



St Mary's CE Primary School Newsletter 10th January 2019

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Happy new year to all of you and thank you once again for all the presents, cards and good wishes to staff before we broke up. They are very much appreciated. Thanks too to all the parents and supporters who helped the end of term events to run so smoothly and give such fun to the children.

If you have not done so already, you will shortly receive news from your child's class teacher about this term in the class and arrangements for homework. These letters will also be available on the school website. Please ask class teachers about anything that is unclear or any problems as they arise.

Governor news

Many of you will know that Michelle Bernhardt, who was an elected parent governor, resigned from the post due to time pressures and personal commitments. Mrs Mott, who is clerk to the governors, will soon be inviting parents who are interested in applying as parent governors to complete nomination forms. If there is more than one applicant there will be a ballot to decide between candidates which will be open to all parents. Information about this process will be issued in due course. Meanwhile, if you have an interest in standing as a parent governor, please speak to a current member of the governing body or to Mrs Llewelyn so that you are clear about what the role entails.

Fundraising

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the fundraising party that took place in Rustington over the Christmas break and which raised an impressive £750. You will see that the total raised so far towards the roof stands at £2250. Thank you all so much for your support.

The new boxes for wellies have been assembled and are now on the playground, so boots can be stored in the right box for each class. Look out for the new gardening shed being constructed soon.

Playing after school

A gentle reminder that the trim trail, see saw and fun frame are out of bounds after school as we have no staff available to supervise their use. Please do not let toddlers use this equipment while you are waiting for older children to come out of school.

After School Clubs

The list of clubs available this term is attached. Please sign up for your child(ren) and return the form as soon as possible. If your child has to miss a session, please let staff know as tis avoids them looking for your child at the end of the day.

Winter weather

As a school we pride ourselves on keeping going whatever the weather throws at us. However there are occasions when we cannot guarantee a full complement of staff due to adverse weather or when it would be dangerous to open the school because of poor driving conditions. If we do take the decision to close, we will post information on the front page of the school website and will also contact Spirit FM who make regular announcements on such days. Information will also be available on the West Sussex website.

Dates

14th January – Clubs start

12th February – Sign-up sheets for parents evening available

15th February – INSET day. School closed for children

18th February – 22nd February – Half term.

26th and 27th February – Parents evenings

WB 11th March – Writing inspiration week.

5th April – Last day of term. Pick up from church. All parents welcome to attend our Easter Service. Any help walking up to church very welcome. Timings nearer the event.