

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring 1 - 5th January 2024



FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We came back to school earlier than many schools so thank you for getting your children back to school on Tuesday despite the darkness, wind and rain.

We are very pleased with the way the term has started and the children are back in good learning habits. We will be sending Curriculum Letters shortly to detail the topics ahead. In terms of helping at home with learning the greatest help would be helping children in Years 3-6 to learn their times tables and helping children in all years with their reading. For times tables nothing beats chanting them together on walks or car journeys. It may seem old fashioned but it really works and helps the children with their division, factors, multiples and fractions work. We will have another Maths Evening for parents in March.

Today's start of term Mass was a lovely occasion and the children read and sang beautifully. It is great to see so many of our children at the 11 am Mass on Sunday as well. The younger children have their own special liturgy there and songs that are easier for children to sing. There will be plenty of opportunities for worship and celebration this term as we head towards Easter and, of course, Spirituality Week which is a real highlight.

HOUSEPOINTS

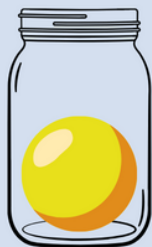
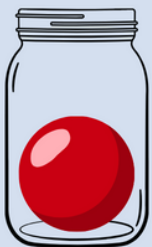


St
Maximilian
Kolbe

St
Oscar
Romero

St
Kateri
Tekakwitha

St
Mother
Teresa



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We are blessed to have Fr Chris as a frequent visitor on the playground and he is always available for chats if needed.

Don't forget that the closing date for school applications for September 2024 is fast approaching. If you know a parent of a 4 year old who has not yet applied for a school place please let them know. You can find all the information online here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/>. Remember that St Mary's is not a 'catchment school' so you will need to specifically choose our school from a list rather than just go with your allocated school.

Finally a quick reminder that with the rain and wind we have been having recently children need to be wearing coats and jumpers to school. You are also welcome to send a pair of wellies into school with your child. These should be labelled clearly with their name and can be worn at break-times and lunchtimes. Children should have their normal black school shoes on the rest of the time.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes, Mr Edgington, Headteacher

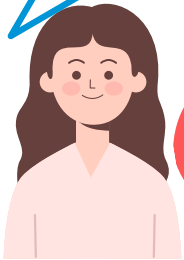
DEDICATED SCHOOLS TEAM

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'S NEXT VISIT WILL BE WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHAT WITH HER THEN PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS KALE TO ARRANGE

Dates for your Diary



- 08/01/2024 School Led Clubs Resume
- 08/01/2024 Blake Class Forest School
- 12/01/2024 Hotham & Wheatland Classes to Mass @ OLOS 9am
- 12/01/2024 Blake Class Swimming
- 15/01/2024 Regis Class Forest School
- 19/01/2024 Blake Class Swimming
- 19/01/2024 Marine & Craigweil Classes to Mass @ OLOS 9am
- 22/01/2024 Seagull Class Forest School
- 25/01/2024 Year 6 SAT's Information Evening 3:15-4pm
- 26/01/2024 Future Flyers – The Arena Invite Only
- 26/01/2024 Blake Class Swimming
- 27/01/2024 Quiz Night – FSA Our Lady Of Sorrows Parish Hall
- 29/01/2024 Wheatland Class Forest School

Christmas Fair

Money raised
£1200!!

Raffle Winners

1st - Anna B
2nd - Florence B
3rd - Millie L
4th - Morgan O
5th - Benjamin D
6th - Wingate family
7th - Mr Wilmers
Chocolate Hamper - Chloe K

QUIZ NIGHT



DO YOU
HAVE WHAT
IT TAKES?

**GUEST QUIZ
MASTER
MR EDGINGTON**

Includes

- Entry to the Quiz
- Glass of fizz
- "Dirty" Burger with Salad

£7.50

SATURDAY 27 TH JAN
7.30pm - Parish Centre Hall

**Tickets available
on Parentmail**

POLISH PARENTS AND CARERS

Session aimed at Polish parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. . Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor and Kasia Racey (Mental Health Outreach and Development Worker, Polish Community, West Sussex Mind).

Sesja skierowana do polskich rodziców i opiekunów, aby pomóc im wspierać dobre samopoczucie i zdrowie psychiczne ich dzieci, a także zapoznać się z ofertą usług dostępnych w West Sussex. Prowadzona przez Vik Machin (Doradca ds. Dobrego Samopoczucia i Zdrowia Psychicznego w Szkołach i College'ach) i Kasię Racey (Konsultant ds. Społeczności Polskiej w West Sussex Mind).

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20/2/24

7pm - 8pm

SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF POLISH PUPILS



SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF UKRAINIAN PUPILS



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Session aimed at Ukrainian parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. . Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor and Vlada Bondar (Ukrainian Community Link Worker, West Sussex Mind).

Сесія для українських батьків та опікунів, щоб допомогти їм підтримувати психічне здоров'я та благополуччя своїх дітей, а також зрозуміти, яка психологічна підтримка для дітей доступна в Західному Сассексі й куди звертатися в разі потреби. Під керівництвом Вік Мачін (радниця з питань психічного здоров'я та емоційного благополуччя шкіл і коледжів) та Влади Бондар (працівниця з питань ментального здоров'я української громади, West Sussex Mind).

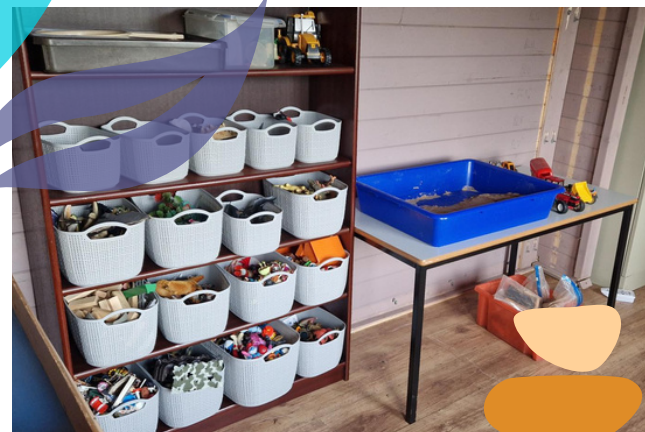
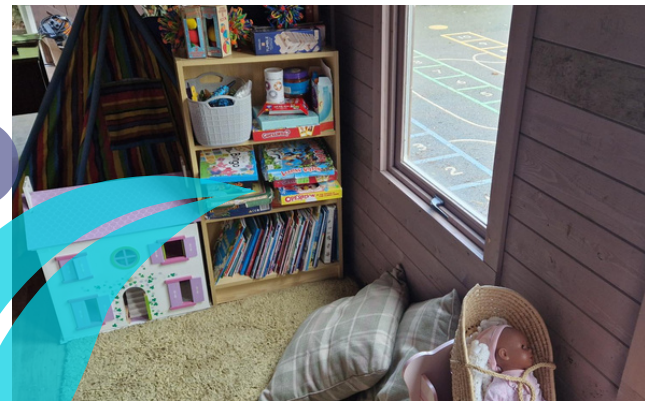
Зареєструватися можна за qr кодом нижче. Якщо в вас виникають проблеми з реєстрацією, напишіть (можна українською) Владі на vlada.bondar@westsussexmind.org

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Our Wellbeing Cabin is coming along nicely!! Thank you to Evelyn, our Play Therapist for giving up some of her time during the Christmas break to transform it in to such a lovely space!