

# St Mary's News

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 Autumn 4

### Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach half term I am delighted to say that our Early Years play area is almost finished and the children are already enjoying the full experience! The main playground will be resurfaced over the holiday to get rid of the uneven levels and hopefully remove some of the puddles.

The Year 6 children have had a wonderful time at PGL and made some unforgettable memories. I know they have an assembly coming up soon and I don't want to spoil any surprises but I know they loved every minute of the experience even though they return very muddy and tired! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mrs Philips, Mrs Beaven, Miss Howells, Mrs Edge and Mr Eyres for their care, support and encouragement of the children twenty-four hours a day since Tuesday...although they really enjoyed it too!

I have been working at St Richard's School in Chichester for two days this week to support their Assistant Headteacher. This will continue each week until mid-November when I will return to St Mary's full time. The school is in the very capable hands of Mrs Beaven supported by Mr Haskell and Mrs Lockwood whilst I am away so I know school life will run smoothly.

A big thank you to our FSA for providing plants and planters to cheer up our KS2 classes. They are making a big difference to wellbeing and the children are developing green fingers. Don't forget there are still tickets available for the FSA Family Firework Night on 12th November too.

After half term we will have an Inset training day for teachers on Monday 31st October so the children will return on Tuesday 1st November. The Wednesday and Thursday of that week is when we are hosting parent consultations and you have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their work. If your child has Special Educational Needs you are also able to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Lockwood to discuss their progress and support.

I hope you enjoy the half-term break and get to spend some time together as a family. Please remind your child to read every day too. Bognor Library is open throughout the half-term and definitely worth a visit!

Best wishes

Mr Edgington Headteacher

### Bognor Regis Library Opening Times

Monday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Thursday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Sunday - Closed



This is going to be a fabulous event for all the family, everyone is welcome to come along and share it with us!

## Sensory Room Fundraising

We are very lucky that two teaching students, Lydia and Cliona, from the University of Chichester have been working on a project to rejuvenate our sensory room. We are very thankful to the Dulux Paint Centre who have donated all the paint in order to keep the costs of the project to a minimum. To cover the remaining costs and to purchase additional sensory equipment Lydia and Cliona will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. This is where we need you! If you can, please send in donations of cakes for the sale on Wednesday morning (please remember we are a nut free school) and then buy some of them back after school! They will be selling some individual cakes for 20p or bags of cakes for 50p and £1.

We will also be putting an Amazon wish list together to share with our school community and beyond after half term so keep a look out for that.

Many thanks for all your support,

Mrs Lockwood (SENCO)





If you're child enjoyed it and you are keen to improve their confidence, they are running a half term workshop.

Join us this half term as we head through the wardrobe door and into Narnia!

Explore the story, become the characters and have a go at making up your own scenes. This workshop is aimed at more introverted children. As always with our workshops, there will be plenty of fun, but without the pressure to 'perform'. Participants can also bring along a friend for free – making it the perfect play date!

Suzy, Dramatis Community Drama School

# **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents Evenings Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Individual School Photos Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 IOW Assembly 2.15pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Ocean Class Assembly 8.50am Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3/4 Novium Museum Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Blake Class Assembly 8.50am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Wheatland Class Assembly 8.50am