



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Florence Harris
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Libby Vickerman
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Alice Gooch
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Kai Mercer
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Sam Miller
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Lotty Knight
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Jessica Roberts

'Oscar'- Henry Mills

Best Manners Award-Leo Roderick & Isabelle Barty



welly walk PTA WELLY WALK

The PTA Autumn Welly Walk takes place this Sunday 18th November at 10.00am and costs £5 per adult, children and dogs go free.

Booking now at <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/autumnwellywalk>

Just come to The Vineyard garden for 10:00am, receive your route guide and then set off for a beautiful autumnal welly walk and scavenger hunt through the countryside that surrounds our lovely village. The route will guide you back to the pub for a mug of fresh hearty soup, courtesy of The Vineyard.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Now that Guy Fawkes Night is over we are allowed to mention the 'CHR' word!

As always Christmas at Lamberhurst St Mary's is a very special time and a wonderful celebration. We hope lots of parents will be able to join us for our Christmas events and also help us with some of the practical jobs that enable us to organise these events.

Our Christmas Performance this year is:

'Lights, Camel, Action.....Strictly the Nativity!'

Every child in the school will take 'centre stage' for at least 5 minutes in a music, dance and performance spectacular. There will be 3 performances and **parents must pre-book tickets** (which are free).

Unfortunately, due to strict Fire Safety there will be no entry without a ticket.

PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Order forms for tickets will come home next Friday in school bags and will also be sent electronically via ParentMail. To ensure that all adults and children are kept safe in respect of Fire safety procedures, tickets will be limited to a maximum of 3 tickets per family. Once every family has been accounted for any spare tickets will be offered via a ParentMail message.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Christmas Performances 2pm ~ Wed 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th Dec
- PTA Children's Christmas Gift Market ~ Mon 17th Dec
- Family Trust Panto ~ 1.30pm Tues 18th Dec
- Class Parties ~ Wed 19th Dec
- Church Service at St Mary's ~ 9.30am Thurs 20th Dec
- Christmas lunch for pupils, staff and governors ~ Thurs 20th Dec
- Break up ~ 2pm Thurs 20th Dec

PUTTING UP THE STAGED

SEATING

We would be very grateful for as many parent helpers as possible to put up the staged seating for the Christmas performances.

Many hands make light and swift work of this job-without which the performances cannot take place.

Helpers are needed for about 1 hour between 8am & 9am on Thurs 6th December. The children of parents who are helping, can help too with the smaller jobs.

CHRISTMAS HELPERS

Christmas lunch for pupils is on Thurs 20th Dec.

Once the children have eaten their lunch, we have a lovely tradition for staff and governors to sit down for lunch together too. This is only made possible with the help provided by parent volunteers who supervise the children for about 1 hour from 12.15pm.

We would be extremely grateful if parents could let the school office know if they are able to help this year.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK



Road Safety Week takes place from 19th - 25th November. Road safety education helps prepare our children for future safer road use as well as helping to enhance their safety today.

We would like parents help to reinforce key messages to their children.

The following free resources have been commended to schools and have useful information for parents too.:

Department for Transport - THINK!

think.direct.gov.uk/resource-centre/SRS

srsCULTURE -

<http://kentprimary.srsculture.com/>

HEADLICE & SICKNESS

Unfortunately, we have an outbreak of head lice and a sickness bug that has recently affected some pupils at the school.

Please help us by checking children's hair this weekend and using conditioner and a nit comb as a preventative measure whether lice/eggs are found or not. Our school policy is to ask for pupils to be taken home and treated if live lice are seen in their hair.

Ensuring that hair shoulder length or longer is securely tied up can also help in reducing the spread of head lice. Plaiting long hair is a recommendation.

Please also keep children at home for **at least** 48 hours after sickness or tummy upsets

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2018

The Toy Appeal helps local families living in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells and surrounding areas whose current circumstances limit their ability to buy gifts for their children at Christmas.

It was founded by the Mayor and the Manager of St George's Childcare back in 1989 and has successfully provided for hundreds of children since then with the enormous continued support of the Mayor's Office, the current Mayor, St George's Childcare, The Big Yellow Self Storage and Royal Victoria Place Shopping Centre. It is run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers and entirely self-funded.

The families in need are referred by various agencies, including Social Services, Health Visitors, the local Women's Shelters, schools and churches.

The aim is to provide the children with a few presents each for Christmas Day. Between Saturday 10th November and Wednesday 12th December there will be large boxes displayed in many collection points in the town and surrounding areas, including Paddock Wood, Cranbrook and other various locations around Tunbridge Wells. Some venues, e.g. Royal Victoria Place, will feature Christmas trees with tags that offer ideas for suitable gifts within a specific age range. We then hope that people will donate new toys and deposit them at these collection points, where they are then distributed.

Also there is an option to donate via the Toy Appeal website, just go to www.twmta.co.uk and click on the Amazon wish list.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO SCOTNEY

As part of our Community links projects, Year 5 will be walking to Scotney next Wednesday 21st November after their lunch at school. The children need to wear warm clothing and suitable footwear, including warm waterproof jackets. They should wear school uniform tops and jumpers/cardigans. They will return to school by the end of school at 3.20pm.

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING

The final swimming lesson this term for Year 4, 5 & 6 will be on Tuesday 4th December.

Swimming will resume again after Easter Break, in the summer term for Year 4 & 5. Year 6 will be busy with their residential trip and Leavers activities.

INFLUENZA FORMS YR- Y5

Pupils in Reception, Y1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 need to have returned their NHS Influenza forms to the school office by Monday. Thank you to all those parents who have already returned them.

Please contact Mrs Knight in the school office if you have any queries.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

On Friday 30th November, St Andrew's Day, pupils may come to school in family tartan or Beaver, Rainbow, Cub, Brownie, Scout or Guide Uniforms.

Today you will also receive via Parentmail:

- Every Family ~ Private Peaceful Flyer

Today you will also receive in school bags:

- Every Family ~ Chequers Anniversary Flyer
- Pupil designed Christmas card and gift tag/mug orders

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19

Monday	29 th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday	30 th October-4 th December	Sapphire, Garnet & Diamond Class Swimming lessons
Sunday	18 th November	PTA Autumn Welly Walk 10.00am
Monday	19 th November	Road Safety Awareness Week
Wednesday	21 st November	Garnet Class - Scotney Walk - pm
Friday	30 th November	St Andrew's Day -Family tartan or Beaver, Rainbow, Cub, Brownie, Scout or Guide Uniforms may be worn.
Monday	3 rd December	Immunisation Programme Yr R -Yr 5
Tuesday	4 th December	Emerald & Topaz Class Carol singing at the 'Caring Group' lunch in Lamberhurst
Wednesday	6 th December	Stage Set up 8am - 9 am
Wednesday	12 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Thursday	13 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Friday	14 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Monday	17 th December	PTA Christmas Market
Tuesday	18 th December	Family Trust Pantomime - 1.30pm
Wednesday	19 th December	Class Parties
Thursday	20 th December	9.30am Christmas Church Service Christmas Lunch for Staff, Governors and Pupils End of Term 2pm Nutcracker Outing to London 7.30pm
Thursday	3 rd January 2019	Start of Term 3