
'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path'. Psalms 119: 105

1. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to any queries before contacting the office.
- **Emails:** use office@stnm.org.uk to contact the school with queries. It would be really helpful if you could include your child's class when emailing the office.
- **School Office:** parents and carers should **not** enter the foyer unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Please refer to the school website for information or email / phone if you have any queries 01273 454470.
- **Calendar:** term dates, upcoming events etc. This can be filtered by year group to help you find dates relevant to you. Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **Letters / Emails sent home this week:** Click on the link to see past letters:
 - Year 4 Swimming (em)
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>

2. INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

- **INSET day - school closed for pupils:** Monday 2nd November
- **Tea towel order deadline:** Friday 6th November. To order, visit www.pta-events.co.uk/stnicspta and log in or create an account. Tea towels are £4 each, two for £7 or three for £10.

3. WORSHIP & ETHOS

- **Awesome Assemblies:** This week's assembly is *Fruits of the Spirit: #6 Melon Goodness* will be uploaded soon! Please click on the link over half term to view!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZWHWdXDcxY&safe=true>
- **Singing in School:** Following a parents question, as per government guidelines we are unable to have the children (and staff) sing together as a whole school. However as long as we follow guidelines for class/year group bubbles, including social distancing, ventilation of rooms and all facing forwards, we do enjoy the children calmly singing (not shouting!) together.
- **Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal:** please see details on page 5 from Link to Hope asking for help with processing shoe boxes. If you can help, they would be really grateful.
- **Welcome Posters at St Mary's:** some of our children's work from Y3 is proudly on show at St Mary's. Pupils made these beautiful welcome posters during RE with Mrs Westcott, who was trialing one of Lat Baylock's anti-racist RE lessons. The posters show how God loves and welcomes everybody and can be seen just inside the church. If you are passing, do have a look.



4. **PTA:** please click on the link to see the latest PTA newsletter which has information about upcoming fundraising events, recycling, Christmas Raffle and lots more! [PTA Autumn 2020 Newsletter](#)

5. **UNIFORM:** thank you to all those who are adhering to the school uniform policy - the children look really smart when they are wearing the correct uniform! However, we have noticed some children wearing the wrong hair accessories, nail varnish, colourful socks, no ties and neck scarves. Could we please ask all parents to ensure their child is wearing the correct uniform which can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#). It would be great to start the new term off with all our children looking smart. Thank you.

TIES: when you order and pay for a tie via sQuid, please email the office office@stnm.org.uk to arrange collection or for it to be sent home with your child.

6. **ANXIETY WORKSHOP:** Emma Connor, a Child Psychotherapist who works closely with the school, will be running a workshop on Wednesday 11th November via Zoom. Please see details on page 4.

7. **DANGEROUS PARKING:** this term parking outside and around the school has gradually got worse and this week it has been horrendous with people parking in front of residents' driveways, parking on corners, up on kerbs, on double yellow lines and on the zig zags. **DO NOT PARK IN THESE PLACES** – it is dangerous and puts all our children at risk, as well as causing congestion on the road. There is parking available over at Buckingham Park or on nearby roads. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** park carefully and considerately. The school will not hesitate to report such incidents to the police. This includes dropping off/picking up from the Octopus and Starfish clubs and any other after school clubs. **Reporting bad/inconsiderate parking:** **Anybody** can report bad/inconsiderate parking by going to www.operationcrackdown.org You need to include the registration number, make & model of car, location of the incident. We would encourage any parent/carer who witnesses dangerous parking to report it immediately.

8. HEALTH & SAFETY – CORONAVIRUS

- **Face Coverings:** We wanted to say a big thank you to those parents/carers who have been wearing face coverings at pick up and drop off times this week. We understand that this can be a difficult area with strong feelings on both sides which is why we will still be continuing to 'encourage' rather than make mandatory (which is the case in many schools locally). Alongside this we are aware that some people are exempt from the need to wear face coverings, which is why we will not be challenging people on the playground.
- **Ventilation:** The government has this week updated their guidance for schools and have put a priority on ensuring all classrooms and learning areas are well ventilated. This will mean that the temperature in classes will be less as a consequence of the need to constantly have windows open. We therefore would ask that

children come to school with appropriate clothing which may mean vests under school shirts/polo shirts, jumpers, school colour (and logo) fleeces and warm coats. Thankfully the weather has been warm so far however it is best to be prepared as we enter winter and the drop in temperatures that will follow.

- **Getting tested:** <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 if you have problems using the internet.
- **Self-isolating and Home Learning:** if your household is self-isolating and your child is absent from school, home learning materials can be found on the class pages on the website.

