



# St Mary's News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all a big thank-you for sending your children into school on Monday with packed lunches because of the change of Inset day. We were very grateful for your flexibility and the children enjoyed their impromptu picnic! We will now have our phonics inset day on this coming Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will be writing to parents shortly to let you know about changes we are making to reading in Early Years and key stage 1.

The School Council and R.E. Council met last week and are busy thinking up ideas for our new prayer garden on the field. This will be a space where children can meet and talk or just spend some quiet time and pray during their break times and lunchtimes. It will also provide space for classes to use during R.E. lessons especially during the summer. We have been impressed by the designs that have come in so far so if you are green-fingered or have a gardening business we would be interested to hear from you! We are hoping to begin work on the area during the spring.

Our FSA have been busy and are currently organising an Easter Egg Hunt. They are always keen to recruit new members and you will be very welcome to join – please contact Sarah Austin-Peggs on 07759080528 if you could spare some time to help. We have everything crossed for a Summer Fair this year and all help is gratefully received!

Fairtrade fortnight begins soon and the children will learn about the importance of fair trade in assemblies this week. As well as our Fairtrade Tuckshop that runs every Friday, you can also purchase a variety of Fairtrade goods from the Vineyard Shop on the corner of Lyon Street. Coffee, tea, chocolate and bananas are all available as Fairtrade products so please bear this in mind when shopping.



Don't forget that next Friday – 4<sup>th</sup> February – is World Cancer Day. Please either fill the tubes your child has been given with coins – 20ps fit nicely – and return to school in exchange for a World Cancer Day Unity Band. Alternatively you can bring in £1 or £2 as a donation. The children may wear pink, purple or blue, (or a mixture of all 3 colours!), for the day and all funds raised will go to Cancer Research UK. Several of the staff, children and parents in our school community have been affected by cancer so your donation will really make a difference.

Mrs Kale has just finished training our Year 5 and 6 Peer Mentors who will begin work next week.

Peer mentoring has been evidenced as having a positive impact on the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people and can support children and young people by:

- enhancing social competence
- building security within the setting and the wider community by realising their worth as social beings
- improving attendance and educational attainment whilst developing friendship skills in a positive environment.

Peer mentors provide advice and guidance whilst acting as a positive role model for younger people who require their support and can:

- Improve self-esteem, confidence, communication skills, and problem solving skills
- Improve sense of belonging in school
- Improve pupil attendance in school
- Reduce behaviour incidents
- Improve academic achievement

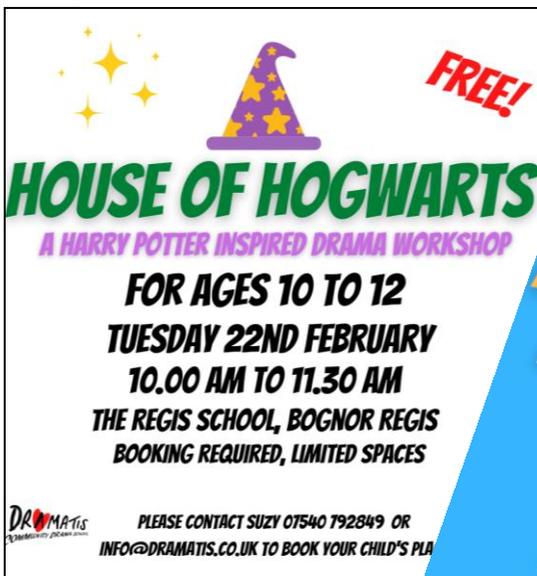
We are delighted to launch this project and we are sure this will help so many of our children who face difficulties.

I hope you have a lovely (long) weekend and look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

**Kind regards**

Mr Edgington  
Headteacher

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## Beach Trip

On Tuesday, year 3/4 walked to the beach to be inspired by our new book 'The Pebble in my Pocket'.

This book begs the questions, 'Where do pebbles come from?' and 'How were pebbles made?' Starting from 450 million years ago, we will go on the journey, beginning with a fiery volcano, together.

We all chose a pebble to bring back to school with us, looking closely at the markings and thinking about the story behind it. We drew a sketch and thought about questions that we might ask it.



*"I think that it is a sedimentary rock because it is by the sea."*

*"I wonder why some of them are black. Are they igneous?"*

*"I think this one has a crack because it has broken off a larger rock."*

*"This one is smooth because of the water in the sea."*

## Here is a copy of the latest Covid-19 cases in our area:

This means on average 1,299 people are testing positive for COVID-19 each day in West Sussex. However, cases are rising compared to the previous week.

Area	New cases in the 7 days to 21/01/22	Rate per 100,000 population	Are cases going up or down compared to the previous week?*
Adur	707	1,101.5	⬆️
Arun	1,519	942.8	⬆️
Chichester	1,113	916.0	⬆️
Crawley	1,279	1,137.2	⬆️
Horsham	1,632	1,121.8	⬆️
Mid Sussex	1,708	1,122.6	⬆️
Worthing	1,138	1,027.8	⬆️
West Sussex	9,096	1,048.4	⬆️