

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 3 - 20th October 2023

## FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

The weather has finally turned autumnal and the children will soon need to wear their winter uniform (after half term). Please make sure that they come to school with jumpers or cardigans and a coat.

The last two weeks have been action packed with parents evenings, school journey to the Isle of Wight and the Pumpkin Patch. I was delighted to accompany Year 6 on their adventures which were full of fun, challenge and mud! The children were well behaved and took on all the challenges of abseiling, the giant Swing and Sensory Trail with relish. The weather was mostly kind and we managed to have a campfire, a disco and a Passport to the World competition in the evenings. Despite some of the children being away from home for the first time they all enjoyed the new experience of staying with their friends and have grown in confidence.



Our winning house – St Oscar Romero – were allowed to wear their own clothes today having collected the most housepoints this half term – well done! As part of our 'pay it forward' idea, the House Captains have chosen to give their chosen charity £50. We will have a winning house each half term who can donate to a charity of their choice and wear their own clothes to celebrate.

The FSA Pumpkin Patch is on this afternoon with prizes being given for the happiest decorated pumpkin. Early Years are reading Pumpkin soup at the moment and there are lots of opportunities to make pies and bakes from your left-over pumpkins too! Don't forget that tickets for the FSA Firework Night on 18th November are still available on ParentMail.

Evelyn, our Play Therapist, has donated a handmade wooden planter to the school in memory of Romeo and the children and staff have been planting bulbs. We will keep watering it through the winter and we are very excited to see the blooms emerge in the spring. We also have Evelyn to thank for organising transport for our new Playground Cabin. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to school on Saturday lunchtime to unload the lorry and stack the pieces. Mr Robinson put it together last week and it looks splendid!

Finally, our congratulations go to Mrs Beaven who is getting married in half term! When she returns she will be Mrs Cole. We are delighted for her and look forward to hearing all about it.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards

Mr Edgington  
Headteacher



## CAMHS PARENT/CARER WEBINAR PROGRAMME

SUSSEX CAMHS AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ARE OFFERING A ROLLING PROGRAMME OF WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS WHO ARE SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

- 19th October - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- 8th November - Building Self-Esteem and Resilience
- 13th December - Depression
- 17th January - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

WANT TO BOOK?

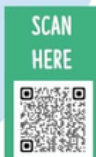
<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars#/>

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**OPEN  
AFTERNOON**

7th November at 2pm



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## DEDICATED SCHOOLS TEAM

Hello!

My name is Chloe, I just wanted to quickly introduce myself. I am a Family Support Worker for the Dedicated Schools Team and I'm the link worker for St Mary's.

Our aim as the Dedicated Schools Team is to support schools in supporting their families by providing **information, advice, and guidance**. We also provide direct work with children, young people, and parents/carers. This can be around **behaviour, mental health, attendance and school worries, relationship, and friendship advice, as well as many other things**.

If you have any worries or concerns, we are here to help!



**CHLOE WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHAT WITH HER THEN PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS KALE TO ARRANGE**

## Dates for your Diary

- 23rd - 27th October - Half Term
- 30th October - Back to school
- 1st November - KS2 All Saints Mass at OLOS
- 2nd November - School Photos
- 3rd November - Y6 IOW assembly
- 3rd November - EYS reading workshop for parents
- 7th November - Ocean class assembly
- 7th November - Open afternoon
- 9th November - Marine class assembly
- 9th November - School Disco
- 13th November - Hotham class to Tangmere Museum