9. **SHOREHAM WORDFEST POETRY PROJECT:** during lockdown Mr Mac's Rainbow class worked at school and at home to write 'lines from lockdown'. We had over a dozen poems published in the book and 5 of our children were amazing at performing their poems from the stage which Mr Mac was lucky enough to see. It was inspiring to see the children's experiences of lockdown published and performed. See our poets in this video <https://www.shorehamwordfest.com/wordfest-videos/> (from 12mins 48secs onwards).
10. **REQUEST FOR TOY CARS:** if you have any toy cars you would be happy to donate, the Breakfast and Afterschool clubs would be very grateful! Please send them in to the school office. Thank you.
11. **MILK:** when children join the school, parents and carers are asked if they would like to register their child to receive school milk, which is free if they are under five and for those in receipt of free school meals. Milk is provided in a carton at morning break time (please advise us in writing if you do not want your child to have the milk). Milk can also be ordered for children over 5 for around £15 per term by registering with Cool Milk online at www.coolmilk.com
12. **COLOURING COMPETITION:** please click on the link for the picture and entry details for the 'Focus Group Shoreham Skyline' colouring competition. Completed entries need to be returned to the school office or by post to the Focus Group. [Focus Group Colouring Competition - picture and entry details](#)
13. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS:** We are liaising with external agencies to see if we can safely resume some of our extra-curricular clubs and activities after half term. Children will be kept in their year group bubbles in the clubs at present and we will satisfy ourselves that the providers are putting adequate protective measures in place before proceeding. We do not wish to limit children's pursuit of healthy and enjoyable activities but please can we ask parents/carers to consider controlling the number of different activities your child attends out of school so that children mix with fewer groups overall, and to satisfy yourself that the providers are putting in place adequate protective measures.
- **The Outdoors Project:** We are DELIGHTED to be bringing The Outdoors Project back to St Nics for the 6 week run up to Christmas. The club is on sale for year group bubbles and is scheduled to run for years 1 & 2 on a Tuesday, years 5 & 6 on a Wednesday, and years 3 & 4 on a Thursday. There will be two instructors for each day so the children can be kept in their years without mixing, and of course as always we will be outside at all times! 😊 In order for the club to be viable for us we do need 15+ children to sign up for each day so please get booking, in the event that we do not have the numbers to run on a particular day your place will of course be fully refunded. We are also delighted to announce that starting on the 7th November we will be running 5hr holiday club style sessions every Saturday at St Nics. It would be great to see you there! We can't wait to be back! See you soon, Rob and the team.
 - **Harp Academy:** We are delighted to announce that our weekly Harmonica Lessons are set to restart after half term. Allocation of places will be dependent on the level of response we receive and our current safety policy. This will also determine which day we can run the club and further important details. Music sessions are half an hour each week, and the cost of each session is £7.15. This can be paid on a monthly or termly basis. We have had the pleasure of collaborating with Harp Academy for several years and have seen many children benefit from their music service. Students enjoy learning popular repertoire, exploring the musical elements and instrument techniques, building performance skills and developing their self-confidence. Newcomers are offered an initial Free Taster Session, which includes a Free Starter Harmonica to keep. To register your interest please visit www.harpacademy.co.uk and click the Gold

Harmonica, or call/text Richard Taylor on 07525 256954. Further details are available on the Harp Academy home page and we are also attaching a colour flyer for information.

- **Premier Education *Football Fun!*** : With Premier Education, children will be safe, active and together, with the aim to build confidence, self-esteem & stamina through fun and engaging games & activities in our sessions. Please see our flyer attached for more details.

14. ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: the deadline for applications for children who will be starting primary school in September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Parents/Carers must apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. If you are applying for a place at St Nicolas & St Mary school you must also complete the Supplementary Information form and Church Form (if relevant) which can be found on our website: [Admissions Information for September 2021](#)

15. OCTOPUS AND STARFISH CLUBS – 2nd half Autumn Term: bookings are now available on sQuid for the 2nd half of the Autumn Term.

- Clubs are booked on a first come first served basis but at present we reserve the right to cancel your booking with a full refund if the place is required for a vulnerable child or for children of critical workers.
- Clubs are not available to book on an ad hoc basis, this is to ensure we can continue to keep children in year group bubbles during this time – this is not manageable if numbers in year groups fluctuate greatly.
- Please only book for regular days e.g. every Monday in Starfish Club.
- Once bookings are made, four weeks' notice must be given for cancellation (this is in line with other providers).
- All bookings for the **whole** of the 2nd half of the Autumn Term must be made by the end of **Thursday 13th November** as sessions will not be available to book after this date.



Chartwells Catering has various Kitchen Staff vacancies in the Shoreham area

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If yes, why not join our friendly, professional team?

**Position is term time only, 2 hours a day around 10.30am – 1pm
5 days a week.**

Appropriate training will be given and uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact
Nicola Eves, Area Manager via email at
nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk



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Anxiety Workshop for parents and carers

Wednesday 11th November 2020

4pm – 5.30pm - Via Zoom

Do you think your child worries too much?

