

News on the Nineteenth

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UNIFORM

If you need uniform, please complete a uniform order form (available in the porch) and send with your payment to the school office. Cheques should be made payable to Ponsbourne St Mary's.

Plimsolls/indoor shoes are ESSENTIAL at this time of the year. Coats, hats and gloves are needed for outdoor work and play.

Please label all children's uniform.

Lacrosse



The Lacrosse coach will be in school on Thursday afternoons to work with KS2.

Please make sure PE kits are in school.

National Science Week+



Once again, we are planning lots of exciting events and activities, stimulated by Roald Dahl's books. We are making links to materials, solids, liquids and gases and design technology. We will be organising school trips during this week. Look out for further information nearer the time.

12th - 16th March 2012

Joy of Reading

Discoverers will be attending the Joy of Reading Event at the University of Herts on **Friday 10th February 2012**. This is a morning event and children will be back in time for lunch. This year the guest author is Gillian Cross.

Assessment Week



The two weeks commencing the **14th May** are SAT and assessment week. Full attendance is expected during these weeks please.

After School Club at Ponsbourne St. Mary's Primary

We are once again canvassing parents to see if there is a viable need for an after-school club at Ponsbourne St. Mary's.

We have researched other after school clubs and propose the following:

- Times:** Monday to Friday, from the end of school until 5:30
Cost: £6 for a single child, £4 for each sibling - for the whole session.
Refreshments: Drinks and snacks
Activities: Computer access, DVDs, crafts, quiet area for homework/reading, outdoor play and games etc.

If you would be interested in such a club, please let the office know as soon as possible.

KINGSWOOD

Drop off for children will be at Ponsbourne School at **10.45am**. The coach will leave promptly at **11am**.



SINGING



Singing lessons are in full swing in school but there are still some available places. Interested? Contact Suzie Perry on 01707 873998 or 07969 978756



CROSSING

Many parents still risk their children's safety by failing to use the crossing outside school, choosing instead to dash across the road.

Please help us to set a good example to our children by using the crossing **AT ALL TIMES** when crossing the road and practising good road safety awareness.

We still have a vacancy for a person for the Patrol Crossing, are you interested? Do you know anyone who would be interested?

ASSEMBLY IN CHURCH

We will continue to have our Monday morning assembly every week with Reverend Pauline in the church. Parents are invited to join us and stay for coffee.



FRENCH

French Club runs on Mondays and Thursdays after school. If you are interested in this activity please ring Sue Stratford on 01707 251632 or email Sue at sue.stratford@live.co.uk.



MAY FAYRE

This year's May Fayre will be on **Sunday 13th May** so please put the date in your diary.

We will need volunteers to help plan for the day, collect supplies, bake cakes, supervise bouncy castle, run stall, set up, etc.



Please offer your support as this is an important fund raiser for the school, church and village, and many hands make light work.
Thank You.



SWIMMING

As Y 5/6 children are away at Kingswood, a trip to the Furzefield centre will be available to children in Explorers on **Monday 30th January**. Children should come in PE kits.



If you have any concerns please speak to Mrs Messer.

PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE

Parents are reminded **not** to send large cash amounts to school in their children's bookbags - we cannot guarantee it won't go astray.

There is a secure box in the porch where cash payments should be placed.





SICKNESS

Just a reminder of the guidelines regarding sickness and diarrhoea. There must be 48 hours clear from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

PIANO

The school has a piano which is no longer used and we need to move it out of school. It would not cost much to get it in good working condition and we are offering it to anyone who can take it because we do not have the room for it. If you know anyone who wants it or can remove it please contact Michelle in the school office.

COMEDY CLUB NIGHT

On Friday 2nd March Queenswood will be hosting a Comedy Club Night to raise funds for the busery fund.

Professional comedies will have you in stitches.

Price - £30 including a meal.

Contact Litsa if you are interested.

New laptops for pupils

A big 'thank you to the FTS for offering to pay half the cost of twelve new laptops for the children.

This is much appreciated!