

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 2 - 19th January 2024

FROM MR EDGINGTON

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a cold and frosty week and the children have been wise in wearing coats, hats and scarves to school. We have good central heating so the children are nice and warm in their classrooms.

I hope you have had a chance to read the knowledge organisers that the teachers have sent home. The topics the children have embarked on this term are full of exciting learning and you can help them by visiting Bognor Library or Bognor Museum on West Street. Almost every aspect of Bognor's history is represented, from rocks and fossils millions of years old, to before the town was founded through to the present day.

With around 10,000 visitors a year, the Museum is a popular attraction. Exhibits include displays of vintage cameras, fossils, Alice's Vintage Kitchen and the story of Bathing Machine Proprietor Mary Wheatland. The Ron Simpson Wireless Collection is named after a former Curator with a passion for old radios who bequeathed his own extensive collection to the Museum.

West Sussex County Council have asked us to remind parents about the importance of vaccines in keeping children safe and well:



Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting you, your child, and the community against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, such as measles.

In recent years we have seen a gradual decline in uptake of childhood immunisations in West Sussex, so it's important that children get vaccinated when they are invited to do so. By ensuring your child is

vaccinated you are helping to protect, not only your child, but also family members, as well as keeping others safe in the community.

Many childhood vaccines are given more than once, at different ages and in different combinations. Use the guide below to check if your child is up to date with their vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

8 Weeks	12 Weeks	16 Weeks	1 Year	2-10 Years	3 Years & 4 MONTHS
6-in-1 vaccine	6-in-1 vaccine (2nd dose)	6-in-1 vaccine (3rd dose)	Hib/MenC MMR	Flu vaccine (every year)	MMR (2nd dose)
Rotavirus vaccine	Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine	MenB (2nd dose)	Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine (2nd dose)		4-in-1 pre-school booster
MenB	Rotavirus vaccine (2nd dose)		MenB (3rd dose)		

We are delighted to be participating in the World Maths Challenge at Oscar Romero School. This is a chance for some of our Year 5 Mathematicians to shine. We have also enjoyed success at the recent West Sussex West Netball and Football tournaments - you can read more about this in this newsletter. We are also delighted that two of our clubs, Chess Club for Year 5 and 6 and Spanish Club for Years 1 – 4 are proving so successful. We hope to expand our range of clubs in the future so please let the office know if you have run any clubs for children in the past and would like to do so again. Meanwhile School Council are hoping to start a Tuck Shop on Fridays so watch this space for a start date.

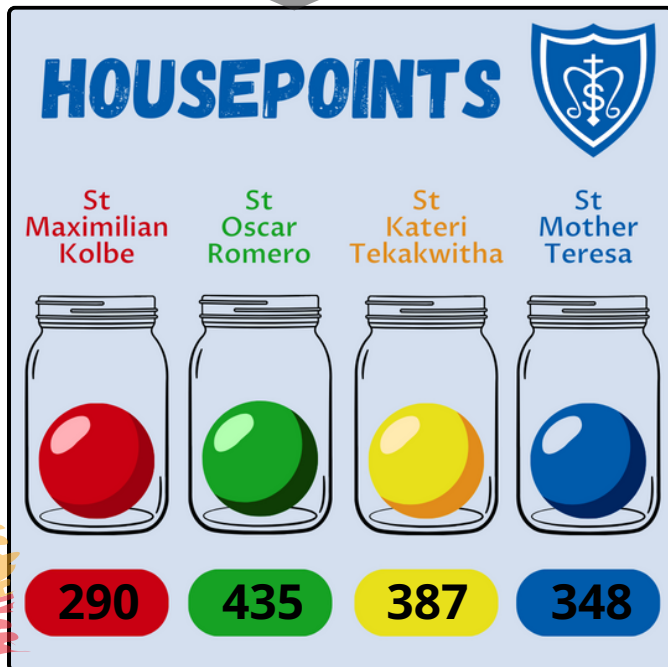
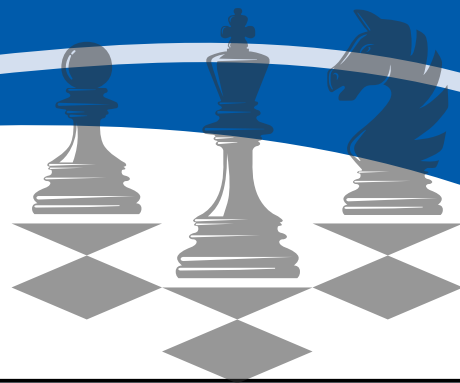
Finally, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the FSA Quiz Night on 27th January. Tickets are selling fast so please get your teams together for a fun night at the Parish Centre.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes

Mr Edgington

Headteacher

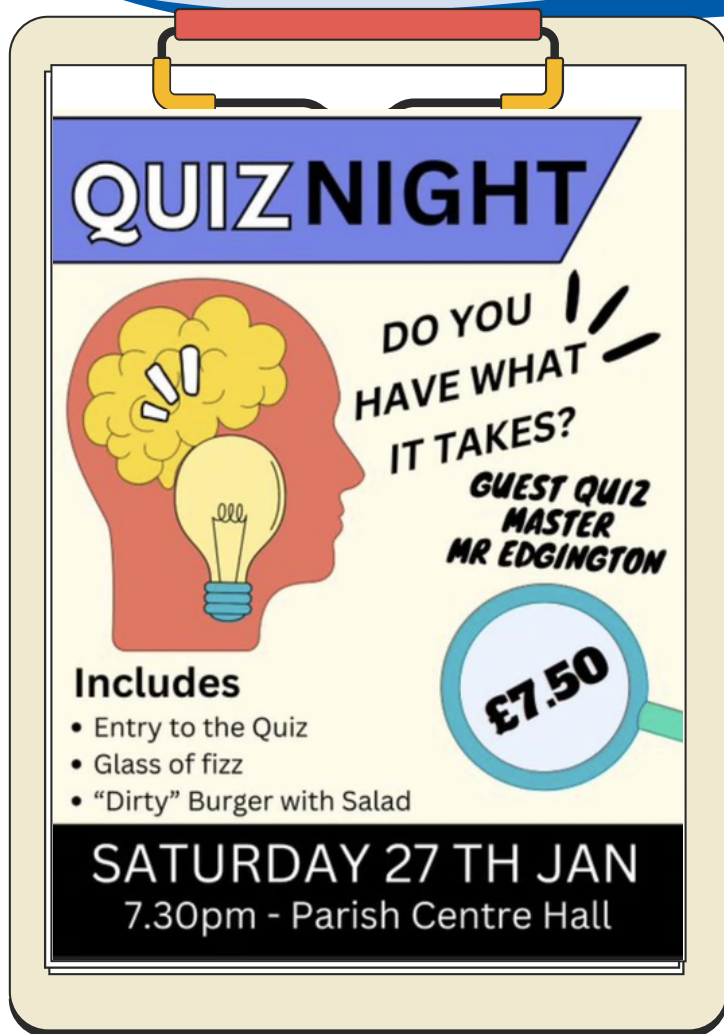


Netball



Our Netball team attended a tournament at The Arena on Tuesday 16th January.

We were one of eight local teams and we finished 4th place. They played some fantastic netball and showed great sportsmanship towards the other teams. Although we did not qualify for the next round in the tournament they should all be very proud of achieving 4th place! Miss Wing.



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



Our newly trained Play Leaders received their certificates in assembly this morning. They will be taking turns to organise and run playground games for all of the children in the MUGA at lunchtimes.

 **Football!** 

Last Wednesday, some of our Year 5 & 6 children attended a football tournament at The Arena. It was a tough afternoon but the children all played their best.

'We had fun and we beat Downview. It was loads of fun, our first match was really hard'. - Charlie, Hotham Class

'Our first match didnt go well, we lost 7-0 because they were the strongest team. Our second match ended up 1-1 after a goal from Noah. We won our fourth match 2-0, I scored one goal and other one was scored by Ace'. - Adomas, Hotham Class.

E-SAFETY

With Safer Internet Day coming up in February, we would like to remind you that we have a host of e-safety resources on our website. We have created a page packed full of advice and information on mobile phones, social media, online gaming and much more! There are links to useful websites and there's a quick video to watch about the use of technology and social media. You can find everything you will need right here...

<https://st-marys-bognor.co.uk/safety-online/>