Would you like to better understand anxiety?

Repair after Covid-19

Learn strategies to manage and reduce your child's worries.

Workshop led by Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist
Commissioned and subsidised by
St Nicolas & St Mary's School

£ 10 per ticket

Normally £20

Limited number of places available.

Please email the office if you would like to reserve a space by Monday 2nd November.

office@stnm.org.uk

You will get a message to confirm your space on the course by Wednesday 4th November.

Dear Friends

I hope you are well and that COVID-19 has not affected you or your family too badly? I am writing to you to ask if you are able to help us with the Shoebox Appeal this year.



We know we will receive less shoeboxes this year. However due to COVID-19 we have no Superhubs this year i.e. other areas of the country where shoeboxes are repaired and packed. Therefore all the shoeboxes we do get, will be coming into our Head Office in Worthing, West Sussex for processing.

Are you able to give us two hours between the 9th Nov – 4th December? Below are the times that we will be processing shoeboxes. We have broken it up into two hour time slots and are restricting the number of slots/people in an area at any one time.

- Shoebox Warehouse - 12 slots a day between 10am – 4pm removing paperwork, packing shoeboxes into outer boxes and putting them on pallets.
- Shoebox Hospital - 6 slots a day between 10am – 4pm repairing shoeboxes, adding items and wrapping them.
- Evening slots between 7pm – 9pm Monday – Friday
- 14th, 21st and 28th November Saturday slots between 10am – 2pm.

We are just asking for two hours of your time (but of course you can stay longer if you would like) **YOU MUST BOOK IN WITH US FIRST HOWEVER.** As this is viewed as a 'charitable activity' we want to maintain social distancing at all times and be sensible with numbers. We will provide:-

- Masks
- Gloves
- Hand Sanitizers
- Socially distanced work spaces.
- Regular cleaning of all areas and any equipment that is used.
- Tea/Coffee/Bickies etc

Please do ring us or e-mail if you are able to help at all and we can give you more details. We do appreciate your help and if you have any questions please do get in touch with us.

Kindest Regards

Lisa Hector

General Manager – Link to Hope

Tel: 01903 529333

www.linktohope.co.uk



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE



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Fun, exercise, fresh air and different activities every week

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Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

Our mission is to encourage kids to spend time outdoors and gain all the benefits from doing so. Our priority each week is that everyone has fun and is excited to join us for our outdoors adventures. Every week is a different activity and alongside playing games and learning new skills within the club we work on promoting team work, confidence building, leadership and resilience. We encourage children to develop a sense of achievement, an awareness of the environment around them and all the great outdoors has to offer.

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POKEMON WILD ADVENTURES

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"My daughter has asked if she can attend the After School Club until she leaves school"



"The Outdoors Project After School Club is somewhere where children can learn to take responsibility in a fun, engaging, supported way"



"I've seen my son's confidence grow during his time spent doing The Outdoors Project. Oh the staff are FAB!"

NEW SATURDAY CLUBS NOW BOOKING

AT ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOL! STARTING 7TH NOVEMBER!

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MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



The Gateway Hub

Autumn 2020

Summer Success

During the summer holidays, we delivered lunch food every week to dozens of local families, feeding over 150 children.

Thank you to Focus Group and all of our wonderful volunteers for making this possible.

Christmas Holiday Hampers

Can you think of a way of helping us to make sure that none of our neighbours go without this Christmas? Can you play a small part?

Covid has had a devastating effect in our community. Neighbours we reach out to are not used to asking for help, but need it right now. So we are coming together to make sure local families have a happy Christmas, by giving:

- Food for a lovely Christmas Meal
- Groceries to help with the school holiday
- Blankets & winter clothes for warmth
- Gifts for children: toys, games & books
- Activities and crafts

If you are able to support our project by donating items, money, skills, time or publicity, please contact us on shorehamvolunteers@gmail.com

Halloween Half-term



Can you help?
We urgently need:

crisps
biscuits
squash

For our

Halloween Half Term Lunch Club

If you know anyone in need - call us - 01273 978566



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Schools Newsletter – October 2020

Poems for Our Time: Lines from the Lockdown



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Thanks to all the schools and the 114 young poets who took part in our Poetry Project during the Lockdown. We held a celebration event and book launch at the Shoreham Centre on Saturday 10 October. All the poets and schools received a free copy. The book is on sale for £5 from Shoreham Art Gallery, 27 Brunswick Road, BN43 5WA or www.shorehamwordfest.com/shop

There is a short video of the book launch here:

<https://www.shorehamwordfest.com/wordfest-videos/>

We have more children and family events coming up during October half term and one in December:

**Children's Author Thomas Taylor, Legends of Eerie on Sea, Weds 28 October
2pm Ropetackle Arts Centre. Tickets £8**



Mystery and adventure in a seaside town. Aimed at ages 7-12. Thomas designed the book cover for the first Harry Potter book, and has many good stories to tell.

