



St Mary's News

Friday 20th January 2023

Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are coping with the freezing weather this week. Thank you for sending the children to school with warm coats and hats – it really makes a difference.

We have been celebrating our sporting achievements this week with our boys' football team representing West Sussex West in the finals in Lancing on Tuesday. They played very well against very experienced teams across West Sussex and we ended the tournament coming 5th out of 8 schools. What a great achievement boys, well done!

Several children from St Mary's are hard at work learning dances and songs for the Parish Pantomime - Dick Whittington – which takes place in half term. Tony Lucas, our Chair of Governors who is playing Mrs Snippet, has tickets available and will be selling them in the playground. I am busy learning my lines too so fingers crossed we raise lots of funds to help the young people attend World Youth Day.

Chartwells are getting ready for a new lunch system which will be launching shortly. More details are available in this newsletter and by Parentmail. Meals will begin on 13th March and all accounts must be activated by 6th February to enable ordering.

Don't forget the school disco and own clothes day next Wednesday. We are raising money for the RE/School Council project to build a grotto for the Spirituality Garden. Mrs Claveria has kindly transported a beautiful statue of Our Lady from Poland and we want to build a proper shrine. Please send in £1 or £2 if you are able to on Wednesday. The FSA discos are at 3pm-4pm (KS1/EYFS) and 4.15 – 5.15 pm (KS2). Tickets are available via Parentmail.

Finally, I was delighted to see our First Holy Communion children at 11am Mass last Sunday. Children's Liturgy was full of St Mary's children and they made us all feel very proud.

I hope you have a great weekend and hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Mr Edgington
Headteacher

A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.



Chartwells
By Fresh World Charities Food

Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 6th February 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 13th March

It's easy, quick and safe. Select your meal choices in advance.

DON'T FORGET!
SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

EYS / KS1
3 – 4pm
Tickets £5 which includes drink popcorn/crisps, sweets & a gift

KS2
4.15 – 5.15pm
Tickets £3 – opportunity to purchase drinks, popcorn/crisps, sweets & a gift

Tickets available on Parentmail until Monday 23rd January.




TICKETS ON SALE

School DISCO

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY
3-4PM YEAR R 1 & 2
4.15 - 5.15PM YEARS 3-6

During this cold weather, please remember to send your child in to school with a warm winter coat every day.

We would also like to remind you to label **EVERYTHING** with your child's name, it is so easy for something to be misplaced at school and our lost property box is full of unnamed items that we are unable to return.



Chartwells has just launched a new meal ordering system on ParentPay, which affects all pupils.

Your child should now have received their ParentPay activation letter, which details your ParentPay account activation codes.

Please follow the instructions detailed on this letter or refer to the ParentPay guide that was sent via ParentMail on Friday 13th January. All accounts must be activated by Monday 6th February so that you can start ordering your child's hot school meals ready for week beginning the 13th March 2023.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PARENTS WILL HAVE TO ORDER MEALS FOR THEIR CHILD AS OF THE 6TH FEBRUARY. ST MARY'S WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER MEALS ON YOUR BEHALF.

If your child does not have a bought hot school meal and you do not wish to register with ParentPay then that is entirely your choice, but please remember that if you do not register you will not be able to purchase a meal for a themed day or Christmas lunch without first registering.

Housepoints This Week

St John Bosco	5252
St Catherine	3853
St Francis	3971
St Bernadette	5276

Online mental health support group for girls ages 8-18

GIRLS' NET
SHARING TALES, TIPS AND TOOLS



ONLINE GIRLS' GROUP

Fun and support in the privacy of your home



In this 6-week series you can:

- be you, no need to change anything to fit in
- belong to a friendly group of same-age girls
- share fun tips and tools to handle difficulties - whatever they are
- calm any anxious feelings
- enjoy a safe, private online group

SIX 1½ HOUR WEEKLY
ONLINE GROUP SESSIONS
FOR TEN SAME-AGE GIRLS

with a Rites for Girls trained Girl's Net Mentor



"We just want to have fun. But sometimes life's hard and then we want some help and some fun. This course will give you both" Kim McCabe
- founder director of Rites for Girls

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Dates for your Diary

24/01/23 Dance House at the Alexandra Theatre

25/01/23 School disco and non-school uniform

26/01/23 Y2 and Y6 Assessment meeting, including E-Safety information, for parents and carers 5.30pm - 6.30pm

01/02/23 - 03/02/23 Mock SATS for Y6

06/02/23 - 10/02/23 Children's mental health week

07/02/23 Safer Internet Day

09/02/23 and 10/02/23 INSET DAYS - School closed

13/02/23 - 17/02/23 HALF TERM

20/02/23 Children return to school

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39 Club

39 CLUB MONDAYS
Juniors Years 5 & 6 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Seniors Years 7+ - 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Young Leaders Drop In - 4pm - 6pm

39 CLUB WEDNESDAYS
Juniors Years 5 & 6 - 4pm - 6pm
Seniors Years 7+ - 4pm - 6pm
Young Leaders Drop In - 4pm - 6pm

Arts and Crafts
Colouring
Challenges
Games
Drawing
Football
Music
Chats

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Our FSA have managed to secure some wonderful donations of spring bulbs and plants from our local garden centers. This large planter in our prayer garden has already been filled and we are expecting some more plants to brighten up the school grounds soon.