March has been cancelled.

WEEKLY REFLECTION -

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord – Psalm 31:24

World Book Week

And breathe... The joy of storytelling has been seen in so many different ways this week! Some of the highlights have been: our youngest pupils excited to share their favourite books with their buddies; persuasive storytelling over 'their' objects, including a very interesting South African Music Award(??); Mr Murray's Oscar-worthy film performance running on the beach (I'm just figuring out how to share this on the website...!) and the excellent writing outcomes that it drew out; and last but not least the brilliant inter-house drama competition yesterday. Pupils were challenged to act out a traditional tale (think Robin Hood), but with a twist... they had to include their chosen dress-up character. I think my favourite play title from the day had to be 'Goldilocks and the two footballers and Nasa Engineer'! Thank you for supporting our book sale this afternoon and throughout the week. May the force be with you!

Go Team

Please take a look at the link which shows details of the challenge Mrs. Anderson has set herself in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

https://gofund.me/8ebb3359

Good luck Mrs. Anderson!!

High 5 Netball tournament

Our netball team came 4th at the locality netball tournament. Well done.

One pupil said, "The netball competition at TLA was fun and we came fourth place out of 8 schools. The best shooters for that competition were Kira, Cherrie and Joe.

A huge well done to the team and thank you to Mrs. Sankey and Mrs. Mitchell for providing the club that has allowed them to perform so well.

If you have any news, children's achievements out of school or community events you would like to see in the newsletter, please do let Mr. Murray know.

Term Dates

Tuesday 12th March – Parents Consultations 3.30 to 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th March – West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service – Farrant & Oliver Class

Monday 18th March – Arundel Tennis Club assembly presentation @ 10.25am

Thursday 21st March – Parents Consultations 3.30 to 6.00pm

Friday 22nd March – Non uniform day and Easter Fundraiser 15:30 – 17:00

Monday 25th March – Y5/6 – Littlehampton Baptist Church – Rhyming Bibles performance @ 1.00pm

Monday 25th March – Oliver Class book look @ 2.50pm

Tuesday 26th March – Easter Egg Hunt at Norden House @ 13.30pm Tuesday 26th March – TLA Choir Event @ 17:30

Wednesday 20th March – Police Community Officer visit – Farrant Class Wednesday 27th March – Easter Service at St Mary's Church @ 9.30am Wednesday 27th March – Farrant Class Easter biscuits and book look @ 2.30pm Thursday 28th March – Y3/4 Class Assembly and dress up day – Tudors

> Thursday 28th March – Last day of term Monday 15th April – First day of Summer term

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.

The **parent consultations** (with the exception of Farrant class) have been changed as follows:

Tuesday 5th March is now on **Tuesday 12th March**.

Wednesday 6th March is now on Thursday 21st March.

Unfortunately, every Wednesday between now and the end of term is already full in the calendar. Sorry for this inconvenience.

Appointment times will remain the same. If you are unable to make this work, then please contact the office and we will try to find an alternative time to meet.

Mrs. Anderson will make separate arrangements for Farrant class.

Easter Fundraiser

Friday 22^{nd} of March will be a non-uniform day. This will be for a £1 donation.

There will be an Easter Fundraiser (more info to follow early next week) between 15:30 and 17:00 on Friday 22nd March.

We will look forward to welcoming you all then.







For more information and to book your slots, please visit our website https://www.cobnor.com/EasterHolidayActivities



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Get Skills for Free

West Sussex County Council has partnered with the Government's UK shared prosperity fund to deliver **free local courses and activities for adults (aged 19+)** who do not already have a GCSE grade c/4 or higher in Maths or equivalent and want to improve their numeracy skills. The programme's focus is to support residents with engaging in free training and activities including:



- Improving your number confidence
- Confidence in helping your children with their homework
- Gain numeracy skills to help you with employment/career progression
- Learning new skills in your local community
- Helping your small business go greener

We are here to serve our communities and we will be parking our mobile classroom in central locations around West Sussex throughout March. Do come and visit us and find out more about the programmes and the outstanding training providers at the locations shown below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Crawley	Crawley	Chichester	Chichester College	Aldridge Adult learning	Home
Queens Square, Crawley RH10 1HA	Queens Square, Crawley RH10 1HA	County Hall, West St, Chichester PO19 1RG	Westgate Fields, PO19, Chichester PO19 158	Chalky Rd, Mile Oak, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN41 2WF	Having a rest
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
Crawley	Crawley	Chichester	Worthing Promenade	Aldingbourne Trust Country Centre	Petworth National Trust
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25th	26th	27th	28th		
Crawley	Crawley	Making Theatre Gaining Skills	Worthing Promenade	Please scan the QR code for more information www.westsussex.gov.uk/ALS Tel: 0330 222 440	
Queens Square, Crawley RH10 1HA	Queens Square, Crawley RH10 1HA	58-60 Longford Rd, Bognor Regis PO21	Marine Parade, Worthing BN11 3PX		