Noise Next Door: The Really, Really Good Afternoon Show

Family fun Thursday 29 October 2pm Ropetackle Arts Centre Tickets £8



The Snow Queen: This is My Theatre. A lovely retelling of the classic tale

Saturday 5 December 2pm Ropetackle Arts Centre Tickets £8

To book [tel: 01273 464440](tel:01273464440) or <https://www.shorehamwordfest.com/whats-on/>



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Our staff are qualified in
infection prevention.
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Back to School!

Stay Active!

Supporting children with a safe return to school, and getting them back into a routine.

With Premier Education, children will be safe, active and together, with the aim to build confidence, self-esteem & stamina through fun and engaging games & activities in our sessions.

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Safe. Active. Together.

Every session promotes teamwork, togetherness, problem solving and the importance of being active.

Sessions will be delivered outside so that children can get lots of fresh air which provides vital vitamin D!

We have wet weather contingency plans for any days that the weather won't allow us to be outdoors.



Sessions at: St Nicholas & St Mary CE Primary School

Dates: Monday 9th November - Monday 7th December

Times: 15:15 - 16:15

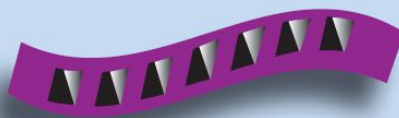
Price: £27.50 for the course (5 Sessions)

Class: Years 1 & 2

Additional Info: Football Club

How to Book...

Go to www.premier-education.com/parents and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.



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DEDICATED HARMONICA CLASSES IN YOUR SCHOOL



A great way to make music

We recently showed your school how much fun it is to play the harmonica. It sounds great, it's easy to carry and it's cool for boys and girls alike. In fact it's the perfect way to access music for children of any age, from Pre-School to Key Stage 2, and it's much more affordable than other instruments. No tricky keys, frets or finger holes for small hands either! If you can breathe in and out, you can enjoy making music on the harmonica.

"Last week two Harp Academy children performed *Somewhere Only We Know* to the whole school. You could have heard a pin drop! It brought tears to our eyes. You do a great job. Thank you."

ARUNSIDE SCHOOL, HORSHAM

Why learn harmonica?

- ✓ It sounds great
- ✓ It's affordable
- ✓ It's portable
- ✓ It's cool for boys & girls
- ✓ Free taster session
- ✓ Performance opportunities
- ✓ Music aids wider learning

Musical Enrichment with Harp Academy

We provide daytime harmonica classes at your school for groups of up to 8 children. Each session is half an hour and we provide ten sessions per term. We also offer individual tuition on request. Lesson content includes fun warm-up activities, instrument skills, exploring musical elements from the national curriculum and learning songs for enjoyment and performance. Our teachers are professional musicians, with DBS certification, safeguarding and first aid training.



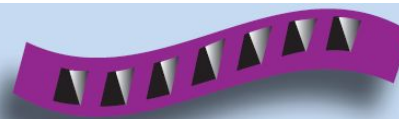
Free Taster Session

Why not take advantage of a FREE TASTER SESSION? We'll provide a harmonica and music sheet to get you started. Dates and times for our termly 10 week schedule are advertised on the Harp Academy website. To register, simply log on and click the **Gold Harmonica**. We'll then help you get set up. Subscription for further lessons is just **£18.75 per month**. That's a third the price of private music lessons! Further details are on our website.



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DEDICATED HARMONICA CLASSES IN YOUR SCHOOL



Harp Academy online

Children and parents who subscribe to Harp Academy also enjoy a complimentary backstage pass for the protected content on our website. There are carefully prepared support pages for the music we are learning, some helpful key skill advice and exercises to help build musical technique. For weekends and holidays, there is also an exciting Harp QI section to explore, with fun videos, music activity ideas and wider learning topics.



The home of champions

At Harp Academy having fun is top of our wish list, and playing to audiences is a vital part of our curriculum. We understand how performance builds self confidence and creates happy memories for everyone. When children are ready, their journey starts with playbacks in school assembly. From there we attend local festivals such as Paddle Round The Pier, Harpin' By The Sea and entertain in children's hospitals. There is also an opportunity to compete at the national harmonica festival, where we have been producing junior champions since 2011!



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application is received after
the deadline of Friday 15
January 2021 your chance
of securing a place at one of
your preference schools could
be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday
5 October 2020. If you would like
further advice or information contact:

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Free internet access to apply
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



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Apply online at:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Deadline: Friday 15 January 2021





Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2021?



Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and timesaving. If your application is received after the deadline of Saturday 31 October 2020 your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday 7 September 2020. If you would like further advice or information contact:

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Free internet access to apply online is available at all:

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Apply online at:

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Deadline: Saturday 31 October 2020



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